



World Communion Sunday

Gathering and Hearing the Word

Gathering Music

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

Introduction to the Story of the Wilderness

Call to Worship “The God of Abraham Praise”

Scripture Reading: Exodus 15:22–16:32

(p. 60, O.T.)

***Song** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As children of the living God, let us not be strangers to one another, but sisters and brothers. Please stand and greet one another with a sign of God’s peace.
The peace of God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.



Proclaiming and Responding to the Word

Sermon by John W. Vest
Bread for the Journey

Prayer “Eat This Bread”

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Music “Deep in the Shadows of the Past”

Annabeth McClelland Gay

***Doxology**

Lucy Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

“Eat This Bread”

Prayers of the People

Minister: We offer ourselves, our lives, our resources,
to be your hands reaching into the world.
Where there is lack of regard for your creation,

People: prod us to speak up.

Minister: Where people fail to see the dignity of all persons,

People: open blind eyes.

Minister: Where there is silence about others being hurt,

People: impassion us with a desire for justice.

Minister: Lord, your creation groans under abuse.

People: Renew the earth with goodness.

Minister: Your children are starving across this globe.

To those who hunger

People: give bread.

And to those who have bread

People: give hunger for justice.

Minister: People languish in prisons,

some unjustly,

some without repentance,

and some for standing up for your way.

People: Release the captives, Lord.

Minister: O God, our Sovereign, leaders in all lands

take bribes and afflict their peoples.

People: Topple oppressive powers with your rule.

Minister: Your church luxuriates in the comfort of faith;

People: send us to be your servants in service to the world.

Minister: The sick suffer forgotten in pain.

People: Heal their hurts in body, mind, and spirit.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

The Communion

Communion Music "If the Path I Travel"

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace and love, at this sacred table you have shared with us the holy mysteries of bread that is broken and a cup that is poured out. You have nourished us on this journey of life and you guide our steps along the way. Sustained by your love, help us to carry others with us as we travel together toward a future of promise. Amen.



Sending

***Song** "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

*Benediction

Sending Music

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

Worship Leaders

John W. Vest

Associate Pastor

Adam H. Fronczek

Associate Pastor

Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet

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Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes meet on Sundays at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). “An Introduction to Howard Thurman,” led by Carol Allen, and “The Big Questions: Essentials of Christian Theology,” led by Adam Fronczek, meet at 9:30 a.m. “What’s the Least I Can Believe and Still Be a Christian?” led by Matt Helms, meets at 11:00 a.m.

Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which will next meet Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the Randolph Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

Men’s Bible Study, which meets on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, will gather on Tuesday, October 4 at 7:30 a.m. at 300 N. LaSalle in the Kirkland and Ellis Office. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

The Center for Life and Learning Bible Study meets Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

“Race, White Privilege, and Faithful Engagement,” a luncheon workshop, will take place next Sunday, October 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Dining Room. To register, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, October 5.

Books by Women will gather on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building to discuss *Clara and Mr. Tiffany* by Susan Vreeland.

Martin Marty and John Buchanan will talk about Dietrich Bonhoeffer and his *Letters and Papers from Prison* on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the Newberry Library. (This is a free event.)

“The King James Bible at 400,” a special Michigan Avenue Forum at the Newberry Library, will celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, with Randall Zachman speaking, on Tuesday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m. To register for this free event, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday school classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

Fourth Church youth, including Elevation (grades 6–7), Fourth Church Rising (grade 8 confirmation), and Senior Highs (grades 9–12), meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the 737 building.

Fourth Church children and youth choirs rehearse on Sundays, with Youth Choir at 9:30 a.m. in the Third-Floor Conference Room, Cherub Choir at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room, and Children’s Choir at 11:00 a.m. in the Third-Floor Conference Room. Rehearsals for the fall musical are held at 12:00 noon in the sanctuary.

Single parents interested in forming a group to talk about the joys and challenges of parenting are invited to contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Fall Family Camp 2011 will take place October 7–9 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Register by Monday, October 3 with Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org) or online at www.fourthchurch.org. Forms are also available in Sunday School.

Worship

Audio of the 9/11 interfaith service is available online in podcast, streaming audio, and MP3 formats: www.fourthchurch.org.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Individuals are invited to pray with a Deacon at that time.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next service will be on Friday, October 28.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Donation Needs

Men's clothing, especially pants, for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for children from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday at Fourth Church

Church members to staff the Book Nook on a rotating basis during Coffee Hour

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Urban Farm helpers on Saturdays and in the office during the week

Church members to replenish a care team for a family with a chronically ill child (60618 zip code)

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

Chestnut Street will be unavailable for drop-offs during the upcoming weeks while the City of Chicago undertakes sewer improvement work. The number of lanes in use on Michigan Avenue will also be limited during October.

The 737 building, which provides additional off-site program and office space during P2C construction, is located on Chicago Avenue, two blocks south of Fourth Church and just east of Michigan Avenue and Walgreens.

To vote for Chicago Lights Tutoring to win a grant through the Sun Shine Project, visit www.chicagolights.org by Sunday, October 9.

Photos of Judy Watt's installation are posted on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. To stay up-to-date with Fourth Church: "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook; follow Fourth Church on Twitter (@FourthChicago).

Directions and the easiest routes to get to Fourth Church on Sunday, October 9, the day of the Chicago Marathon, can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf.

A giving kiosk in the Narthex makes it possible to use credit or debit cards to give to Fourth Church or Chicago Lights or to fulfill pledges. A receipt will be printed immediately, and gifts can be made anonymously or recorded to Fourth Church giving records.

News and Opportunities

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on the 19th floor of the 737 building for fellowship and discussion.

Cornerstones will meet for "A Fireside Chat" with John Buchanan on Friday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. Space is limited; to register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

Men's Group will gather on Saturday, October 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room for breakfast and "Out the Door: Thoughts on the Eve of Retirement," led by John Buchanan. To register, call 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, October 5.

Fourth Dimension will meet for a picnic dinner on Friday, October 14 at 5:00 p.m. at the 737 building and will then attend the concert in honor of John Buchanan at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

A trip to Amish Acres in Nappanee, Indiana, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Wednesday, October 19. Anyone sixty years and more is invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387.

Mission and Outreach

A letter urging U.S. senators to reject funding cuts to Medicaid for mental illness research, services, housing, and veterans programs is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/advocacy.

A new hands-on mission group will meet on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 p.m. RSVP to Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Music and the Arts

Flutist Mary-Christine Stingley will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The art exhibition "Bound for Glory," featuring Timothy Botts's expressive calligraphy inspired by African American spirituals, is on display in the Loggia through late November.

A special Fourth Church concert in honor of John Buchanan's ministry at Fourth Church will be held on Friday, October 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Fourth Church choirs and ensembles, including Tower Brass, will perform, and a piece composed by Aaron David Miller and based on a Walter Brueggemann text will be premiered.

Annual Appeal

Church Alive, the 2012 Annual Appeal for Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, is underway. Giving response cards have been sent to member homes and are also available in the pew racks and online. Please return completed cards by Commitment Sunday, October 30, so we can faithfully plan and budget for 2012. For information, contact Kathryn Johnson, Associate Director for Development Relations, at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship

Kerri N. Allen, Pastoral Resident

Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship

Matthew J. Helms, Pastoral Resident

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

Large-print Bibles and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship. We invite you to stop by the community meal or the Loggia (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Streets) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from

the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

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