



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

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.

Call to Worship

God, most compassionate and merciful, we thank you that you have come to us in Jesus the Servant-Christ. Make us strong in your strength; make us wise in your wisdom; and make us gentle in your compassion. Help us to be signs of the human unity that is possible when we receive your gift of grace and mercy. Accept our worship this day as an expression of our gratitude for your love. Amen.

***Opening Song** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Holy God, maker of us all, have mercy on us.

All: **Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, son of Mary,

All: **have mercy on us.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, breath of life,

All: **have mercy on us.**

Leader: Let us in silence remember our faults and failings.

Please observe some moments of silence for silent prayers of confession.

All: **In the community of Christ's church and in the presence of all God's people, I confess to God that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed. I have not loved God, cared for God's world, or respected God's people as I should. I own my responsibility and pray for God's pardon. I pray for new life, O God, and trust in your promises. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Blues Kyrie

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As forgiven children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but sisters and brothers in Christ. Please stand and greet one another with the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

***Sung Response**

I thank you

because I am wonderfully and fearfully made;
your works are wonderful.

I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you,
while I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, unfinished in the womb;
they were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!

How great is the sum of them!

I count them, but they number like sand;
my life span would need to be like yours to count them.

Antiphon

O, that you would slay the wicked, O God!

You murderers, depart from me.

They speak spitefully against you;
your enemies take your Name in vain.

Do I not hate those, O God, who hate you?

And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

I hate them with a perfect hatred;

they have become my own enemies.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;

try me and know my restless thoughts.

See whether there is any wickedness in me

and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Antiphon

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

**God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger,
rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive. Give us ears to hear
and eyes to see the ways you call us to new life. Grant us grace to renounce
all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove
to be your loving children. Amen.**

Scripture Ephesians 2:1–10
John 3:14–21

(page 181, N.T.)
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Sermon Judith L. Watt
A Lenten Gift: By Grace You Have Been Saved

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “God So Loved the World”

John Stainer

***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!**

Sanctus

Lucy Smith

Prayers of the People

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 "This Day"

Edwin Hawkins

Prayer After Communion (*unison*)

**God of all times and places, you have loved us even when we were loveless.
Help us to look for your love, even through the wreckage of our failings.
Help us to accept your love, even when it is hard to love ourselves. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "My Song Is Love Unknown"

***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

Judith L. Watt

Associate Pastor

John W. Vest

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 Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by this Friday, March 23 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks.

ThirtiesForties meets on Sundays for a Lenten study at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

A Holy Week Contemplative Retreat will take place Friday, April 6–Saturday, April 7 at The Well in La Grange Park. Registration forms are available in the brochures in the literature racks. For information, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

News and Resources

Members of the Taizé community in France will be here on Sunday, April 15 at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room to talk about Taizé Chicago, a Memorial Day weekend event at DePaul for those who are eighteen to twenty-five.

Information about the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html. Questions and comments for the PNC can be sent to pnc@fourthchurch.org.

Worship

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The next service will be this Friday, March 23. A labyrinth walk will be available beforehand between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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

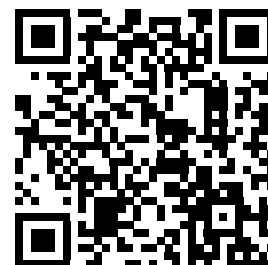
Mission and Outreach

The Hygiene Kit project, sponsored by Women@Fourth Connect, collects supplies for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Donations are being accepted at the Women@Fourth Connect table each Sunday during Coffee Hour following morning worship.

Applications for the Lakota Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations mission trip (June 16–23) and the **Honduras mission trip** (July 25–August 4) are due Mondays, March 19 and April 16, respectively. Details and application forms are available in the literature racks or by contacting Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384 (vreynolds@fourthchurch.org).

Helping Hands, a new mission group at Fourth Church that works as a team on painting, construction, cleaning, and gardening projects, will hold a planning meeting this Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To RSVP, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Photos of congregational life are posted on Facebook. You'll also find there reflections on the daily readings that are part of our journey through the entire Bible and information about upcoming events. To be sure not to miss out on the latest at Fourth Church, "Like" Fourth Church on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch or scan the QR code at right with any smartphone)—and invite your friends to like us too!



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Tickets for the Interfaith Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), are available at the church reception desk through this Tuesday, March 20. The Seder will be held on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:15 p.m.

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! A Bible study meets at the 737 building on Tuesday at 6:00 p.m. and is repeated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. The reading list is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/readings2012.html and in a brochure in the literature racks. Daily devotions reflecting on the texts are available via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and by email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building for fellowship.

Running Group is a new Fourth Church fellowship group that offers opportunity for all levels of runners to build relationships and attain their goals, whether those are simply having fun or running a race competitively. For information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

A South Loop Moms' Group, for moms with a child two years or younger, meets on Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. For details, call Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

Music and the Arts

Visit the website dedicated to the Fourth Church organ, www.fourthchurchorgan.org, to learn more about this magnificent instrument and how you can help rebuild it before it becomes unplayable. To make a pledge or gift, please use the gift intention card found in the pew rack; make a gift online at www.fourthchurchorgan.org; or contact Kathi Bates at 312.981.3380 (kbates@fourthchurch.org).

The Grinnell College Choir will be in concert this Monday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Soprano Carla Janzen will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An organ concert in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic will feature John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, on Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Cooks and servers to prepare a meal at a men's shelter on Tuesdays 6:30–8:45 p.m. on a rotating schedule

Assistants to help with a variety of tasks at the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy clothes in larger sizes

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

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@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 Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral 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

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

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

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 Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary) after worship for coffee, fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, March 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, April 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).