



## Fifth 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

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, you too were tired when day was done;  
you met your friends at evening time.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, you too enjoyed when nights drew on;  
you told your tales at close of day.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Leader: Come, Lord Jesus, you kindled faith when lamps were low;  
you opened scriptures, broke the bread, and shed your light as darkness fell.

People: **Come, Lord Jesus, meet us here.**

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Opening Song** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**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.**

**Blues Kyrie**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**\*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**

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Psalter** Psalm 51:1–11

**Antiphon** (*sung by the congregation*)

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion  
blot out my offenses.  
Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin  
for I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.  
Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.  
For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will teach me secret wisdom.

**Antiphon**

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.  
Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

**Antiphon**

**Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

**Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word. Silence in us any voice  
but your own, that, hearing, we may also obey your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Scripture** Jeremiah 31:31–34  
John 12:20–33

(*page 691, O.T.*)

(*page 100, N.T.*)

**Sermon** Judith L. Watt  
A Lenten Desire: Heart Change

**Musical Reflection**



## Sealing the Word

**Sharing of Gifts**

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

**Offertory Music** “How Can I Keep from Singing?”

*Robert Wadsworth Lowry*

**\*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** "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow"

*Ira F. Stanphill*

**Prayer After Communion** (*unison*)

**In deep gratitude for this moment, this meal,  
these people, we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have shared the Living Bread  
and cannot remain the same.  
Ask much of us, expect much from us,  
encourage many through us.  
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,  
both as inhabitants of earth  
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**



**Sending**

**\*Closing Song** "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

**\*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**

<b>Judith L. Watt</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Adam H. Fronczek</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet</b>	

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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](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## Lent and Easter

**The deadline to register** for the Holy Week Contemplative Retreat, which takes place Friday, April 6–Saturday, April 7, is this Friday, March 30. To register, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

**The last morning service** on both Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday will be at 11:30 a.m.

**During Holy Week**, April 2–6, worship services will be held each day at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary. On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, there will also be services at 7:30 p.m.

**An Easter Vigil** will be held on Holy Saturday, April 7, beginning at 10:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**Easter Sunday services** on April 8 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach and 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service in the Sanctuary.

## 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 Friday, April 27.

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

## News and Resources

**A reception honoring Vicki Reynolds and Terry Stumpf** will take place on Tuesday, March 27 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Space of the 737 building. All are invited to attend.

**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 for those who are eighteen to thirty-five. They will also attend the Taizé service here on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m.

**Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)** information is available in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html). Questions and comments for the PNC can be sent to [pnc@fourthchurch.org](mailto:pnc@fourthchurch.org).

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

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

**Hot cider passers** for people waiting in line on Easter morning

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men's sturdy clothes** in larger sizes

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)).*

**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](http://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

### Fellowship

**Fourth Dimension** will gather for “The Tragedy of the Titanic,” led by John W. W. Sherer, on Friday, April 13 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

**Running Group**, a new fellowship group, will attend a talk by World Vision on its Chicago Marathon team on Sunday, April 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

### Mission and Outreach

**Save the Date: Links for Lights**, the 2012 Chicago Lights Golf Classic, will be held Monday, June 18 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan.

**There will also be a twenty-six mile bike ride through Harbor Country** for nongolfers.

**Upgrading to a new iPad or iPhone 4s** and looking for somewhere to donate earlier versions of the iPad or an iPhone 4? Please consider donating them to educational ministries at Fourth Church. Donations can be dropped off at the reception desk.

**Chicago Lights Urban Farm** volunteer orientation takes place Saturday, March 31 at 10:00 a.m. at 444 W. Chicago.

**Volunteers are needed to tie blue bows** on Monday, April 2 at Fourth Church in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month. To volunteer, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

### Children, Youth, and Family

**The children’s Palm Sunday procession** will take place at the beginning of 9:30 and 11:30 worship next Sunday, April 1. Children will gather in their classrooms prior to each service; parents with infants and toddlers will meet in the Loggia at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

### Music and the Arts

**The Fourth Church organ’s website**, [www.fourthchurchorgan.org](http://www.fourthchurchorgan.org), provides opportunity 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; or call Kathi Bates at 312.981.3380.

**The Chicago Ensemble** will perform in concert on Tuesday, April 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at [www.chicagoensemble.org](http://www.chicagoensemble.org).

**The 100th anniversary of the Titanic’s sinking** will be commemorated in a concert by John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, on Sunday, April 15 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

### Enrichment

**A Michigan Avenue Forum** on the upcoming NATO summit will take place on Wednesday evening, April 11 at the church.

**“Relationships: Dealing with Differences,”** will be held on Tuesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m. To register, call the Counseling Center at 312.787.8425.

**“Relative Strangers: Italian Protestants in the Catholic World”** will be held on Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). RSVP to 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/readings2012.html) and in a brochure in the literature racks.



## 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](http://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 Monday, April 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, April 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)).