

MORNING WORSHIP

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

PRELUDE Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands
Johann Sebastian Bach
Choral in A Minor *César Franck*

INTROIT "Come, Join Our Cheerful Song!" *Dale Wood*
Come, join our cheerful song! Lift up your voices strong.
Rejoice, be glad, give praise.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 470** "O Day of Radiant Gladness"
Tune: ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**O source of Easter good news,
we confess that we carry a mixture of faith and doubt.
When we are vulnerable, we fail to remember
how you have been faithful to us in the past.
Battered by fears and discouragement,
we do not call on you in the present.
We have not trusted in your abiding love,
nor claimed the new life and hope you give us.
Forgive and change us,
that we may live boldly in your freedom. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 4 (*congregation sings refrain*) (The Hymnal, 160)

ANTHEM "See What Love" from *St. Paul* *Felix Mendelssohn*
See what love hath the Father bestowed on us in his goodness,
that we should be called God's own children.

FIRST LESSON Acts 3:12–19 (page 113, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Luke 24:36b–48 (page 85, N.T.)

SERMON You Are Witnesses VICTORIA G. CURTISS

***HYMN 108** “Christ Is Alive!” *Tune:* TRURO

***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen"

Thomas Tallis

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Christ Hath a Garden"

*English melody
arr. Gerald Near*

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground,
chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide
wilderness. Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by
his mighty hand; by Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their
beauty where they grow. Awake, O wind of heaven, and bear their
sweetest perfume through the air. Stir up, O south, the boughs that
bloom, till the beloved master come. That he may come and linger
yet among the trees that he hath set; that he may evermore be seen
to walk amid the springing green.

***PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE**

For the life that you have giv- en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai-ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

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.**

All: **We give with joy, gracious God,**

for you are ever with us.

Thank you for sustaining us

in all times and places,

in life and in death.

Send us forth as your church

empowered to proclaim your good news

that transforms life. Amen.

***HYMN 369**

“I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me”

Tune: I’M GONNA LIVE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Alleuyas

Simon Preston

Guest Preachers in May

This year, we are honored to be able to welcome to the Fourth Church pulpit several highly regarded theologians and leaders in the Reformed tradition. We hope you will mark your calendar and plan to join us in May as Lillian Daniel and Frank Yamada share the Word with us.



Lillian Daniel

MAY 6 AND MAY 13 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

The Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn since 2004, Lillian Daniel is the author of *Tell It Like It Is: Reclaiming the Practice of Testimony* and co-author of *This Odd and Wondrous Calling: The Public and Private Lives of Two Ministers*. She also hosts the Chicago-based public television program *30 Good Minutes*. An editor-at-large for the *Christian Century*, Dr. Daniel's work has appeared in the *Huffington Post* and *Christianity Today*, and she has taught preaching at Yale and the University of Chicago Divinity Schools and Chicago Theological Seminary.



Frank Yamada

MAY 20 AT 9:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

President of McCormick Theological Seminary since 2011, Dr. Frank Yamada joined the McCormick staff in 2008 as the Director of the Center for Asian American Ministries and Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible. Prior to that, Dr. Yamada, who is a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA), taught Hebrew Bible at Seabury-Western Theological Seminary in Evanston, Illinois. He is the author of *Configurations of Rape in the Hebrew Bible: A Literary Analysis of Three Rape Narratives* and an editor and contributor to *The Peoples' Bible*, a crosscultural study Bible from Augsburg Fortress Press.

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WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Calum I. MacLeod, Joyce Shin, Victoria G. Curtiss

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Handbell Choir

11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; The Handbell Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities each week. In addition to Sunday morning services, an afternoon jazz service with Communion is also held on Sundays at 4:00 p.m. On weekday mornings, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary (9:00 a.m. on Tuesday; 9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday), and a Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month. The next Taizé service will be this Friday, April 27, with prayers led by Brother Emile of the Taizé community in France.

The bulletin cover photo depicts flowers in the beds by the Chestnut Street entrance to Fourth Church.

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