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4:00 Order of Worship 5.6.12

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** “We’ve Come to Worship You”

Stephen Key

***Opening Responses**

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

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

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

All: **Come, Lord Jesus.**

***Opening Song** “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.
We hear your promise that the old passes away
and that you make all things new; but we hear it amid our self-doubt.
We confess our desire for guarantees when what you offer us
is even greater: hope. When you call us to obedience, we set conditions.
When you call us to follow, we ask “Where?” Forgive our reluctance
to leave our false comforts in order to walk in your newness of life. Amen.**

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

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

Leader: As God’s own people, be merciful in action, kindly in heart, humble in mind.
Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you.

And above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful
for what Christ has done for you.

***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.

***Song** "Halle, Halle"

Caribbean traditional

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Romans 12:9–21 (page 151, N.T.)

Sermon A High Standard: Marks of a True Christian Judith L. Watt

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "Love's in Need of Love Today" *Stevie Wonder*

***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 "Beautiful Thing"

*Hadewijch of Antwerp
adapt. Dent Davidson*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Dear God, in gratitude,
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 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,
as inhabitants of earth and citizens
of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

***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

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

News and Opportunities

Pastor Nominating Committee

By Sunday, May 13, please complete the pastoral search survey, which can be completed online or downloaded at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html.

Mission and Outreach

Chicago Lights Tutoring is looking for businesses to provide summer internships for its students. For details, call Tanya Uyigue at 312.274.3828.

Applications for the Urban Plunge: Chicago (May 18–20) mission trip are due Tuesday, May 15. Details and applications are available online and by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

The Chicago Lights Associates Board will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the 737 building. All are invited to attend.

GoodFood Mobile, part of the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, is taking orders; a produce delivery form is available online at www.chicagolights.org.

A mission trip to a Children's Defense Fund conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, will take place July 21–25. Applications are due Friday, June 1. Details and applications are available online and by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

News and Resources

An afternoon cycling tour of Michigan's Harbor Country will be held on Monday, June 18 in conjunction with the **Links for Lights Golf Classic**. Both events benefit Chicago Lights, a community outreach organization at Fourth Church. Details are available online at www.chicagolights.org and by contacting Kathi Bates at 312.981.3380 (kbates@fourthchurch.org).

Parking on Sunday, May 20 in this neighborhood is not anticipated to be affected by the NATO Summit. This could change at the last minute, however, so please watch the Fourth Church website and Facebook page and local news that weekend for any possible parking restrictions.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Dining Room.

The Elevation Mother's Day Flower Sale takes place next Sunday, May 13 during Coffee Hour following morning worship services and will support the junior high mission trip this summer.

Family camp will be held June 1–3 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms are available online at www.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 or scan the QR code at right with any smartphone)—and invite your friends to like us too!



News and Opportunities

Worship

Lillian Daniel, Senior Minister of the First Congregational Church of Glen Ellyn, will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services next Sunday, May 13. The following Sunday, May 20, Frank Yamada, President of McCormick Theological Seminary, will preach at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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

Enrichment

A new Bible study, for those reading the Bible in a year, takes place on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson). Identical studies are also held on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., both at the 737 building. The reading list is online and in the literature racks. Devotions on the texts are available via Facebook, Twitter, and email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org).

Reinhold Niebuhr's *The Nature and Destiny of Man*, a three-week Academy for Faith and Life class taught by Adam Fronczek, takes place on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

Books by Women will discuss *The Tiger's Wife* by Tea Obreht this Tuesday, May 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building.

A "Sharing Sacred Spaces" open house will be held on Saturday, May 12 at the Downtown Islamic Center (231 S. State) from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

"Insights and Hope through Times of Change," a workshop led by Joyce Shin and Rabbi David Levinsky of Chicago Sinai Congregation, will be held Tuesday, May 15 at 12:30 p.m. at the Career Transitions Center (703 W. Monroe).

Music and the Arts

To help rebuild the Fourth Church organ, which is rapidly deteriorating, please use the gift intention card found in the pew racks and also available online. To make a gift online or learn more about the organ, visit www.fourthchurchorgan.org. Additional information is also available by contacting Anita Bright at 312.274.3822 (abright@fourthchurch.org).

Organist Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform a free concert next Sunday, May 13 at 2:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

Fellowship

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

Fourth Dimension will gather for "The Supreme Court and the Press" on Friday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. To register, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men's Group will meet for breakfast and the presentation "What's God's Problem: Another Look at the Creation Story," led by Bruce Rigdon, on Saturday, May 12 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. RSVP to 312.787.4570 by Wednesday, May 9.

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, May 13 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).