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4:00 Order of Worship 5.13.12

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

Psalter

Psalm 116:1–9 (*unison*)

**I love the Lord because God hears
my requests for mercy.
I’ll call out to God as long as I live,
because God listens closely to me.
Death’s ropes bound me;
the distress of the grave found me—
I came face-to-face with trouble and grief.
So I called on the Lord’s name:
“Lord, please save me!”
The Lord is merciful and righteous;
our God is compassionate.
The Lord protects simple folk;
God saves me whenever I am brought down.
I tell myself, You can be at peace again,
because the Lord has been good to you.
You, God, have delivered me from death,
my eyes from tears,
and my foot from stumbling,
so I’ll walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

***Opening Song** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses. You know how we wander
from your ways, waste your gifts, and forget your love. Forgive us, God.
Help us to live in your light and walk in your ways. Amen.**

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.

***Song** "Halle, Halle"

Caribbean traditional

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Prayer for Illumination (*unison*)

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, and rich in mercy. Give us ears to hear and eyes to see the ways you call us to new life. Amen.

Scripture Romans 5

(page 145, N.T.)

Sermon God's Wrath Is the Problem

John W. Vest

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power"

Andrae Crouch

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 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

Robert Kreutz

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
you have made us one with all your children.
You have fed us with the bread of life
and renewed us for your service.
Help us who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup
to be his faithful disciples,
so that our daily living
may be part of the life of your kingdom
and our love be your love
reaching out into the life of the world. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

***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	

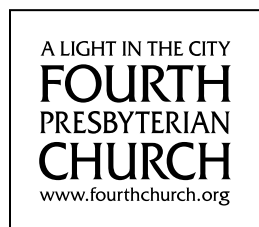
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Fourth Church Cares

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

News and Opportunities

Pastor Nominating Committee

Today is the last day to complete the survey to help with the pastoral search process. The survey can be completed online or downloaded at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html. A checklist of the PNC process as well as information about the committee is also available on the PNC webpage. To contact the committee, email pnc@fourthchurch.org.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Dishwashers following Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Sorters to go through donated clothes on Mondays or Thursdays

Personal shoppers to assist guests at the Elam Davies Social Service Center on Wednesdays or Thursdays

Food truck unloaders on the second and fourth Friday mornings of the month

Helpers at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturdays at 10:00 a.m.

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

Current Donation Needs

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

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

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.

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

Youth summer trip registration forms are due Sunday, May 20 for Elevation's WorkCamp trip to Indianapolis and for Senior Highs' WorkCamp trip to Kentucky, canoe trip in Wisconsin, youth conference at Montreat, and ladies camping trip.

Family camp will be held June 1–3 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms are available online at www.fourthchurch.org.

Fellowship

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

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

Frank Yamada, President of McCormick Theological Seminary, will preach at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services next Sunday, March 20.

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

Enrichment

Reinhold Niebuhr's *The Nature and Destiny of Man*, an Academy for Faith and Life class, meets at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays at the Clare (corner of Rush and Pearson).

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! Identical Bible studies meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., both at the 737 building. (Those interested in a Sunday Bible study are asked to contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364. Registrants will be notified if there is sufficient interest to start a Sunday session.) 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).

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, May 15 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

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

Cornerstones will gather for an architectural boat tour and dinner on the Chicago River on Friday, June 1 at 5:45 p.m. To register (required), call the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454 by Monday, May 21.

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, mailed to member homes, and also available online. To learn more about the organ, visit www.fourthchurchorgan.org.

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

Mission and Outreach

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

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

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

Helping Hands, a hands-on mission group, will hold a planning meeting on Monday, May 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the 737 building. RSVP to Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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

The Chicago Lights Associates Board, a group of young professionals working to promote the mission of Chicago Lights, will hold an open meeting on Wednesday, May 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the 737 building. All are invited to attend.

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 Saturday, May 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, May 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Monday, June 4 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).