



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: Grant unto us, O God, the fullness of your promises. Where we have been weak,

People: **grant us your strength.**

Leader: Where we have been confused,

People: **grant us your guidance.**

Leader: Where we have been distraught,

People: **grant us your comfort.**

Leader: Where we have been dead,

People: **grant us your life.**

Leader: Apart from you, O Lord, we are nothing;

People: **in and with you we can do all things.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Song** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we confess our sins and the sin of this world to you.

**We confess that we have not relied upon your guidance
nor have we trusted your will.**

**We have forgotten your presence in our lives
and have doubted your ability to transform the world.**

Forgive us, God.

**Help us to renew our trust in you
and to allow you into our lives,
to challenge us, to strengthen us,
and to bring peace into our hearts. 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.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Isaiah 40

Antiphon (*sung by the congregation*)

Comfort, O comfort my people,
says your God.

Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,
and cry to her

that she has served her term,
that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand
double for all her sins.

A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up,

and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level,
and the rough places a plain.

Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all people shall see it together,

for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Antiphon

A voice says, 'Cry out!'
And I said, 'What shall I cry?'
All people are grass,
their constancy is like the flower of the field.
The grass withers, the flower fades,
when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;
surely the people are grass.
The grass withers, the flower fades;
but the word of our God will stand forever.

Antiphon

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Antiphon

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek

Jazz Improvisation

Sealing the Word

Reception of New Members

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "How Can I Keep from Singing?"

Rev. Robert 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 "Of All the Gifts Thy Love Bestows"

John Stevenson

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious and Holy God, we thank you for these gifts of bread
and the fruit of the vine, a sign to us of the strength that is ours through you.
Bless us as we take your message of peace and comfort in the world
in this week that is before us. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "Comfort, Comfort You My People"

***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

Adam H. Fronczek Associate Pastor
Maynard Lamusao Liturgist
Lucy Smith 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

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers, on rotation

A shopping aide to assist food pantry guests on Wednesdays, 2:00–5:00 p.m.

Personal shoppers to assist Social Service Center guests on Wednesdays or Thursdays

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

Current Donation Needs

Men's sturdy clothes in larger sizes

For details, to volunteer, or for information about other opportunities, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. at the 737 building.

A summer social for Fourth Church women will take place at the Grant Park Music Festival this Wednesday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. on the northeast lawn of the Pritzker Pavilion.

ThirtiesForties will “break bread” next Sunday, August 12 at Go Roma (848 N. State St.) following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Music and the Arts

The Pastiche Steel Ensemble will perform this Friday's free outdoor concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth courtyard.

Worship

Next Sunday Anna Carter Florence, the Peter Marshall Associate Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia, will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

A service in the style of Taizé is held at 7:30 p.m. each fourth Friday of the month. The next Taizé service will be on Friday, August 24 in the Sanctuary.

Mission and Outreach

Chicago Shares voucher booklets, which offer a way to give to those in need while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant, are available by calling Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

The application deadline for the New Orleans mission trip (September 24–30) has been extended. Applications, which are being accepted through Wednesday, August 15, are available online at www.fourthchurch.org.

Did you hear Otis Moss III preach at Fourth Church?

If not, you can listen to his July 22 11:00 sermon online or download it to listen to later. That sermon was different from his 9:30 sermon, so if you were with us at 9:30, you will still want to check out the sermon audio options—including podcast—on our website at www.fourthchurch.org (or scan this QR code with any smartphone).



News and Resources

A summary of the pastoral search survey, conducted by the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and in which the congregation participated this spring, is posted at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online. Completed forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Kerri Allen and Matt Helms, Pastoral Residents at Fourth Church, complete their two years with us this August. Please join us next Sunday, August 12 as we take time during morning Coffee Hours to thank them for their ministry among us.

A virtual preview of the new Gratz Center will be shown on Thursday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. All are invited to attend.

A General Assembly information session will be presented by Presbytery of Chicago Commissioners Judy Watt and Sam Evans on Sunday, August 19 at 12:15 p.m. at the 737 building. They will offer firsthand reports and observations about the actions of the 220th General Assembly (GA), held earlier this summer in Pittsburgh. A printed summary of GA is available in the literature racks.

Tom Rook, who will be retiring at the end of August, will be honored during morning Coffee Hours on Sunday, August 26. Please join us then to thank Tom for his long ministry among us.

We are halfway to our goal of raising \$3 million to rebuild the Fourth Church organ! To make a gift or pledge that will be matched \$1 for every \$2, through the Elizabeth Morse Charitable Trust, use the pledge card in the pew racks or visit www.fourthchurchorgan.org.

Save the date for Gratz Center celebrations: the Cornerstone Laying will take place on Sunday, September 16 following the 11:00 a.m. worship service, and the Dedication and Celebration of the Official Opening will take place on Sunday, November 18 following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Enrichment

Join the congregation-wide effort to read the entire Bible in a year! Identical Bible studies that offer opportunity to reflect on the assigned texts meet on Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. and on Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., both at the 737 building. The reading list is available online and in the literature racks.

Roger Thurow, coauthor of *Enough*, will speak at a special Michigan Avenue Forum this Friday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as part of a two-day series of presentations and workshops sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life and Chicago Lights Urban Farm. "Hungry for Change: Growing Faith, Growing Food" will be held on August 10–11. To register (required), call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 or visit www.fourthchurch.org.

A Career Transitions Center (CTC) introductory information session will be held on Wednesday, August 15 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at 703 W. Monroe. To register (required), visit www.ctcchicago.org.

Children, Youth, and Family

Senior Highs will meet for a movie night this Wednesday, August 8 at 8:30 p.m. in the Garth.

Vacation Bible School will be held August 13–17. The preschool classes are full, but registration is still available for older children up through fifth grade. Forms are available online or by calling Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578.

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.

We invite you to 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/index.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 and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, August 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, August 26 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).