



**Third Sunday in Lent**

## Gathering

**Gathering Music** Make Me a Memory  
You Must Believe in Spring

*Grover Washington Jr.*

*Michel Legrand, Alan Bergman, and Marilyn Bergman*

*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: Let us contemplate Jesus the Lord:  
Instead of the joy meant for him,  
he endured the cross, disregarding its disgrace.

People: **We worship you, Lord.**

Leader: O Jesus Christ, born in humility  
to confound the proud and to raise the humble,

People: **we worship you, Lord.**

Leader: You lived among us, healing the sick,  
proclaiming good news to the poor and freedom to prisoners.

People: **We worship you, Lord.**

Leader: You came to unbind the chains of every slavery,  
O friend of the humble, bread of hungry hearts.

People: **We worship you, Lord.**

Leader: Jesus, full of patience and goodness,  
you showed forgiveness and kindness to the very end.

People: **We worship you, Lord.**

Leader: Jesus, gentle and humble of heart,  
you call to yourself all who are weary and burdened.

People: **We worship you, Lord.**

Leader: Jesus, you came into the world to serve and to give your life;  
you were betrayed for money, dragged before judges, and nailed to a cross.

People: **We worship you, Lord.**

Leader: Jesus, Lord of the universe,  
by your resurrection from the dead you are alive at God's side,  
and there you prepare a place for us.

People: **We worship you, Lord.**

**\*Opening Song** "The God of Abraham Praise"

## Prayer of Confession

### *Antiphon* (Psalm 142:1, sung by the congregation)

Leader: Gracious God, we come before you asking forgiveness, because we have not been the people you have created us to be. You created us to trust you, but we rely only on ourselves. You created us to serve you, but we are selfish. You created us to love our neighbors, but we see one another as strangers. Forgive us, Lord.

### *Antiphon*

Leader: Loving God, through the life of Jesus, you called us to be a people of love, but we have not heard your call. You create us for life together, but we isolate ourselves with our fear and anxiety. You create us for generosity toward others, but mostly we worry about what we might lose. You show us the meaning of love that takes risks, but we build up our defenses. Forgive us, Lord.

### *Antiphon*

Leader: Holy God, your Spirit inspires us to see the world through the eyes of faith, but we are only attentive to what we can see. We are uncomfortable with your mysteries, and we fear unanswered questions. We find it hard to trust in you. Forgive us, Lord.

### *Antiphon*

Leader: God, we are your creation, and you formed us out of love. Take our lives and all that is in us and help us to live lives of faith, committed to your service. As we ask in humble faith for your forgiveness, help us to accept the forgiveness you offer. May we hear the word you have for us tonight in the knowledge that you love us and long for us to grow. Amen.

### *Antiphon*

## Assurance of Pardon

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** “We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace”

## Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

<b>Scripture</b>	Romans 1:16–17 Romans 3:21–31	(page 142, N.T.) (page 144, N.T.)
<b>Sermon</b>	To Keep Us Together	Adam H. Fronczek
<b>Song for Reflection</b>	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	Johann G. Nageli

## Sealing the Word

**Sharing of Gifts**

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

**Offertory Music** “We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” *African American spiritual*

**\*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"

*John Stevenson and William Cowper*

#### Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of Grace,**

**in this season where we seek to deepen our relationship to Jesus,**

**help us to hear his message in new ways.**

**Help us to visit this table and find an open invitation.**

**Help us to offer that same openness to others as we go out into the world.**

**Amen.**

# Sending

**\*Closing Song** "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

**\*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>Adam H. Fronczek</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Edwin Estevez</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Jennifer Opatik</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	

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# News and Opportunities

## Lent and Easter

**An Interfaith Seder**, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:15 p.m. A limited number of tickets are available by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Monday, March 11.

**The Contemplative Retreat** before Holy Week will be held Friday–Saturday, March 22–23 at The Well in La Grange Park. Details, including registration information, are available in the literature racks.

**Remember loved ones** by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Friday, March 22 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks.

**Palm Sunday services** will be held on March 24 at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. (Please note that the last morning service on Palm Sunday begins at 11:30 a.m.)

**On Maundy Thursday**, March 28 and on Good Friday, March 29, there will be services at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**An Easter Vigil** will be held on Holy Saturday, March 30. Please note that this service begins at 8:00 p.m.

## News and Resources

**Daylight Saving Time** begins next Sunday, March 10. Be sure to set clocks ahead an hour.

## Enrichment

**Academy for Faith and Life** classes take place on Sundays: “A Bible Study on the Letters and Travels of Paul” and “Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening” at 9:30 a.m. and “To Stand Alone—By Kierkegaard’s Help” and “Reflections on the Civil War and the Reconciliation of Loss and Suffering” at 11:00 a.m.

**Men’s Bible Study** will gather this Tuesday, March 5 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, call Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570.

**Christian Century** discussion and study groups meet this Wednesday, March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Books by Women** will discuss *The Lady in Gold* on Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m.

## Music and the Arts

**Organist John W. W. Sherer**, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**The PNC answers questions about what they have** learned about themselves and the church and about what inspires and challenges them about the pastoral search process: they posted their reflections online this week, and you can read those there, at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). You can also read more about the search process, which is in the silent phase of candidate research and review.





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## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Data entry person** for the Urban Farm  
**Tutors** for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program  
on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights  
**Dishwashers** for Sunday Night Supper,  
5:00–7:00 p.m.

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Gently used guitars and keyboards**  
**Laptop (PC)** for the Social Service Center  
**Gently used clothes** for a chronically ill  
ten-year-old girl  
**Items for a new baby**

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

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Family Night: Safari Night** will be held on Friday,  
March 22 at 5:30 p.m., with an animal scavenger  
hunt in the Gratz Center, followed by dinner in  
Borwell Dining Room, and then a live animal show in  
Anderson Hall. To RSVP, contact Daniel Holladay at  
312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

**A Good Friday service** for children will be held on  
Friday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**An Easter service** for children will be held Sunday,  
March 31 at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the  
Gratz Center.

## Worship

**The monthly Taizé service**, held on the fourth  
Friday of the month, will next be held on Friday,  
March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## Mission and Outreach

**A variety of mission opportunities** are available,  
including trips to Mexico (May 14–21), Urban  
Plunge: Regeneration Chicago (May 17–19), and the  
Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry in Tennessee  
(July 14–19). Applications for Mexico and Urban  
Plunge are due April 1 and for Tennessee on May 1.  
There is also still room for those interested in going  
to Guatemala (July 6–14). Details are available in the  
literature racks and online.

**Registered Chicago marathon runners** will have  
opportunity to run for Chicago Lights. For details,  
call Erin Strybis at 312.981.3596.

**Benevolent Guild** resumes meeting this Wednesday,  
March 6 at 9:30 a.m.

**The second annual Crosswalk** procession to  
remember youth killed by gun violence in Chicago  
will take place on Friday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m.

**A Fourth Church work team** will be volunteering  
with Windy City Habitat for Humanity at 119th  
Street and Union Avenue on Saturday, March 23.  
Call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 for details.

## Fellowship

**Young Adults** meets on Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

**Fourth Dimension** will gather for “Calendar Time,  
Sacred Time, Musical Time” this Friday, March 8  
at 6:00 p.m. To register (required in advance),  
call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Tuesday, March 5.

**Men’s Group** will meet for “How the Gratz Center  
Came Together,” a photographic presentation by  
Micah Marty, this Saturday, March 9 at 8:00 a.m. in  
Borwell Dining Room. To register, call 312.787.4570  
by 12:00 noon on Wednesday, March 6.

## 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.

**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.

**Please** turn off all cell phones when in the Sanctuary.

**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 for children, are available from a greeter.

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html).

**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 Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 ([jwatt@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

## If You Are New to Fourth Church

**Inquirers' Class** explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal.

Attend Monday, March 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 15 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](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)).

**Information about opportunities and resources** available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://www.facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or membership** at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Presbyterian Church, please see Adam Fronczek or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on March 24 and April 28.

**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.