



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music “How Sweet It Is to Be Loved by You”

*Eddie Holland, Lamont Dozier,
and Brian Holland*

“Naima”

John Coltrane

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,

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Scripture reminds us, “Be still and know that I am God.”

People: **God of grace, still our minds, and still our hearts.**

(hold silence)

Leader: Again, “I am doing a new thing.”

People: **God of grace, still our minds, and still our hearts.**

(hold silence)

Leader: And again, “My mercies are new each and every morning.”

People: **God of grace, still our minds, and still our hearts.**

(hold silence)

Leader: Let us worship the God of grace.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” (*sung twice*)

Prayer of Confession

After each petition:

Leader: God of love, in your mercy . . .

People: **hear our prayer.**

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** “Reach Out Your Hand in Peace”

Lucy Smith

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Psalm 23 (page 474, O.T.)

Sermon What’s in a Name? Edwin Estevez

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" *Anthony Showalter and Elisha Hoffman*

***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 the Spirit, Born of Spirit"

J. B. O. Clemm

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, we join you in the journey of Lent,
walking the road with you as you walk with us.
Surround us and fill us,
that we might go into the world as forgiven children,
reconciled to God.
We go into the world as risk takers,
for you have nourished us with bread and cup.
We go as new creatures, for you are saving us from our sin.
We go as children of God, for you will be with us all. Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

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.

Acknowledgments

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PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor-Elect (*joining us May 1*)
Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Temporary Head of Staff
Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission
Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship
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Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Edwin Estevez, Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

More information about news and upcoming events at Fourth Church is available in the *News and Opportunities* publication in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/news.

News and Resources

Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship, is at Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati today for a meeting of that congregation. As noted in a letter emailed to the congregation this week and shared on the website (www.fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), Adam has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of Knox. His final Sunday at Fourth Church will be May 11, a day when we will have special receptions in his honor following 11:00 worship and prior to the 4:00 service.

Mission and Outreach

A Blue Bows Interfaith Prayer Service and press conference will be held this Tuesday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, and afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows on our Michigan Avenue trees. To volunteer on April 1, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Pianist Svetlana Krasnova will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Lent

An Interfaith Passover Seder will be held on Tuesday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware). A limited number of tickets are available by calling Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by this Monday, March 31.

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat will be held April 11–12 at The Well in La Grange Park. To register, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 by Sunday, April 6.

Easter Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 12:45 p.m. There is a limited number of tickets, which are available at the reception desk.

Worship

Morning Prayer is held this week in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except on Tuesday, April 1, when our time for weekday prayer will be the Blue Bows Interfaith Prayer Service at 9:00 a.m.

Enrichment

Mitri Raheb will talk about his book *Faith in the Face of Empire* this Tuesday, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Video of Pastor-Elect Shannon Kershner's remarks at the congregational meeting at which she was elected, as well as introductions of her by the PNC, are available for viewing online at www.fourthchurch.org, where you can also read more about Shannon and link to the album of pictures from the meeting—all as we count the days until Shannon's first Sunday in our pulpit: May 18!



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 Judith 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.

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 left-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.

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).

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, April 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 5, 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).

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), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth 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 April 27, May 25, June 22, and July 27.

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.

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