



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music “Dem Bones”
“Blackbird”

African American spiritual
John Lennon and Paul McCartney

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: All you who are thirsty, this is the place for water.
All you who are hungry, this is the place to be fed.

People: **Why spend your earnings on what is not food?**
Why pay for that which fails to satisfy?

Leader: Here, without money, here, without price,
all may enjoy the bread of heaven.

People: **God speaks, and all who listen will have life.**

All: **Let us worship God.**

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, so many times you have approached us,
and we have turned away.
You have called us to remember our relationship to one another,
and we have thought only of our own needs and desires.
You have been present in the midst of our struggles,
and we have chosen to suffer on our own.
You have set before us promises for new life,
and we have insisted upon continuing in our old ways.
Forgive us, Lord.
Set us free to rebuild the lives of ourselves and others,
to feel the possibility of the future,
to know that these bones may live. Amen.**

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

Psalter Psalm 130

All sing the Antiphon

Leader: Out of the depths I called to you, O God; God, hear my voice;
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
If you, God, were to note what is done amiss, O God, who could stand?
For there is forgiveness with you; therefore you shall be feared.

Antiphon

Leader: I wait for God; with my entire being, I wait for God, whose word is my hope.
I am eager for God, more than watchmen for the morning,
more than watchmen for the morning.

Antiphon

Leader: O Israel, wait for God, for with God there is mercy
and great power for redemption;
God shall redeem Israel from all its sins.

Antiphon

Scripture Ezekiel 37:1–14

(page 759, O.T.)

Sermon Dry Bones

Adam H. Fronczek

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "I Believe"

Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham, Jimmy Shirl, and Al Stillman

*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 “Lord, We Thank Thee for the Table”

Herbert Howard Booth

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
we give you thanks for the gifts we find at your table,
for the bread that gives us strength for living
and the cup that reminds us of the sweetness of life.
Send us out into the world to love and to serve all whom we meet.
We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Kelly Deters	Lay Liturgist
Tony Phan	Lay Liturgist
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.

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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
Matt Helms, Minister for Children and Families
Hardy H. Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Edwin Estevez, Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat will be held this Friday–Saturday, April 11–12 at The Well in La Grange Park. To register, contact Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org by the end of the day today.

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 this Friday, April 11 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter.

Palm Sunday services will be held next Sunday, April 13 at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. Please note that the third morning service will begin at the usual weekly time of 11:00.

Palm Sunday “Sharing the Faith” hosts are needed to guide members of the Islamic community through the 9:30 a.m. service on April 13. To volunteer, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

To receive Lenten devotions by email, send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org. Devotions are also available online and in printed format.

Maundy Thursday Communion services on April 17 will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on April 18 will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A Good Friday service for children will be held on April 18 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 19 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday services on April 20 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach and 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service in the Sanctuary.

An Easter service for children will be held Sunday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

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.

Enrichment

Books by Women will discuss *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey this Tuesday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m.

A series on relationships, led by Mary Jo Hubick and Elise Magers, will be offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Thursdays, April 10, 17, and 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register (required), call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Monday Night Supper celebrated ten years of providing a weekly hot meal to 120 guests in need. Volunteers tied bows on the trees outside the Manse in remembrance of the 30,050 children abused in Illinois last year. The NEXT Church gathering talked about connecting Presbyterians and sparking imaginations in witnessing to our faith. And we shared it all on Facebook this past week!



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Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship, has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. 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.

We remember in prayer today Shannon Kershner and Black Mountain Presbyterian Church as they worship together for the last time with Shannon as their pastor. Shannon will be taking time off during the rest of April before joining us as Pastor in May.

Centennial Sunday, when we will celebrate the 100th anniversary of this Sanctuary, will be Sunday, May 18. That will also be Shannon Kershner's first Sunday preaching as Pastor of Fourth Church. Please join us for that historic day. A festive reception celebrating 100 years on North Michigan Avenue will follow the 11:00 service.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, photos, and much more.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago)

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets this Monday, April 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F and Saturday, April 12 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5F.

Music and the Arts

Soprano Lisa Rogers Lee will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Lakeside Singers will perform in concert this Friday, April 11 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.lakesidesingers.com.

The Choral Society welcomes new singers to rehearsal on Thursdays, starting April 24, at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

A sculpture was hung in Buchanan Chapel this past week that will be dedicated on Sunday, May 11 in memory of Dana Ferguson Myers, who served this congregation as Executive Associate Pastor until the time of her death in 2008.

Mission and Outreach

The lottery for the marathon ends tomorrow, Monday, April 7. If you are interested in running the Chicago Marathon and raising funds for Chicago Lights at the same time, Chicago Lights is offering, through the generosity of an anonymous donor, to pay the marathon registration fee for those who are accepted in the marathon lottery and are willing to "run for Chicago Lights." For details, contact Kate Solis at ksolis@fourthchurch.org.

The blue bows on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness, during National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, to all those affected by child abuse. Information and resources on the issue of child abuse are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/bows

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Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

A new Presbyterian hymnal has been published, which we will begin using this summer. In addition to all the beloved traditional music, it includes new settings of more Psalms as well as meditative music from the Taizé community. Watch for more information between now and then about the hymnal.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those in need, and mission partners around the world.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held this Friday, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Fellowship

Fourth Dimension will gather for a game night this Friday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. on the first floor of the Manse. To register (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by this Wednesday, April 9.

The Young Adults Spring Retreat will be held Friday–Sunday, May 2–4 in New Buffalo, Michigan. For details or to register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community/groups/youngadults.html.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Members to serve as hosts and offer hot cider to worshipers prior to 9:30 and or 11:30 worship on Easter Sunday

Aides for guests of the food pantry

Beverage pourers for Sunday Night Supper, 3:30–6:30 p.m.

Handbell ringers for the Handbell Choir; rehearsals on Sundays at 8:00 a.m.

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week; Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Cooks to prepare and deliver casseroles and meals to a family with a chronically ill child

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper

Current Donation Needs

Men's seasonal clothes in all sizes

Women's seasonal clothes in larger sizes

Department store bags with handles

Nonperishable food items

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth (grades 6–12) gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Fourth Church children and youth choirs rehearse on Sundays, with Youth Choir at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B, Cherub Choir at 10:30 a.m. in pBuchanan Chapel, and Children's Choir at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B.

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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