



Easter Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music “Steepian Faith”
“Oh Happy Day”

*Kenny Kirkland
Traditional and Edwin Hawkins*

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** "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Refrain *(sung by the congregation)*

Refrain

Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.

Refrain

Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Savior.

Refrain

***Opening Song** "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today"

Prayer of Confession

Antiphon: Psalm 146:3 (*sung by the congregation*)

Leader: Great and wondrous God, on this day we hear the story of Jesus' resurrection and celebrate his victory over sin and death. Yet we confess that fear and doubt still linger in our hearts and minds. We are people of the world, looking for signs of your glory. We believe, God. Help our unbelief.

Antiphon

Leader: The resurrection of Jesus opens our eyes to new life. In Christ we find the hope of redemption and transformation, for ourselves and for the world. Yet our wills remain bound by sin. We choose death instead of life. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new spirits within us.

Antiphon

Leader: Because of fear, we do not embrace the redemptive power of your love. We ignore the poor, the hungry, and the homeless. We do not welcome those who live on the margins. We are complicit in oppression, injustice, and tyranny. Instead of peace, our lives are shaped by violence and conflict. Instead of unity, we maintain division and strife. God of compassion, help us to be born anew in Christ.

Antiphon

Leader: Gracious God of love, in the light of Easter our cries of confession are transformed into cries of hope. In the light of Christ we know there is nothing that cannot be done or undone; there is nothing that is beyond redemption and restoration; there is nothing that cannot be won by the power of your love. God of life, hear our cries of joy and thanks!

Antiphon

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** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace"

Lucy Smith

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Matthew 28:1–10

(page 32, N.T.)

Sermon Christ Is Risen!

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 "Lord of the Dance"

Sydney Carter and Shaker hymn

*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

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 and Prayers of the People

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you that in these, your gifts of bread and cup, we are reminded that life is all around us. We praise you for the way your love sustains us. We thank you for your reminders that nothing can defeat you—not even death. Send us out into the world as witnesses to the good news of this day and every day. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Song “Thine Is the Glory”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Barlow Nelson	Lay Liturgist
Samme Orwig	Lay Liturgist
Rajiv Halim	Saxophone Soloist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Ernie Adams, 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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Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor-Elect (*joining us May 1*)
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News and Opportunities

A Special Welcome to Visitors Worshipping with Us Today

We are grateful you have joined us for this Easter celebration! We invite you to return to worship with us again and also to explore the many opportunities for education, fellowship, volunteering, and outreach available at Fourth Presbyterian Church.

These “News and Opportunities” pages list a variety of the programs and activities at Fourth Church, all of which welcome newcomers. More information about these programs can be found in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

News and Resources

We will be recognizing, on Centennial Sunday, all those who have remembered Fourth Church in their will. If Fourth Church is included in your estate plans, please let Katy Bever know at kbever@fourthchurch.org (312.981.3380) so that we can include your name in the special May 18 centennial bulletin as we celebrate legacy commitments to the future of this congregation.

A congregational meeting has been called by the Session for next Sunday, April 27 at 12:15 p.m. At that time the congregation will act to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Adam Fronczek, who has accepted a call to serve as Pastor of Knox Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. Adam’s last Sunday at Fourth Church will be May 11, when he will preach at all four worship services. Please plan to be with us for a reception in Adam’s honor after the 11:00 service on May 11 as we thank Adam for his ministry among us and wish him Godspeed in this new call.

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses will meet on Mondays, May 5–June 9, at 7:00 p.m. here at the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

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.

Have you seen the Palm Sunday photos? They are posted on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch). Be sure to “Like” the page so you don’t miss the many pictures of church life, excerpts of prayers and sermons, and the latest news!

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago)

Come hear Shannon Kershner preach on May 18!

Join us as we welcome our new Pastor to the Fourth Church pulpit for the first time. Shannon will lead us in worship that day as we also celebrate the centennial of the 1914 Sanctuary. Don’t miss being a part of this historic day in the life of this congregation, as we express gratitude for the past century and share in the excitement of the new century before us!



News and Opportunities

Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on 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 to 11:00 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held this Friday, April 25 in Buchanan Chapel. The service will feature dancers from the Chicago Lights CLASS Dance Ensemble and will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Enrichment

“Embodied Meditation” will be held this Saturday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register, call the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425.

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday, April 27: “God and the Problem of Human Suffering,” led by Randall Zachman; “Introductory Overview of the Bible,” led by Vicky Curtiss; “The Path to Bach,” led by John Sherer; and “Meditation, Neuroscience, and Christianity,” led by Adam Fronczek. For details or to register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy.

Volunteers

Current Volunteer Needs

Handbell ringers for the Handbell Choir

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s seasonal clothes in all sizes

Department store bags with handles

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

Music and the Arts

“The Hymnal Project: Upcycling into Artwork,” a Lenten art exhibit using retired hymnals, is on display in the Loggia through this Tuesday, April 22.

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

Mission and Outreach

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

“Spring Off the Avenue,” hosted by the Chicago Lights Free Write Jail Arts and Urban Farm, will be held on Friday, May 2 at 5:30 p.m. at the Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago). Ticket information is available at www.chicagolights.org.

The “Urban Plunge” mission weekend at First Presbyterian Church will be held May 16–18. Applications, which are due April 22, are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html.

Children, Youth, and Family

The “Mindful Parenting” series will conclude with the topic “Discipline: Putting It All Together” next Sunday, April 27 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

Fellowship

The Young Adults Spring Retreat will be held Friday–Sunday, May 2–4 in New Buffalo, Michigan. For details, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

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, May 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 2, 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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