



Second Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Gathering Music "James"

Pat Metheny and Lyle Mays

"I Believe in You"

Frank Loesser

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: Come and see.

People: **We come to see for ourselves who is the one who has drawn near.**

Leader: Come and see.

People: **We come with open hearts to God with us.**

Leader: Come and see.

People: **We come to follow the one called Jesus.**

Leader: Come and see.

People: **We come to deepen our relationship with the source of life.**

Leader: Come and see.

People: **Yes, Lord, we come to follow you! Let us worship God.**

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

Prayer of Confession (*Hold extended silence*)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God, remind us of the promises given

in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.

Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***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 John 20:19–22

(page 108, N.T.)

Sermon I Send You

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 "Hush, Hush, Somebody's Callin' Mah Name"

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 "If the Path I Travel"

Mark Diedrich and Margaret E. Barber

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of enduring mercy,
we have come to taste and see that your grace is new each day
and your steadfast love endures forever.
As we have been nourished in body and spirit,
let us nourish others in body and spirit.
As you were sent to us, let us be sent to others
to share your work of reconciliation
by the power of your love. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "Here I Am, Lord"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Allison Maxwell	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 (*preaching on May 18*)
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

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

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Shannon Kershner's first Sunday in the Fourth Church pulpit will be May 18, when she will preach at all four services. She will then return to North Carolina to help her family with the move to Chicago. Shannon will next preach here on Sunday, June 15 and will preach each Sunday the remainder of June and July, after which she will travel, as part of prior commitments, on Sundays, August 3, 10, and 17, before returning to Fourth Church August 24. She will be formally installed as Pastor on Sunday, September 21 during a festive 11:00 worship service, after which we will host a special reception to celebrate and officially welcome Shannon, Greg, Hannah, and Ryan.

World Labyrinth Day is Saturday, May 3. A special labyrinth walk, in solidarity with those around the globe also walking labyrinths on Saturday, will be hosted in Buchanan Chapel between 12:00 noon and 1:00 p.m. that day.

Enrichment

Cornerstones will gather for "Using Rap in Ministry," led by Julian "J.Kwest" DeShazier, this Friday, May 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, April 30.

Music and the Arts

"The Hymnal Project: Upcycling into Artwork," a Lenten art exhibit using retired hymnals, is on display in the Loggia today.

Mission and Outreach

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

Worship

The Contemplative Prayer Group will meet for a guided labyrinth walk on Wednesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m.

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!



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 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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