



Gathering

Trinity Sunday

Gathering Music "I'm Beginning to See the Light"

*Don George, John Hodges,
Duke Ellington, and Harry James*

"So Many Stars"

Sergio Mendez and Alan 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

(Modified from liturgy of the Iona Community of Scotland)

Leader: We praise our God, the Creator, who lit the world
and breathed the breath of life into us.

People: **We praise our God, the Son, who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to us.**

Leader: We praise our God, the Spirit, who blows through the world
and blesses our souls with yearning.

People: **We praise our God, the Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;**

Leader: the beginning, the end, the Everlasting One. Let us worship!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

***Litany of Confession**

Leader: Shining, surprising, grace-full God, for avoiding the searchlight of your desire for us and running away from your love:

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: For preferring the safe, familiar, and certain to the risky, unknown, and mysterious:

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power and the power of vulnerability:

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: For taking no delight in variety and insisting on sameness and conformity:

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light, in body as in spirit, in feeling as in intellect, in pain as in healing, in Good Friday as in Easter Day:

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: Set us free, we pray, to live our lives graciously and without fear.
We pray in your name, Father, Son, and Spirit, one God, now and forever.

All: **Amen.**

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

Psalter **Psalm 146** (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God, O my soul!
I will praise God as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

ANTIPHON: Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes. Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.

Leader: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.
When they breathe their last, they return to earth,
and in that day their thoughts perish.

ANTIPHON: Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes. Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.

Leader: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,
whose hope is in God, their God;
who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;
who keeps promises forever; who gives justice to those who are oppressed
and food to those who hunger.
God sets the prisoners free;
God opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those bowed down;
God loves the righteous. God cares for the stranger
and sustains the orphan and widow but frustrates the way of the wicked.

ANTIPHON: Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes. Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.

Leader: God shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON: Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes. Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.

Scripture Lessons

John 1:1–5, 14

(*New Testament, page 86*)

Selections from Genesis 1

(*Old Testament, page 1*)

Sermon

Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “We’ll Understand It Better By and By”

Charles A. Tindley

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

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 “One Bread, One Body”

John Foley, S. J.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

There is no place where you are not, O God.

You were in the beginning.

You are in our every day.

You will be in our future.

**You are behind us and ahead of us,
and you carry us when our own feet fall.**

We are so grateful.

Thank you for this set-apart time;

for this meal of bread, wine, and prayer;

for the music and the scriptures that nourish our souls.

Give us courage and hope as we follow you back into your world.

Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song** “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Elizabeth Nickerson	Worship Leader
Arlene Raine	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Holly McGuire, song leader Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano Matt Ulery, bass

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is 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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This is Baccalaureate Sunday

Fourth Presbyterian Church recognizes and congratulates the following members and Chicago Lights Tutoring students, all of whom are 2014 graduates.

Eighth Grade

Renee Aavik, Skye Balfour, Elijah Blanton, Eliza Bowers-Chen, Brenna Bracy, Lavelle Brown, George Browne, Keaton Bubala, Eleanor Buchanan, Claire Calkins, Elizabeth Canfield, Shania Carter, Ahmad Cleveland, Sherrodd Cobbins, Natia Cook, Ramaya Council, Deomanta Covington, Peyton Cox, Matthew Davila, David Dingens, Andria Ellis, Tahjae Floyd, Tiara Foster-Towns, Zarina Foudree, Lauren Freeman, Latajah Gates, John Grissom, Ealexis Hester, Thomas Hildebrand, Darius Johns, Ryuan Johnson, Aaliyah Jones, Zari Jones, Christopher King, Gillian King, Lane Kizziah, Jordyn Lando, Samuel LaSalle, Britney McCarrell, Owen Meyer, Rayquan Minor, Ariana Mullins, Brianna Murff, Griffin Nuelle, Daniel Osafo, Drake Osenberg, Acreia Page, Keyaria Phillips, Tionne Pointer, Ana Pranger, Alex Radtke, Tyler Reynolds, Anna Rhodes, Marshauna Ross, Anne Satre, Carolyn Shields, Lily Shorney, Anazette Simpson, Armani Snead, Kiana Spears, Mayra Staven, Chandler Stearns, Leavern Tabor, Laticia Taybron, Eric Thomas, John Thomas, Grace Turner, Johnetta Walker, Jalen Weathers, Daja Wells, Nayah Williams, ShayQuan Willingham

Twelfth Grade

Blake Brumfield, Rachel Buchanan, Rachael Cohen, Logan Crowl, Ashley Dumas, Rose Edwards, William Ekern, Kala Epkins-Henderson, Felicity FitzGerald, Grant Foudree, Tietl Gonzalez, Avery Harris-Russell, Brittney Harvey, Maxfield Head, Dejah Johnson, Taron Jones, Ian King, Jennifer Kittle, Ian Leonard, Monet Lockett, Victoria Lord, Allison Matache, Margaret McPherrin, Johanna Mintz, Chris Pieper, Pierce Randle, Sharidan Rickmon, Rebecca Schuessler, Henry Shorney, Ariona Thomas, Ke'yannie Thomas, Bryant Trimble, Jermaine Tyler, Jasmonee Williams, Cole Zimmerman

College

Karena Briggs, Ernest Gardner, William Miner, Aimee Mori, Billy Renwick, McKinley Sherrod, Isabel Shorney, Chrissy Swartz, Bowen Tretheway

Graduate Degrees and Professional Programs

Nichollette Andrews-Maggio, Caroline Brooks, Lindsay Cook, Patricia Fraser, Lauren Frisch, Kevin Mori, Jacob Schemper, Kristen Turner, Alison Van Vark-Naish, John Vest, Michael Woodham

News and Opportunities

News and Resources

The 221st General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) is underway, meeting June 14–21 in Detroit. Shannon Kershner, John Vest, and Joyce Shin will be attending. As part of today's proceedings, Joyce received a 2014 Women of Faith Award, presented by the Presbyterian Mission Agency. You can follow the work of the General Assembly online at www.pcusa.org/ga221

The General Assembly of 1914 was hosted by Fourth Church in our Sanctuary, which had been dedicated barely a week prior. A 14-foot-long print of a photograph showing that year's almost 900 delegates is on display today just outside the Sanctuary's south transept doors to Anderson Hall and the Loggia.

Congratulations to 2014 graduates, whom we recognize on this Baccalaureate Sunday!

Every adult who owns anything and cares about what happens to it, as well as anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church, needs a will. For more information about planned giving, call Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. More information is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Construction on the Kennedy Expressway at the Ohio/Ontario ramp will continue on June 21–22 and June 29–30. More information is available at www.fourthchurch.org/map

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
(@FourthChicago)

Enrichment

The Christian Century Study Group will meet for a screening of the film *Double Indemnity* this Thursday, June 19 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4G. All are invited to attend. Those new to the group are asked to RSVP with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A Chicago Botanic Gardens excursion, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place this Friday, June 20. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Soprano Natalie Mann and pianist Jeffrey Panko will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The online archive of “Prayers of the People” offers a wonderful collection of prayers that you might consider praying your way through this summer. They represent just some of the many resources you will find by visiting www.fourthchurch.org or scanning this QR code with a smartphone. Be sure to bookmark this website and browse it regularly to keep connected to Fourth Church!



News and Opportunities

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.

Shannon Kershner will preach at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services for the remainder of June and July. She will also preach at occasional 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. services.

Contemplative Prayer Group is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite. All are invited to attend. For more information, call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held on Friday, June 27 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Summer Farm Camp helpers at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; one afternoon a week, June 24–August 15

Volunteers to wash and dry clothing for a family with a chronically ill child

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–6:00 p.m. on rotation

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's seasonal clothes

Nonperishable food items

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

Mission and Outreach

The Greater Chicago Food Depository Hunger Walk will take place on Saturday, June 21. Points earned and donations received will help support the outreach of the feeding programs of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center. Details are available at www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights/social-service.html

Chicago Lights Tutoring program student and tutor alumni are invited to join an alumni network to be notified about Tutoring's fiftieth anniversary celebration this fall and to stay connected with fellow program participants. To join the network, visit <http://bit.ly/TutoringAlum50>

Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They also gather for volleyball on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

Children, Youth, and Family

A "Great Expectations" Baby Shower for anyone who has welcomed a child into their home in the past year will be held on Sunday, June 29 at 12:00 noon in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, June 25.

Vacation Bible School, which will explore Moses' journey through the wilderness, will be held for children in preschool through fifth grade the mornings of Monday–Friday, August 11–15. You can register online at www.fourthchurch.org/children/vbs.html or by contacting Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

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 read aloud during 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, July 7, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, August 11, 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 contact Liz Nickerson (312.573.3366; lnickerson@fourthchurch.org) 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 June 22, July 27, and August 24.

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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