

Gathering

- Gathering Music** “There Is a Balm in Gilead” *African American spiritual
arr. Joe Utterback*
- “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” *German chorale
arr. Johannes Matthias Michel*
- “Spiritual” *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, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking,
the tired and the aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.

People: Gather us in,

* Stand as you are able

Leader: the done and the doubting, the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.

People: Gather us in,

Leader: the bright and the bustling, the stirrers, the shakers, the kind laughter-makers who long for the deeper joys found at your feast.

People: Gather us in,

Leader: from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses, from treasured successes, to meet, to eat, be given a seat, be joined to the vine, be offered new wine, become like the least, be found at the feast.

All: Gather us in!

***Opening Song.** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious God, Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: Light up the darkness in our lives.

Leader: In the darkness of our uncertainty, when we don't know what to do, when decisions are hard to take:

People: Give us light to guide us.

Leader: In the darkness of our anxiety, when we are worried about what the future may bring, when we don't know where to turn:

People: Give us the light of your peace.

Leader: In the darkness of our despair, when life seems empty, when we feel there is no future worth seeking:

People: Give us the light of your hope.

Leader: In the darkness of oppression, injustice, and poverty, when we don't have enough food to eat, when we don't have a place to live:

People: Give us the light of your love.

Leader: In the darkness of our sin, when we fail you and others, when we choose the wrong paths:

People: Give us the light of your forgiveness.

Leader: Gracious God, Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

People: Light up the darkness in our lives.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

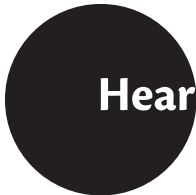
***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As beloved children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but siblings 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

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 23 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*): **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Leader: God is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

God renews my life and guides me along right pathways
for the sake of God's Name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of God forever.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:13–21 (*New Testament, page 15*)

Sermon You Are John W. Vest

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts (*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

Offertory Music “Instant Karma” *John Lennon*

***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 "When Thou Wakest in the Morning" *Traditional, G. M. Taylor*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace and love,
at this sacred table you have shared with us
the holy mysteries of bread that is broken
and a cup that is poured out.
Even as you feed us in this place,
you send us out from here to feed your hungry children.
Fill us with your Spirit
as we go now to be the body of Christ in the world. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song** "Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
John Sherer	Organist
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 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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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.

To sponsor new hymnals, please complete the sponsorship form, which can be found in the pew rack. Personalized bookplates will be placed in the hymnals to recognize the individual or family donating the hymnal or the persons being memorialized or honored by the gift. Information about the hymnals is also available from Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org) and online at www.fourthchurch.org/worship/hymnal.html

Contemplative Prayer Meditation Group is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite. All are invited to attend.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held on Friday, August 22 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.

Children, Youth, and Family

There will be no Sunday School on August 10, 17, 24, or 31. On these Sundays, parents are encouraged to bring their children to worship with them. Sunday School will resume at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on September 7 with the Fall Children and Youth Kickoff Sunday.

A Family Movie Night will be held outdoors this Thursday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, in the Bumpus Room). For more information, contact Matt Helms at 312.573.3362 (mhelms@fourthchurch.org).

A neighborhood play date for families will be held on Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Oz Park (2021 N. Burling). For more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Vacation Bible School, which will explore Moses' journey through the wilderness, will be held for children in preschool through fifth grade the mornings of August 11–15. Registration forms, which are due this Wednesday, August 6, are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/children/vbs.html. To volunteer to help at VBS, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

It couldn't be easier to share your church with friends:

whether it's an invitation to enjoy a free Friday outdoor concert in the courtyard, a thought-provoking quote from a sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, or fun pictures of life at Fourth Church, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch).

Why not share at least one with friends?



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Fourth Presbyterian Church strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

We welcome Layton Williams to Fourth Church! Layton joined our pastoral staff as Pastoral Resident on August 1 and will be with us for the next two years. Please take opportunity to greet her in the weeks ahead.

There is much going on during the summer at Fourth Church—programs, opportunities, outreach, and services made possible by your gifts and pledges. If you will be away in the weeks ahead and in your absence want to continue to fulfill a pledge or make gifts, those gifts can be made online at www.bit.ly/fpcgiving. Thank you for your important and continued support!

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)

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at www.fourthchurch.org. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church no later than Monday, September 22.

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

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 on Monday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Sign up to receive the weekly newsletter (News@Fourth Church) by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org

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. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Cabaret duo Menzie and Michael will perform this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

The Summer Film Series, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, is held on Tuesdays, through August 12, at 11:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center. All 60 and more are invited to attend these free screenings.

Those who would like to receive Music Notes, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

Dessert bakers for Monday Night Supper

Members to serve as liturgists during morning worship services

Bag lunch assemblers and distributors; Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays

Aspiring gardeners to help at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturdays, 12:00 noon–3:00 p.m.

Members to serve as ushers at the 11:00 a.m. service

Current Donation Needs

Colorful tablecloths for Sunday Night Supper

Men's and women's seasonal clothes in larger sizes

Small lady pull-ups for a chronically ill child

Nonperishable food items

Department store bags with handles

Individually wrapped food items for the Bag Lunch program

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

Enrichment

A Baha'i Temple excursion, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place this Friday, August 8. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 (aelskus@fourthchurch.org).

Spiritual yoga and meditation are offered on Tuesdays through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

Mission and Outreach

Needed are Meals Ministry volunteers to help with the Bag Lunch Program, Sunday Night Supper, Monday Night Supper, and partnerships that help provide meals for those in need. Information and signup opportunities are available by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

To minister to the immigrant children flooding our country to escape dire conditions in Honduras, El Salvador, and Guatemala, we will receive a special Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) offering on Sunday, August 10. Gifts to support PDA's efforts to respond to the children's needs can also be made online at www.bit.ly/PDAGifts

The Annual School Supply Drive, organized by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. For a list of materials and more information about the drive, visit www.fourthchurch.org/women or contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Lights Tutoring alumni—students and tutors—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>

Save the date for Carnaval 2015:
Friday, March 6!

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, August 11, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, September 8, 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 August 24 and September 28.

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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