



Gathering

Gathering Music "Falling Grace" Steve Swallow
"The Calling" Pat Metheny

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: We come to worship God in our need,
People: bringing with us the needs of the world.
Leader: We come to God, who comes to us in Jesus
People: and who knows by experience what human life is like.
Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts.
People: We come with our hopes and with our fears.
Leader: We come as we are because it is God who invites us to come,
People: and God has promised never to turn us away.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song**. "Gather Us In"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: God of grace, when we elevate the things of this world above you,
when we make idols of possessions and people,

People: break us, Lord.

Leader: When we use your name for things that are not consistent with you
or the world that you desire to build,

People: break us, Lord.

Leader: When we participate in systems that take life instead of giving it,
when we cast stones on their dreams and their hopes,

People: break us, Lord.

Leader: With the power that belongs only to you, make us into your people;

People: make us, Lord.

Leader: Set us free from a past we cannot change;
make us open to a future in which we can be changed;

People: make us, Lord.

Leader: Set us free to serve you in the world; make us agents of your reconciling love.

People: Make us, Lord, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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 139 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*): **I praise you for I am wonderfully made;
I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Leader: God, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeying and my resting
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O God, know it altogether.
You press upon me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is a mystery I cannot fathom.

ANTIPHON (*unison*)

Leader: Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
darkness is not dark to you;
night is as bright as day;
darkness and light are the same.

ANTIPHON (*unison*)

Leader: For you created my inmost parts;
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you
 because I am wonderfully and fearfully made;
 your works are wonderful.
 I know it well.
My body was not hidden from you,
 while I was made in secret
 and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, unfinished in the womb;
 they were written in your book;
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.
How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
 How great is the sum of them!
I count them, but they number like sand;
 my life span would need to be like yours to count them.

ANTIPHON (*unison*)

Scripture Reading

Matthew 14:22–33 (*New Testament, page 15*)

Sermon Called to Swim Matt Helms

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

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

Offertory Music "Standing on the Promises" *R. Kelso Carter*

***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

“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” *Robert S. Kreutz and Omer Westendorf*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Lord God, in deep gratitude for
this moment, this meal, and these people, we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared this meal and cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
We ask this in the name of your Son. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** “The Servant Song”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms	Minister for Children and Families
Robert Crouch	Lay Liturgist
Elizabeth Nickerson	Worship Leader
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

Mission and Outreach

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

A "BBQ Throwdown" between John Vest and Hardy Kim will be held on Saturday, August 22 at 4:30 p.m. at Declan's Irish Pub (1240 N. Wells). Proceeds will support the programs of Chicago Lights. Ticket information is available at bit.ly/bbqthrowdown

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. More information is available by calling Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

The Annual School Supply Drive is underway. For a list of materials and more information about the drive, visit www.fourthchurch.org/women

Children, Youth, and Family

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.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Audio recording equipment operators for Sunday morning worship services and occasional afternoon services

Sunday School teachers for 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. fourth- and fifth-grade classes and a 9:30 a.m. preschool class

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

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

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

Enrichment

A paddlewheel riverboat tour on the Fox River, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place this Friday, August 15. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by this Tuesday, August 12.

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

What's going on at Fourth Church?

Check out the churchwide calendar on the website for a complete look at what's happening at Fourth Church in the days and months ahead. You'll also find there calendars by program and interest areas, and you can add the dates to your electronic calendar as well. Just visit www.fourthchurch.org or scan this QR code with any smartphone to learn more.



News and Resources

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.

The Fall Open House of the Center for Life and Learning will take place on Thursday, September 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall. Stop by to learn about the enrichment, wellness, and exercise opportunities offered by this program for adults sixty and more.

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

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

Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on 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.

Music and the Arts

Milan and the Sour Goat will perform this Friday’s free “Music by the Fountain” Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

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).

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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