



Gathering

Gathering Music "In a Silent Way" Joe Zawinul
"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: I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

People: From north and south and from east and west, we gather.

Leader: Called to thank and praise him for all he makes possible,
we gather in the name of the Lord.

People: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord indeed!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song.** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Prayer of Confession

(Please observe silence for personal prayers of confession.)

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 133 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God;
for he is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.
The Lord builds up Jerusalem;
he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
He heals the brokenhearted
and binds up their wounds.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: He determines the number of the stars;
he gives to all of them their names.
Great is our Lord and abundant in power;
his understanding is beyond measure.
The Lord lifts up the downtrodden;
he casts the wicked to the ground.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make melody to our God on the lyre.
He covers the heavens with clouds,
prepares rain for the earth,
makes grass grow on the hills.
He gives to the animals their food
and to the young ravens when they cry.

Antiphon (*unison*)

Leader: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,
nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner;
but the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,
in those who hope in his steadfast love.

(Psalm 147:1–11; Psalm 133:1)

Antiphon (*unison*)

First Lesson

Genesis 45:1–15 (*Old Testament, page 40*)

Second Lesson

Romans 8:28–30 (*New Testament, page 148*)

Sermon A View So High Joyce Shin

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

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

Offertory Music “I Believe”. Ervin Drake, Irvin Graham, Jimmy Shirl, and Al Stillman

***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 Dietrich and Margaret E. Barber*

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**Almighty God, in everything you work for good.
Even in the suffering and death of your beloved Son,
you have made the world’s salvation possible.
Eating this bread and drinking from this cup,
we offer our whole selves for the good of your world.
So, take our lives, as imperfect and impaired as we are,
and transform us into the new creation,
for which your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, lived, died, and will come again.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** “How Can I Keep from Singing?”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Joyce Shin	Associate Pastor
Elizabeth Nickerson	Worship Leader
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Dave Nelson	Lay Liturgist
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.

Acknowledgments

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Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
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News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

A “**BBQ Throwdown**” between John Vest and Hardy Kim will be held this Friday, 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

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room: Thursday, September 11; Tuesday, September 16; Wednesday, September 17; or Monday, September 22. RSVP at cltutoring2014.eventbrite.com

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).

Enrichment

The Christian Century Study Group will meet for a screening of the film *Arsenic and Old Lace* on Thursday, August 21 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 chakras meditation seminar—led by Wyman Hall-Walker, Donna Yu, and Ruth Durchslag—will be held on Tuesday, August 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A \$10 donation will be collected at the door.

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

Children, Youth, and Family

A Family Movie Night will be held outdoors this Thursday, August 21 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).

Kickoff Sunday for children, youth, and their families is Sunday, September 7. There will be a family lunch at 12:00 noon as well as fun, fellowship, and games in the courtyard.

Have you seen the pictures from the wilderness?

This past week was filled with fun and learning as preschoolers through fifth graders traveled to Israel for Vacation Bible School’s focus on Moses’ journey through the wilderness.

Check out the VBS pictures—as well as some favorite quotes from recent sermons and devotions and Fourth Church news postings—all on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch



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The Fall Open House for 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 bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about events, an archive of sermons, photos, and more.

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 Saturday, August 23 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

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 the Michigan Avenue courtyard. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

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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).

Cornerstones, hosted by couples in their fifties and older, will meet for a potluck on Friday, September 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, September 3.

Music and the Arts

Vocalist Elaine Dame will perform this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

Chancel Choir rehearsal resumes Thursday, September 4. All interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to attend the rehearsals on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

Handbell Choir rehearsal resumes on Sunday, September 7. All interested are invited to attend the rehearsals, which will be on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

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

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

Labyrinth hosts in Buchanan Chapel

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

Dessert bakers for Monday Night Supper, on rotation

Members to serve as Nursery caregivers on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

Individuals to organize and pack supplies on Sunday afternoon for Monday Night Supper, on rotation

Members to serve as liturgists during morning worship services

Current Donation Needs

Colorful tablecloths for Sunday Night Supper

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

Small lady pull-ups for a chronically ill child

Nonperishable food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Department store bags with handles

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

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 Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, September 8, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, September 20, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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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