



Second Sunday in Lent



During this season of Lent, we reflect on our brokenness and prepare our hearts to receive the grace of God that comes to us through Christ's death and resurrection. We invite you to share your prayers with this community in a new way this season. Instead of using our traditional prayer cards, you will receive a strip of cloth and a marker with which to write your prayers of joy and concern, making sure to use other paper or the bulletin to prevent the markers from getting on the pews or hymnals. At any point during the service, you are invited to quietly bring your cloth up to the cross and either tie it on or tuck it into the wire frame surrounding the cross.

We will continue to bring our prayers to the cross during each week of Lent as we await the promise of Easter. During the week, this cross will be placed in the Commons near the Loggia, and all are invited to add their prayers as they feel led.

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.

*Opening Responses

Leader: From Bethlehem to Nazareth,

from Jordan to Jericho, from Bethany to Jerusalem,

from then to now,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: To heal the sick,

to mend the brokenhearted, to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple,

to liberate faith from convention,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: To carry the cross,

to lead the way,

to shoulder the sin of the world

and take it away,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Today,

to this place,

to us,

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of mercy,

you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

But we confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small.

We have failed in love and so have hurt one another;

we have ignored your truth and so have failed to enact your justice.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

(Silent 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 family in Christ. Please stand and greet each another

with the peace of Christ. The peace of Christ be with you all.

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 22:23–31 (the congregation sings the antiphon)

ANTIPHON (unison) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Leader: Praise God, you that fear;

stand in awe, O offspring of Israel;

all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

For God does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;

neither hide from them;

but when they cry God hears them.

My praise is of God in the great assembly;

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and those who seek God shall praise:

"May your heart live forever!"

ANTIPHON (unison) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God,

and all the families of the nations bow down.

For sovereignty belongs to God

who rules over the nations.

All who sleep in the earth bow down in worship to God alone;

all who go down to the dust

fall before God.

My descendants shall serve God;

they shall be known as God's forever.

They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn

the saving deeds that God has done.

ANTIPHON (unison) My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

Scripture Reading
Luke 22:39–53
Sermon
Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

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

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 compassion,

we praise you that you look upon our frail lives

with love and understanding

and that you do not judge us for our complacency,

nor for the ways in which we wound each other in trying to do good.

We thank you for the meal that reminds us

that you desire for us all new life in Jesus Christ.

We are overwhelmed by your love, which goes to the cross for us,

endures the grave, and leads us to new life.

By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be brave and bold,

as well as compassionate and kind, in Christ's service.

Amen.

Sending

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim Associate Pastor
Layton Williams Pastoral Resident

Arlene Raine Lay Liturgist

John W. W. 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.

Worship notes

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and the Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Our Lenten sermon series, "We Were There," looks at the events of Holy Week through the eyes of biblical characters who "were there." Each Sunday's lectern parament—created by Vicky Curtiss—evokes the theme of that day, and each week the parament from the previous Sunday is added to the Communion Table.

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News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held this Thursday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at bit.ly/cltutoring2015

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

News and Resources

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook

(facebook.com/fourthchurch) for the latest church life and worship information. If you have a Facebook account, "like" Fourth Church to keep up-to-date on news and photos!

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, details about upcoming events; an archive of sermons and prayers, devotions, and much more.

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 8. Be sure to set clocks ahead an hour.

Lent

Lenten Midweek services will be held on Wednesdays through March 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

To receive Lenten devotions by email (if you do not already receive our daily devotions), send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org. Devotions are also available on the website and via Facebook and in printed format in the literature racks.

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, March 22 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks. For more information, contact Allie Williams (awilliams@fourthchurch.org).

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat will be held Friday-Saturday, March 27–28 at the Well in La Grange Park. To register, call Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.274.3815 by Sunday, March 22.

This is the last week for the Spring Splendor Drawing!

Dinner at Chef Jean Joho's Everest. A suite at the Park Hyatt.

A backstage tour of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and front-row balcony seating for the April 18 performance.

Brunch at NoMi. All are part of this fabulous drawing package to support Chicago Lights. Tickets are available online at www.fourthchurch.org. Drawing is March 6.



News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Pianist Sherry Kim will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Choir of King's College will be in concert on Tuesday, March 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available through Symphony Center Presents at 312.294.3000 (www.cso.org).

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes are held on Sundays. More information is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy

The annual L.E.A.D. conference, a training event sponsored by McCormick Theological Seminary and the Presbytery of Chicago, will be held this Saturday, March 7 at Fourth Church. Registration is available online at www.bit.ly/lead-2015

NEXT Church—which is committed to "sparking imaginations, connecting congregations, and offering a distinctively Presbyterian witness to Jesus Christ"—will be holding its 2015 national gathering at Fourth Church March 16–18. All are invited to register. More information is available online at www.nextchurch.net

Books by Women will discuss *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor on Tuesday, March 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Worship

Ted Wardlaw, President of Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, will preach at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on Sunday, March 22.

Fellowship

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet this Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

ThirtiesForties' "Faith in Focus" series continues next Sunday, March 8 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F with discussion of faith perspectives on witnessing.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Youth in grades 6–12 gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Database entry assistants onsite at Fourth Church Mondays and Tuesdays

Audio recording operators for Sunday morning worship

Members to serve as hosts for upcoming conferences at Fourth Church

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets for the Elam Davies Social Service Center

Men's and women's sturdy winter clothes in all sizes Individually wrapped food items

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer. html or by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (Inicholson@fourthchurch.org).

During Today's Worship

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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, March 2, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 13, 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 Matt Helms (312.573.3362; mhelms@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 March 22 and April 24.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$10. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.