



Gathering

Palm Sunday

Gathering Music “Very Early” Bill Evans
“Ride On, King Jesus” African American spiritual

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 have brought 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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Humble and riding on a colt,

People: we greet you.

Leader: Acclaimed by crowds and praised by children,

People: we cheer you.

Leader: Moving from the peace of the countryside to the corridors of power,

People: we praise you, Christ our Lord.

Leader: You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity;

you are giving majesty a new face;

you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.

People: With them, with heart and voice, we shout “Hosanna!”

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** "Prepare Ye" *Stephen Schwartz*

***Scripture** Matthew 11:1-11 (*page 44, N.T.*)

***Song** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As 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

Selections of Scripture and Sermon*Shannon J. Kershner*



Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Sharing of Gifts

Please place gifts in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Music "On the Willows" *S. Schwartz*

***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*

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 "Wayfaring Stranger" *Traditional*



Sending

Closing Song "Were You There?" *African American spiritual*

***Benediction**

Depart in Silence

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Clark Costen	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be 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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Matt Helms, Minister for Children and Families
Hardy H. Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care
Layton Williams, Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

News and Opportunities

More information about news and upcoming events at Fourth Church is available in the *News and Opportunities* publication in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/news.

Holy Week and Easter

On Maundy Thursday, April 2, there will be a 12:10 p.m. Communion service as well as a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, also with Communion. The Tenebrae service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus.

On Good Friday, there will be a 12:10 p.m. service and, at 7:30 p.m., a choral service, featuring *Stabat Mater* by Frank Ferko.

A Good Friday Prayer Walk will be held on April 3, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on the north side of Seward Park (southwest corner of Division and Orleans).

A Good Friday experience for children will be held on April 18 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 4 and will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard with the kindling of a fire to provide candlelight to carry into the darkened Sanctuary. Once inside there will be readings from scripture that cover the entire salvation story, and the service will conclude with a reaffirmation of baptismal vows and the celebration of Communion.

On Easter Sunday, April 5, a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service will be held at Oak Street Beach, with Hardy Kim preaching. Easter worship in the Sanctuary will

be held at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m., with Shannon Kershner preaching, and an Easter jazz service with Communion will be held at 4:00 p.m., with Hardy Kim preaching.

Easter Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 5 at 12:30 p.m. There is a limited number of tickets, which are available at the reception desk.

News and Resources

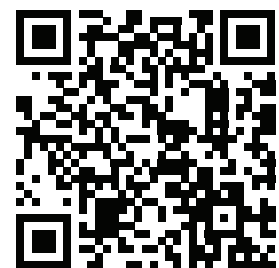
A congregational meeting has been called by Session for Sunday, April 12 following 11:00 worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to identify and recommend to the congregation a candidate for Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry. June 7 will be John Vest's final Sunday with us in that role, before he assumes his new position as Visiting Assistant Professor of Evangelism at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

Worship

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, April 24 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall.

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

whether it's a thought-provoking quote from a recent sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, an invitation to attend the moving Tenebrae service on Thursday night or the candlelit Easter Vigil on Saturday, or joyful Easter greetings, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) this week. Why not share at least one with friends?



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, April 13, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 4, 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 Hardy Kim (hkim@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 April 26 and May 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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