



Gathering

Gathering Music “What’s Going On” Marvin Gaye, Al Cleveland, and Renaldo Benson
“Calling You” Robert Telson

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 page 12.

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 gather to worship God, the Lord and Giver of Life.

All: God gives us the waters of new life.

Leader: In the deserts of our lives, in the wilderness within,

All: God gives us the waters of new life.

Leader: To give us hope when our lives run dry, to give us strength when our world seems barren,

All: God gives us the waters of new life.

Leader: To let peace flow like a river and love spring forth like a fountain,

All: God gives us the waters of new life.

Leader: To make justice roll down like waters and righteousness like a living stream,

All: God gives us the waters of new life.

Leader: To give us—and our world—a second chance and a new beginning,

All: God gives us the waters of new life.

Leader: Come, people of God, open your lives to receive God’s new life.
Open your hearts to sing God’s praise.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Gather Us In”

Prayer of Confession (*hold silence, please*)

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 other 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 22:1–5, 19–31

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

Leader: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?
Why are you so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; by night as well, but I find no rest.
Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
Our ancestors put their trust in you; they trusted, and you delivered them.
They cried out to you and were delivered; they trusted in you and were not put to shame.

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

Leader: Be not far away, O God; you are my strength; hasten to help me.
Save me from the sword, my life from the power of the dog.
Save me from the lion's mouth, my wretched body from the horns of wild bulls.
I will declare your Name to my brethren; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you.

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 the nations.
All who sleep in the earth bow down in worship to God alone;
all who go down to the dust fail 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.

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26–40. (*New Testament, page 119*)

Sermon "(This Is a Wilderness Road)". Layton Williams

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music "Heaven Help Us All" Ronald Miller

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

***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 Kreutz and Omer Westendorf*

Prayer after Communion

God of grace,

you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love

and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song**

“My Soul
Cries Out
with a
Joyful Shout”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
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 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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A Light in the City

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News and Opportunities

Fellowship

Young Adults gather for discussion on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For more information, contact Hardy Kim at hkim@fourthchurch.org

ThirtiesForties' "Faith in Focus" series continues next Sunday, May 10 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F with discussion of faith perspectives on charisma.

Books by Women will discuss *The Traitor's Wife* by Allison Pataki, who will join the discussion via FaceTime®, next Tuesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses meets on Mondays. For information or to register for the next group, call the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425.

Encore, the second annual benefit for the Center for Life and Learning, a program offering classes and fellowship for those sixty and over, will be Saturday, June 20 in Buchanan Chapel. For details or tickets, contact Ashley Elskus at aelskus@fourthchurch.org or call 312.981.3387.

News and Resources

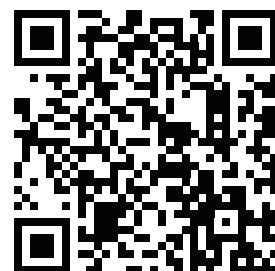
Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, meets this Monday, May 4 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Conversations with Shannon—opportunities for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal conversational settings—will be held next Sunday, May 10 in the Manse and Sunday, May 31 in the Randolph Room. Registration is required in advance; to sign up, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or aellis@fourthchurch.org

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

To subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, send email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Thanks to all who supported the pancake breakfast, which last week helped the Senior Highs and Chicago Lights Tutoring students raise more than \$4,000 for their upcoming summer "Justice Journey" trip! Photos from the breakfast are posted online along with pictures from last Sunday's presentation of Bibles to kindergartners. You can find those photos and more at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch



Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Bicyclists to deliver CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) bags in the community, Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, beginning June 6

Summer Farm Camp volunteers to work with camp participants aged 5 to 13 years, Tuesdays–Fridays, June 23–August 14, 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Book Nook attendants to staff the Book Nook at Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service

Cooks to prepare and serve breakfast at Lincoln Park Community Shelter on the second Tuesday of each month, on a rotating schedule, 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.

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

Chicago Lights Urban Farm Youth Program volunteers to work with program participants aged 14 to 18 years, Wednesdays–Saturdays, July 8–August 15, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Men's and women's sturdy spring clothes in all sizes

Individually wrapped food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Consumer Choice Food Pantry

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 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Mission and Outreach

Participants in the Racial Reconciliation Mission

Trip, who have formed a multiracial choir bringing together members of Fourth Church and Trinity United Church of Christ, departed yesterday. These eighteen individuals will spend a week traveling throughout the U.S. to offer music from the African American tradition and promote dialogue toward racial reconciliation. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

A special disaster relief offering is being received today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance meet the needs of those affected by the recent earthquake in Nepal. Gifts to this offering may be made by using the Disaster Relief envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing "Disaster Assistance" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) will be open on Saturdays through the fall, starting on May 9, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Used bicycles are being collected by the Mission Committee this Saturday, May 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Donations should be brought to the Delaware entrance of the Gratz Center. The bicycles will be repaired and sent to those in need around the world.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) is offering "Salad Shares" on Saturdays from June 6 through October 17. For details, contact Ben Jaffe at bjaffe@fourthchurch.org. The farm will also host a plant sale and art show on Saturday, May 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room of the Gratz Center.

Elevation Youth meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Room 4G of the Gratz Center.

Senior Highs meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m. in the Room 4G of the Gratz Center.

Spring Family Camp will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from Friday, May 29 through Sunday, May 31. A registration form can be found online at bit.ly/familycamp0415. This form must be completed by Sunday, May 17.

The Senior Highs will be holding a Father's Day bake sale on Sunday, June 21 to raise funds for their July 11–19 Justice Journey. For more information, contact Shelley Donaldson at sdonaldson@fourthchurch.org

Save the date for VBS: August 10–14! Online registration will open June 1.

Music and the Arts

The Fourth Church Choral Society and the Chicago Chamber Orchestra will perform Haydn's *Missa Brevis in B-flat* on Thursday, May 21 in Buchanan Chapel. A \$20 donation will be collected at the door.

Organist Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Dearborn Community Chorus will be in concert this Friday, May 8 at 1:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The annual Center for Life and Learning Art show will open this Friday, May 8 on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center. Students in the Memoir, Watercolor, and Drawing classes will showcase their work from the past year. There will be an open reception at 4:00 p.m. that evening. The art will be on display until Friday, June 26.

A mosaic workshop taught by instructors from the Chicago Mosaic School will take place on Sunday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5G. To sign up, contact Rob Koon at rkoon@fourthchurch.org by Friday, May 15. Italian mosaic artist Verdiano Marzi's "Dal Sogno all'Opus Veritas" is currently on exhibit in the Loggia.

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes continue next Sunday: “The Network Church,” led by John Vest, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G, and “The Politics of Revelation,” led by Claire Rothschild, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D. For details or to register, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy

“Making Peace Possible: The Shared Wisdom of the Human Heart” will be the topic of a presentation by Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche in an event hosted by Shambhala Chicago, the Fourth Church Interfaith Resources Committee, and several of our interfaith partners. It will take place this Thursday, May 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Sakyong Mipham Rinpoche is the head of the Shambhala Buddhist lineage and Shambhala International. Tickets can be purchased at www.peaceinchicago.org

This year’s women’s retreat, “Changing Our Faith Stories,” will take place this Saturday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register, visit bit.ly/FPCPWretreat2015

The Men’s Bible Study will meet next Tuesday, May 12 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible study will meet next Wednesday, May 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

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 3:00 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays with Fourth Church staff in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for this daily opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@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. 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, May 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 1, 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 May 24, June 28, or July 26.

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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