



Gathering

Gathering Music “Blue Train” John Coltrane
“The Ballad of the Sad Young Men” Fran Landesman and Tommy Wolf

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: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: In the private house, in the public place, in the wedding feast, in the judgment hall,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

Leader: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe,
that the powerful might stumble, that the hidden might be seen,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Please note

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Litany of Confession and Affirmation

Leader: Because you made the world, and intended it to be a good place,
and called its people your children; because when things seemed at their worst
you came in Christ to bring out the best in us; so, gracious God, we gladly say:

**People: Goodness is stronger than evil.
Love is stronger than hate.
Light is stronger than darkness.
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Because confusion can reign inside us, despite our faith;
because anger, tension, bitterness, and envy distort our vision;
because our minds sometimes worry small things all out of proportion;
because we do not always get it right, we want to believe:

**People: Goodness is stronger than evil.
Love is stronger than hate.
Light is stronger than darkness.
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Because you have promised to hear us, and are able to change us,
and are willing to make our hearts your home,
we ask you to confront, control, forgive, and encourage us, as you know best.
Then let us cherish in our hearts that which we proclaim with our lips:

**People: Goodness is stronger than evil.
Love is stronger than hate.
Light is stronger than darkness.
Truth is stronger than lies.**

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer, and change our lives until we illustrate the grace of
the God who makes all things new. 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

Psalter Psalm 85:8–13

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Show us your mercy, O God, and grant us your salvation.**

Leader: I will listen to what the Most High God is saying,
for God is speaking peace to the faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to God.
Truly, salvation is very near to those who fear, that glory may dwell in our land.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Show us your mercy, O God, and grant us your salvation.**

Leader: Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Truth springs up from the earth; justice looks down from heaven.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Show us your mercy, O God, and grant us your salvation.**

Leader: God will indeed grant prosperity; our land will yield its increase.
Justice goes before God, and peace is a road for God's feet.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Show us your mercy, O God, and grant us your salvation.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:14–29 (*New Testament, page 38*)

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music "God Hath Not Promised Skies Always Blue"

Annie Johnson Flint and Grace Note Brothers

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

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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 "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power" *Andrae Crouch*

Litany of Prayer after Communion

Leader: Gracious God, for your love for us that is gentle as a shower,
that heals our pain and binds up our wounds:

People: we give you thanks.

Leader: For your love for us that is as sure as the dawn,
that transforms our shadow places and reveals your truth:

People: we give you thanks.

Leader: For your love for us that is mercifully steadfast, that calls us to you and raises us up:

People: we give you thanks.

Leader: For your love for us that encourages questions and is open to doubts:

People: we give you thanks.

Leader: Urge us on, O Christ, to find wholeness through serving you by serving others
in the power of your Spirit until you make all things new.

All: Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song** "We Shall Overcome"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Samme Orwig	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.

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PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
A Light in the City

PASTORAL STAFF

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Jeffrey Doane, Parish Associate for Older Adults
Layton Williams, Pastoral Resident
John Buchanan, Pastor Emeritus

Mission and Outreach

Participants in the Guatemala mission trip depart today. These fifteen individuals will spend a week building houses in the Guatemalan city of Antigua with Common Hope, which serves Guatemalans through programs in education, health care, and housing. Please keep these travelers in your prayers as they participate in the worldwide mission and ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

School supplies are being collected by Presbyterian Women for children associated with the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, Tutoring, and Summer Day programs. For a list of materials and more information about the School Supply Drive, stop by Coffee Hour today or contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.573.3369.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago Ave.) holds volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. A tour of the Farm for new volunteers (required) is held each Saturday at 12:00 noon. For details, contact Stephanie Budd (sbudd@fourthchurch.org) at 312.274.3801.

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, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Worship

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except on Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org

Music and the Arts

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

"Beauty Given by Grace: The Biblical Prints by Sadao Watanabe," an exhibit of color prints by this Japanese stencil artist, will be on display in the Loggia until Thursday, August 20.

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

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 Opportunities

News and Resources

A meeting of the congregation has been called by Session for next Sunday, July 19 following the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the report of the Children and Family Ministry Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, which will be recommending that Fourth Church call Matt Helms to the new position of Associate Pastor for Children and Youth Ministry.

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/contact/nominating_form.html. 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.

Taking Communion to homebound members is part of the Deacon ministry. If you know of Fourth Church members who would like to receive Communion at home, please contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) at 312.640.5448. Those individuals will then be called to ask about setting up a time for the Deacons to visit.

Please take a moment to sign the pew information pad—whether you are a visitor or a member, whether you have updated contact information to share or whether it is the same—so that we might know you are with us.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Children, Youth, and Family

Yesterday Senior Highs and Chicago Lights Tutoring students began their weeklong “Justice Journey” mission trip. Please keep these youth and their leaders in your prayers as they travel, learn, and serve together.

Summer Sunday School (with classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. only) continues next Sunday on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

The early-bird deadline for VBS registration is this Wednesday, July 15. “Hometown Nazareth: Where Jesus Was a Kid” is the theme for this year’s Vacation Bible School for preschoolers through fifth-graders, which will be held the mornings of August 10–14. For online registration, visit www.bit.ly/vbsreg2015

Thursday Family Movie Nights continue next Thursday, July 23 at 6:30 p.m. on the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, in Anderson Hall).

Fellowship

Young Adults gather 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 Layton Williams (lwilliams@fourthchurch.org) at 312.640.5449.

ThirtiesForties’ “Theology on Tap” series begins this Thursday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m. at McCormick and Schmick’s (41 E. Chestnut) with discussion of God as Creator.

Presbyterian Women will gather for a time of “Good News” fellowship next Thursday, July 23 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, call Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.573.3369.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Youth Workforce Development helpers at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Thursdays or Fridays, until August 14; 7:30–11:00 a.m.

Aides for the Consumer Choice Food Pantry at the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Tutors to youth living temporarily in the Cook County Detention center

“Good Neighbors” for daytime street outreach on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays

Summer Farm Camp helpers at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Tuesdays–Fridays, until August 14; 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Summer Sunday School teachers

Ushers for the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services

Book Nook attendants

Classroom assistants, field-trip chaperones, or meal-time helpers for Chicago Lights Summer Day

Current Donation Needs

Children’s books about gardening, science, or social justice for Summer Farm Camp students at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

Yoga mats, new or used

Items for the Urban Farm, including an air-conditioning unit, a folding table, an adult bike, and a two-wheeled moving dolly

Rolling carts, all sizes

Clean blankets

Men’s and women’s seasonal clothes

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

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds at Fourth, a weekly women’s Bible study that is based on a United Church of Christ lectionary-based curriculum, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

The CLL Summer Film Series continues this Tuesday, July 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 4F. Diane Kelliher, a CLL member and instructor, will facilitate a screening and discussion of the film *Wild*. This event is free and open to all 60 and over; all attendees are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch.

The Christian Century Study Group will meet for a film screening this Thursday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4G. All are invited. Those new to the group are asked to RSVP with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Premarital Saturday Seminars offer couples opportunity to learn and practice skills necessary to building a healthy marital relationship. This one-session class, which will meet this Saturday, July 18 in Boyle Conference Room, is also a prerequisite for marriage at Fourth Presbyterian Church. To register, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

Men’s Bible Study will meet next Tuesday, July 21 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Meditation is offered on Tuesday evenings at the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. Details and a schedule are online at www.fourthchurch.org/rc

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, August 10, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, September 14, 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 July 26 or August 23.

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.

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