

Gathering

Gathering Music "Windows" Chick Corea
"Dear Lord" John Coltrane

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 here in your presence, God,
People: in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.
Leader: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
People: and you know by experience what human life is like.
Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts;
People: we come with our hopes and with our fears.
Leader: We come as we are, because you invite us to come,
People: and you have promised never to turn us away.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Come! Live in the Light”

Please note

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Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

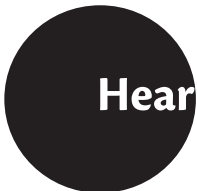
***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As beloved children of God, let us not be strangers to each other, but family 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 111 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

Leader: Hallelujah! I will give thanks to God with my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the deeds of God!
They are studied by all who delight in them.
God's work is full of majesty and splendor,
and God's righteousness endures forever.
God makes marvelous works to be remembered;
God is gracious and full of compassion and gives food to those who revere the Lord;
God is ever mindful of the covenant.
God has shown the people powerful works in giving them the lands of the nations.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

Leader: The works of God's hands are faithfulness and justice; all the commandments are sure,
standing fast forever and ever, wrought in truth and equity.
God sent redemption to the people, and commanded the covenant forever;
Holy and awesome is the Name.
The reverence of God is the beginning of wisdom;
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
God's praise endures forever.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

Scripture Reading

John 6:51–58 (*New Testament, page 93*)

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner



Responding to the Word

Spoken Reflection

*In the silence of your own heart, or in conversation with someone sitting nearby,
take a few moments to wonder what “ingesting Jesus” into all of our lives might mean.
What does that look like in your day-to-day life?*

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music “You Have Me” *Gungor*

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 "God Has Smiled on Me" *Isaiah Jones, Jr.*

Litany of Prayer after Communion

Leader: May Christ's food be in our souls;

People: may our food be shared like his.

Leader: May Christ's life be in our hands;

People: may our lives be shaped by his.

Leader: May Christ's love be in our hearts;

People: may our love be warmed by his.

Leader: May Christ's peace be on our path;

People: may our path follow his. Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
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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News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Milan and the Sour Goat—featuring former Fourth Church Pastoral Resident Edwin Estevez—will perform at this Friday’s free “Music by the Fountain” concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

This is the last week for the current exhibit in the Loggia, “Beauty Given by Grace: The Biblical Prints by Sadao Watanabe,” a display of color prints by this Japanese stencil artist.

The installation of the pipe organ is underway! With the work anticipated to take several months, we look toward celebrating the completed instrument this Advent. In the meantime, you can follow the organ progress online at www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ as well as follow links to photos of the project.

All interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which resume on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. For more information, contact John Sherer at jsherer@fourthchurch.org

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

Mission and Outreach

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 at 312.274.3801.

The World Mission and Social Justice Committee invites individuals to join members of the Interfaith Coalition on Black Lives Matter for a rally, sponsored by the Chicago Alliance against Racist and Political Repression, on Saturday, August 29 at 12:00 noon at the Federal Plaza (Dearborn and Adams).

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Thursday, September 10; Monday, September 14; Wednesday, September 16; Tuesday, September 22; and Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/1N8xdAI

The Chicago Lights “Invest in Our Youth” Challenge matches gifts received between now and October 31, 2015, dollar for dollar in support of Chicago Lights. Gifts can be made by texting [@fourthchurch](https://twitter.com/fourthchurch) and a dollar amount to 52014, online at www.chicagolights.org/donate, or by writing “Invest in Our Youth” on the memo line of your check.

Giving to Fourth Church via text is now live!

Simply text [@fourthchurch](https://twitter.com/fourthchurch) and a dollar amount to 52014.

If you prefer to give online, you can do so by using the “To Make a Gift” button at www.fourthchurch.org

That online option also includes opportunity to set up recurring auto-debits from checking or savings accounts. Of course, there are also offering envelopes in the pew racks!



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

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. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

A 50th anniversary open house for the Center for Life and Learning will be held on Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. All are invited to learn more about the academic, exercise, and fellowship opportunities offered by this program for adults sixty and more. For more information, contact Ashley Elskus at aelskus@fourthchurch.org

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.

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

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

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.

Enrichment

A gong healing meditation, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will take place this Tuesday, August 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The Christian Century Study Group will meet for a film screening this Thursday, August 20 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.

Nadia Bolz-Weber will talk about her new book, *Accidental Saints*—which “demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with scripture together, and tell each other the truth about their real lives”—on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Worship

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

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and 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.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org. They are also available via Twitter (@fourthchicago) and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Clothes washers to wash and dry clothes, on rotation, for a family with a chronically ill child and living in zip code 60618

Tutors for Chicago Lights Tutoring

Coffee Hour hosts

Cooks to prepare supper for residents of a small shelter in Lincoln Park, evenings, 5:30–8:00 p.m., on a sign-up basis

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

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

Grocery shoppers for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and sandwich teams, on rotation

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

Attendants to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service

Current Donation Needs

Box fans

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

Umbrellas

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

Children, Youth, and Family

Have you seen the pictures from Nazareth? This past week was filled with lively learning as preschoolers through fifth graders were transported to Jesus' hometown for Vacation Bible School. Albums of fun photos from their daily VBS adventures are posted online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

There is no Sunday School in August. During that time, families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. Worship folders containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children are available from the ushers. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 13.

Thursday Family Movie Nights conclude this Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. on the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, in Anderson Hall).

Fellowship

ThirtiesForties' "Theology on Tap" (ToT) series continues this Thursday, August 20 at 5:30 p.m. at O'Brien's (1528 N. Wells) with discussion of God as Redeemer.

Cornerstones will meet on Friday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for "Christianity in China," presented by Jack R. Lundbom. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, September 2.

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, September 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 5 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) or go to www.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 August 23 or September 27.

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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