



# Gathering

**Gathering Music** "Talk about a Child That Do Love Jesus" . . . . . Joe Utterback  
"There Is a Balm in Gilead" . . . . . J. Utterback

*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** . . . . . “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

**Please note**

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**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Loving God, we know that you call us to live out our faith each day with acts of generosity and kindness. But we fall short of this ideal. You ask that we love our neighbor as ourselves, but sometimes we are tired or scared. So we restrict our compassion and put up boundaries around care. You desire that we show mercy, especially to those in need, but we can be so self-focused. We might allow our own needs to distract us from even noticing others. Forgive us, O God, and redirect us to follow your lead. 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 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 146 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes.**  
**Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.**

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God, O my soul! I will praise God as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes.**  
**Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.**

Leader: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.  
When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.  
Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help!  
Whose hope is in God, their God;  
who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them, who keeps promises forever,  
who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes.**  
**Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.**

Leader: God sets the prisoners free;  
God opens the eyes of the blind and lifts up those bowed down;  
God loves the righteous.  
God cares for the stranger and sustains the orphan and the widow,  
but frustrates the way of the wicked.  
God shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Hallelujah! Do not put your trust in princes.**  
**Hallelujah! Our hope is in our God.**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 7:24-30 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 40*)

**Sermon** . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner



## Responding to the Word

**Musical Reflection**

**Offertory Music** "Instant Karma" . . . . . *John Lennon*

**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*)

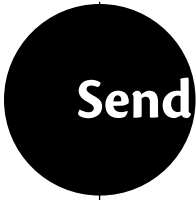
**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

## **The Communion**

**Communion Music** "When Thou Wakest in the Morning" ..... *Traditional and G.M. Taylor*

**Prayer after Communion** (*unison*)

**Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have put your life into our hands;  
now we put our lives into yours.  
Take us, renew and remake us.  
What we have been is past;  
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.  
Lead us on. Amen.**



# Sending

**\*Closing Song** . . . . . "Come! Live in the Light!"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Shannon J. Kershner</b>	Pastor
<b>Hardy H. Kim</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Curtis Evans</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano
<b>John W. W. Sherer</b>	Organist

### 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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### PASTORAL STAFF

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor  
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**Joyce Shin**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life  
**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

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# News and Opportunities

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Sunday School classes** resume next Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Youth** in grades 6 through 12 resume their weekly Sunday gatherings next Sunday, September 13 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Kickoff Sunday**, hosted by children, youth, and their families, is next Sunday, September 13. There will be opportunity for fun, fellowship, and games in the courtyard at 12:00 noon.

**Fourth Church children and youth choir** rehearsals resume next Sunday in Room 4G, with Cherub Choir at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir at 9:45 a.m., and Children's Choir at 10:30 a.m.

**Tunes for Tots** for infants, young toddlers, and their parents resumes next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

**Fall Family Camp** will be Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Save the date!

**Moms' groups** for mothers with children through twelve years old meet weekly. For information, contact Briana Belding-Peck at 312.247.3804.

## Mission and Outreach

**A one-session orientation** for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be offered 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/cltutor2015](http://www.bit.ly/cltutor2015). For more information, contact Fernie Tiflis ([ftiflis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ftiflis@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.981.3381.

**The Care of Creation Committee**, in conjunction with the Alliance for the Great Lakes and the Ocean Conservancy's International Cleanup, is hosting a cleanup of Oak Street Beach on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. RSVP at [www.bit.ly/cleanbeach15](http://www.bit.ly/cleanbeach15)

**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](mailto:sbudd@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.274.3801.

**Fresh produce from the Farmstand** at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) is available on Saturdays through the fall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org) or scan this QR code with any smartphone to learn more.



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## Music and the Arts

**The International Chamber Artists with Patrick Godon, keyboardist**, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** resume this Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**The Fourth Church Choral Society** will perform Mozart's *Requiem* with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All who are interested in singing the *Requiem* are invited to the first rehearsal on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For more information, contact John Sherer at [jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org)

**The installation of the pipe organ** continues, with work being done in the choir loft in preparation for the new console. The temporary electronic organ will thus be on the Sanctuary floor during the remainder of the project. We anticipate dedicating the rebuilt organ on Sunday, November 22. In the meantime, you can follow the project progress online at [www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ](http://www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ) as well as follow links to photos of the project.

## Worship

**Opportunity to walk the labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

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

## Enrichment

**Yoga Nidra**, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held this Tuesday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room.

**Presbyterian Women's Horizons** Bible study will meet this Wednesday, September 9 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

**A 50th anniversary open house** for the Center for Life and Learning will be held this 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 details, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll)

**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”—next Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## Fellowship

**Books by Women** will discuss *Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy, and Making Peace with My Sister's Killer* by Fourth Church member Jeanne Bishop, who will join the discussion, this Tuesday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

**Fourth Dimension**, Fourth Church's fellowship group hosted by individuals fifty and older, will meet this Friday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for “Wrigley Field's Last World Series,” presented by Charles Billington. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.573.3369 by this Wednesday, September 9.

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Assistants** to help lead Junior High youth on Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. worship service

**Drummers** for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle to perform with the Morning Choir at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on occasional Sundays

**Sunday School teachers** at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m., with a partner, on rotation

**Experienced cooks** for the Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Thursdays, 3:00–6:30 p.m.

**Identity Arts program assistants** to work at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Tuesdays, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

### **Coffee Hour hosts**

**Cooks** to prepare supper for residents of a small shelter in Lincoln Park

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

**Audio-video recorders** for the 11:00 a.m. service

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

**Nursery caregivers** on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Box fans**

**Jars of peanut butter**

**Rolling carts**, all sizes

**Umbrellas**

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer](http://www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer)*

## 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](http://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.

**Parking changes** at the 900 N. Michigan garage mean that old validation tickets with the magnetic stripe are no longer valid. Please pick up, instead, a validation ticket with a bar code. These are available at the church reception desk. These tickets are valid on Sundays from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. only.

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

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:** @FourthChicago

**“Get Connected”** through fellowship, education, and volunteering at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 20, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and volunteer activities.

**Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook** to see the latest photos, keep up-to-date on church news, and access resources.

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 September 27 or October 25.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk. The validation tickets with a magnetic stripe are no longer valid. Please be sure to pick up a new validation ticket, which has a bar code.

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