



Gathering

Gathering Music "Have a Talk with God" *Stevie Wonder and Calvin Hardaway*
"Poinciana" *Nat Simon and Buddy Bernier*

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 come to worship God

People: who created this world in love.

Leader: We come to worship God

People: who embraces us all in love.

Leader: We come to worship God

People: who transforms our hearts with love.

Leader: We come to worship God

People: who calls us to transform the world with love.

Leader: Let us worship and let us love.

People: Let us worship and let us love!

* Stand as you are able

*Opening Song "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide - ness
2 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures

of the sea. There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice,
of the mind. And the heart of the E - ter - nal

which is more than lib - er - ty. There is no place where earth's
is most won - der - ful - ly kind. If our love were but more

sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven. There is no place
faith - ful, we would glad - ly trust God's Word, and our lives re -

where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
flect thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of our Lord.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of six systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without.
We long for harmony in our families,
for serenity in the midst of struggle.
We long for the day when our homes
will be a dwelling place for your love.
Yet we confess that we are often anxious,
we do not trust each other,
and we harbor violence.
We are not willing to take the risks
and make the sacrifices that love requires.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.
Rule in our homes and in all the world;
show us how to walk in your paths,
through the mercy of our Savior. 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 family in Christ.
Please stand and greet one another 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 1 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)



ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Happy are they who delight in the ways of Yahweh.**

Leader: Happy are they

who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked,
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of God,
and they meditate on God's law day and night.

They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Happy are they who delight in the ways of Yahweh.**

Leader: It is not so with the wicked;

they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes,
nor the sinner in the counsel of the righteous.

For God knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Happy are they who delight in the ways of Yahweh.**

Scripture Readings

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a. (*New Testament, page 216*)

Sermon "God of the Details" Layton Williams

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music "Nature Boy" *Eden Ahbez*

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

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

Praise God ___ from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God ___ all crea-tures
 here be - low. Praise God ___ a - bove ye heav'n-ly host. Cre -
 a - tor Christ and Ho - ly Ghost. A - - men.

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*

Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.
 Ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly, God of pow - er and might.
 Hea - ven and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in ___ the high - est.

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 "Just Taste and See" *Traditional*

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

O amazing God,
you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life
and our cups with salvation.
Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness
to touch an ordinary, everyday world
with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Song. "We Are One in the Spirit"



1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,



we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,



and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain



And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our



love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Tom Vaitsas, 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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Layton Williams, Pastoral Resident
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News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Handbell Choir rehearsal is held on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

Camerata Chicago, with Grammy Award–winning Sylvia McNair, will perform Gershwin classics this Thursday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at cameratachicago.org

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 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 rehearse on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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.

Mission and Outreach

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be offered on Tuesday, September 22 and Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cltutor2015

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children, is looking for new members. For details, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

A January mission trip to Mexico, led by Tom and Sue Schemper, will engage participants in partnering with local villagers to build rain cisterns to collect drinkable water. Details are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html. Registration is due by November 16. Look for information about other 2016 mission trips on Mission Trip Sunday, October 4.

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.

Have you seen the fun photos of Kickoff Sunday— from pictures of Sunday School classes to dunk-tank action? They, along with images from the 50th anniversary open house of the Center for Life and Learning, are online at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, where you can also find historical photos of our cornerstone celebrations, the anniversaries of which we marked this past week.



News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Confirmation youth and leaders are on retreat this weekend.

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

Youth in grades 6 through 12 gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Fourth Church children and youth choirs rehearse on Sundays 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.

"Mindful Parenting," a series for parents led by Sue Schemper, will be held on Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5E.

Fall Family Camp will be Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11 in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin. Register online at www.bit.ly/familycamp1015

Fellowship

Young Adults meet on Sundays for discussion and fellowship in Room 5A.

Presbyterian Women will gather for a time of "Good News" fellowship this Thursday, September 24 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. The topic will be "What I Believe," led by Judy Watt.

Cornerstones, Fourth Church's fellowship group hosted by couples fifty and older, will meet next Friday, October 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for "U.S. Submarine Illinois Commissioning," presented by Chris Gaines. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton at callerton@fourthchurch.org by next Wednesday, September 30.

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds at Fourth, a weekly women's Bible study, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

"Death over Dinner," a continuation of the Replogle Center's "Dying to Know" Midwinter Conference, will take place this Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Participants will discuss end-of-life issues over an evening meal. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/ddin2015 by this Wednesday, September 23.

"Job: God in the Suffering," a five-week course taught by Mark Eldred, will begin next Sunday, September 27 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B as part of the Academy for Faith and Life adult education offerings. Details about future Academy courses are available in Coffee Hour and on our website at www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Mass incarceration will be the topic of a series of book discussions hosted by the Multicultural Committee. The first will take place on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. Claudia Boatright will lead that conversation about Michelle Alexander's *The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness*.

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 p.m.

This Friday a Taizé service, led by Shannon Kershner, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Members to assist a child with special needs during 9:30 a.m. Sunday School

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

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

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.

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 the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Yoga mats

Jars of peanut butter

Travel-size toiletry items

Umbrellas

Magazines

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

News and Resources

A letter from Joyce Shin was mailed on Thursday to members of Fourth Church, sharing the news that Swarthmore Presbyterian Church, in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania, will be meeting on September 27 to call Joyce as their new Pastor and Head of Staff. The letter is also posted online at www.fourthchurch.org and includes information about a congregational reception we will have for Joyce on her last Sunday with us, October 11, when she will preach at all three morning services. Please join us that day for a time to thank Joyce for her wonderful ministry among us and to wish her Godspeed!

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.

The tree at Michigan and Delaware, which was planted in the mid-1930s and has been dying for the past two years, will need to be cut down later this month, as it poses a safety hazard. A new tree will be planted in its place either later this year or next spring.

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.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

This week we are honored to host Chicago Sinai Congregation as they hold their community Yom Kippur services here in the Sanctuary as they have for several years.

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, October 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, November 2 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 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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