



Gathering

Gathering Music “Hard Times” Paul Mitchell
“Fields of Gold” Sting

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: the one who created the world and called it good.

Leader: We come to worship God,

People: the one who finds us in our suffering.

Leader: We come to worship God,

People: the one who calls us to ease the suffering of others.

Leader: We come to worship God,

People: who holds us in love and transforms our hearts.

Leader: We come to worship God,

People: who calls us to love others and transform the world through love.

Leader: Let us worship, let us love, and let us transform.

People: Let us worship God!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Here in This Place”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**God of love, we long for peace within ourselves.
We long for peace throughout the world.
We long for the day when suffering will be no more in our world.
We long to feel your love in times when we are hurting.
But we confess that we do not always pay attention to your love.
We do not always harbor peace.
We do not always address the suffering of others.
Too often we are afraid to act.
Too often we are afraid to speak up.
Look upon us with favor, Lord.
Ease our hearts and give us the courage to act.
Give us words to speak out against injustice.
Remind us what it means to follow you and to love as you love us.**

(please hold silence)

Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As beloved people of God,
we are meant to be together and to help ease the suffering of those around us.
Let us start with offering peace.
Please stand and greet one another with the peace that is offered to you through 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 22:1–11 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

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: But as for me, I am a worm, not a human, scorned by all and despised by the people.
All who see me laugh me to scorn; they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
“You trusted in God; let God deliver you; let God rescue you, if God delights in you.”
Yet you are the one who took me out of the womb
and kept me safe upon my mother’s breast.
I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born;
you were my God when I was still in my mother’s womb.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help.

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

Scripture Readings

Mark 10:17–22. (*New Testament, page 43*)
Job 23:1–9, 16–17 (*Old Testament, page 446*)

Sermon “The Problem of Suffering” *Shelley Donaldson*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Offertory Music "City Called Heaven" *African American spiritual*

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!**

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 "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed" *Josiah Conder; French and Welsh melody*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Amazing God, you come into our lives in the midst of suffering and you set a holy table for us,
filling our plates with the bread of life and our cups with salvation.
Send us out of this place, God of life, so that we might ease the suffering of others
to touch the world that you have created with the promise of your love. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song.** "Live into Hope"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shelley Donaldson	Senior High and Confirmation Youth Coordinator
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Paul Bedal, piano Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums

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

Music and the Arts

Pianist Ani Gogova will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Mozart's Requiem will be performed by the Fourth Church Choral Society with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

"From the Euphrates to Chicago," a collection of watercolors by Syrian artist Etab Hrieb, is on display in the Loggia. Opportunity for a gallery walkthrough with the artist will be offered after the 11:00 a.m. worship service next Sunday, October 18.

A music trip to Scotland and England in summer 2016 will include a Fourth Church choir concert at St. Giles' Cathedral, where Calum MacLeod is Minister. Those interested in taking part in this tour are invited to pick up a brochure from the literature racks or visit www.fourthchurch.org

As work on the pipe organ project continues, we are preparing to move the organ console into the choir loft. In the meantime, you can glimpse the new console—which is currently protectively stored in Borwell Dining Room—by looking through the Borwell windows from the Walter Family Courtyard.

Fellowship

Young Adults will next meet for discussion and fellowship on Sunday, October 18 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Christian Century Study Groups will gather for discussion on Wednesday, October 21 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Presbyterian Women will gather for a "Good News Fellowship" hour on Thursday, October 22 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

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.

A pumpkin-decorating Family Night will be held on Friday, October 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Give. Grow. Become! The 2016 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights is underway. Materials were mailed to member homes this past week, and pledge cards are available in the pew racks. Information is also available online about how to make your 2016 pledge to support the many ways we live out our call to love and serve: www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

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.

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.

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

Worship

Beginning this Wednesday, October 14, Morning Prayer will be held once a week, on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Walter Brueggemann, world-renowned Old Testament scholar and prolific author, will be our guest preacher on Reformation Sunday, October 25 at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.

A Service of Remembrance, with Communion and Fauré’s *Requiem* sung by the Morning Choir, will be held on All Saints’ Sunday, November 1 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes meet next Sunday: “The Book of Job,” led by Mark Eldred, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B and “Thinking Theologically,” led by Carolyn Roncolato, at 12:15 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Books by Women will meet this Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Midwife of Venice* by Roberta Rich.

Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible study will meet this Wednesday, October 14 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

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, October 17 in Boyle Conference Room, is also a prerequisite for marriage at Fourth Presbyterian Church. To register, call 312.787.8425.

A Grief Support Group for those experiencing significant losses will meet on Mondays, October 19–November 23 from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m. in the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. To register (*required*), call 312.787.8425.

The Monthly Book Club of the Center for Life and Learning, open to all sixty and over, will meet on Tuesday, October 20 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 5B to discuss *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. For more information, call Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

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 5:30 p.m. Claudia Boatright will lead that conversation about Michelle Alexander’s *The New Jim Crow*.

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 for 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

Travel-size toiletry items

Rain ponchos

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

Mission and Outreach

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

A Fall Farm Festival will be held this Saturday, October 17 from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago).

Learn about our Social Service Center (EDSSC) while enjoying soup fellowship with church members! On Sunday, October 25 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., staff will be in Borwell Dining Room to talk about the community outreach work of the EDSSC. Church members will be providing soup, and a \$5 donation will be received at the door to support the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center. For details, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children, is looking for new members. For details, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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.

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope, co-chaired by Cynthia Joho and Elaine Scales, will be Friday, March 4, 2016 at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel. For details, contact Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576).

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 Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, November 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, November 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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 October 25 or November 22.

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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