



Palm/Passion Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music "Morning" *Clare Fischer*
"Ride On, King Jesus" *African American Spiritual*

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.

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.

*Calling Together

Leader: The journey to Jerusalem is long.

All: We make the journey, following Jesus!

Leader: The road to resurrection is painful.

All: We cling to God who gives us hope!

Leader: The path to peace is arduous.

All: God's steadfast love sustains us!

Leader: The highway to justice is not a straight path.

All: If we were silent, the stones would shout!

Leader: We call out to the God of our salvation.

All: Hosanna, Holy One! Save us!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** "Prepare Ye" *Stephen Schwartz*

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Scripture Reading

Luke 19:28–40 (*New Testament, page 78*)

***Song.** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we bring ourselves before you today shouting “Hosanna,”
asking you to save us on so many levels. Surely you have been our rock and our salvation.
Although we have felt lost and afraid, you have been with us.
Although we have given up our voices when we should have spoken, you invite us to change.
You call us to find the truth about ourselves and our world and to speak it.
Strengthen our hearts. Forgive us for all the ways we have failed,
and help us to forgive ourselves. Amen.

Extinguishing the Sixth Lenten Candle

***Kyrie** “Blues Kyrie”

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: God’s love remains even when we turn away, fall away, run away.

People: God forgives and calls us back to the Way that leads to life and peace.

Leader: Be encouraged by God’s grace and empowered by God’s spirit.

People: Let us receive God’s grace. We are blessed, forgiven, loved, and sent into the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***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 each other 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** “Soon and Very Soon”

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Sermon *Nanette Sawyer*

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music “On the Willows” *Stephen Schwartz*

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

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 "Wayfaring Stranger". *Traditional*

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) *Brief Statement of Faith*

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

Responsive Prayer on Christ's Passion

Leader: Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried, and rose again for our sake.
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs. Let us pray:
Christ our teacher, for us you followed the heart of God, even to death.

People: Teach us to boldly follow God's will in all things.

Leader: Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death.

People: Enable us to die with you and to rise with you in glory.

Leader: Christ our strength, you were despised, and humiliated as a condemned criminal.

People: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Leader: Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us.

People: Help us to love one another.

Leader: Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms.

People: Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: grant us peace.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “Were You There”

***Benediction**

Depart in Silence

Worship Leaders

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| Nanette Sawyer | Minister for Congregational Life |
| Jean Marie Koon | Lay Liturgist |
| Layton Williams | Pastoral Resident |
| Lucy Smith Quartet | Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums 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

Mission and Outreach

A Blue Bows Interfaith Prayer Service and press conference will be held on Friday, April 1 at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary in recognition of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, and afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows on our Michigan Avenue trees. To volunteer to tie bows, contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.573.3369.

An orientation session for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J. RSVP online at bit.ly/tutorwinter15

Team Chicago Lights has a limited number of guaranteed entries to award by April 12 for the 2016 Chicago Marathon. Interested in running and making a difference? Contact Kate Solis Silva (ksolis@fourthchurch.org) at 312.981.3564 for more information.

A mission trip to China hosted by Opportunity International will take place October 15–22. Details are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission or on cards in the literature racks. Register online at bit.ly/chinaopp16 by Friday, August 5.

News and Resources

For those 70-1/2 years or older, the IRA Charitable Rollover has been extended. To learn how you might use this opportunity to support Fourth Church and Chicago Lights, call Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, event details, and resources.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Children, Youth, and Family

An Easter experience for children aged five through fifth grade will be held next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Sunday School classes resume Sunday, April 3 at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church Youth gatherings resume Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Eighth graders will be confirmed on Sunday, April 3 during 11:00 a.m. worship.

It couldn't be easier to share your church with a friend: whether it's a thought-provoking quote from a recent sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, an invitation to attend the moving Tenebrae service on Thursday night or the candlelit Easter Vigil on Saturday, or joyful Easter greetings, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) this week. Why not share at least one with friends?



News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

Easter Brunch will be held next Sunday at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets are available at the reception desk today and during the week.

On Maundy Thursday, March 24, there will be a 12:10 p.m. Communion service as well as a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, also with Communion. The Tenebrae service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus.

On Good Friday, March 25, there will be a 12:10 p.m. service and, at 7:30 p.m., a choral service, featuring *Stabat Mater* by Francis Poulenc.

A Good Friday experience for children will be held on March 25 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on March 26 and will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard with the kindling of a fire to provide candlelight to carry into the darkened Sanctuary. Once inside there will be readings from scripture, a reaffirmation of baptismal vows, and the celebration of Communion.

"Im/migration: Stations of the Cross" will be present in Buchanan Chapel until Holy Saturday and offers opportunity for prayer and reflection this Lenten season.

Volunteers are needed to pass out cider to waiting worshipers prior to the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday services. To sign up, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

On Easter Sunday, March 27, a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service will be held at Oak Street Beach, with Hardy Kim preaching. Easter worship in the Sanctuary will be held at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m., with Shannon Kershner preaching, and an Easter jazz service with Communion will be held at 4:00 p.m., with Layton Williams preaching.

Enrichment

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin Sunday, April 3: "Making Social Action Sustainable: Strategies for Spiritual and Psychological Self-Care," with Alison Toback and Christine Vogel at 9:30 a.m.; "Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus," with Reggie Williams at 11:00 a.m.; and "Weaving the Human and the Divine: Stories We Tell about Ourselves," with Tamar Wasoian at 12:15 p.m.

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place on Thursday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. (*please arrive by 5:45 p.m.*). To reserve tickets, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or visit bit.ly/chiseder16 by April 10.

"Aging into Possibility," a conference of the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held on Saturday, April 30 in Buchanan Chapel. For details or to register, visit www.bit.ly/ageconf16

Worship

The next Taizé service will be Friday, April 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week, Monday–Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

On-call aides to help Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests select groceries from the Consumer Choice food pantry.

Sunday School teachers for fourth- and fifth-grade classes during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

“Good Neighbors” for daytime street outreach on Mondays and Fridays

Hosts to serve refreshments during Coffee Hour after worship services

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

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

Physicians, nurses, or pharmacists to serve as medical resources to guests of Sunday Night Supper; Sundays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Dining Room helpers for Monday Night Supper

Nursery caregivers on Sundays at the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Cooks to prepare and serve supper to residents of a Lincoln Park shelter on a sign-up basis

Current Donation Needs

Small women’s Depends pull-ups for a chronically ill child

Men’s and women’s winter clothes

Travel-size toiletry items

Individually wrapped food items for sack lunches

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

Fellowship

Knitting and Crocheting will gather this Tuesday, March 22 at 5:00 p.m. in Room 4J for a time of fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up material.

Cornerstones will gather for “Health and Culture: Russia, Siberia, and Central Asia, 1984–2003: Eyewitness on a NATO Plane” on Friday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by Wednesday, March 30.

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet Wednesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Music and the Arts

Art by Center for Life and Learning artists is in the Loggia until March 22.

The next organ dedication concert will feature organist Paul Carr, from Birmingham, England, on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. Then on Monday, May 16, Aaron David Miller, composer and former Associate Organist at Fourth Church, will present a concert at 7:30 p.m.

The Tallis Scholars will be in concert Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For tickets, visit www.cso.org.

The Fourth Church Choral Society will begin rehearsals for Mozart’s *Mass in C Minor* on Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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, April 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 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 April 24 or May 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.

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