



Seventh Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Gathering Music “Beautiful Love” W. King, V. Young, E. Van Alstyne, and H. Gillespie
“Love Reborn” George Duke

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.

*Opening Responses

Leader: Jesus, you embraced our humanity and took it into the heart of God.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: You clothe human life in great dignity.

People: Alleluia!

Leader: Now we will revere you in all we do.

**People: Help us to reverence you in all we do,
to discern you in every place,
and to love you in each person we meet.**

All: Alleluia! Let us worship Jesus’ name!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”

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Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

High King of the universe,
in you mortal humanity has been raised to life in God.
Yet we confess we often fail to live trusting in the truth of victory over death.
So we pray for ourselves and for our communities,
that you might help us overcome the ways our lives are clouded
and the ways we fail to see you alive in the world.
When we are clouded by fear,
raise us to life in you.
When we are clouded by anxiety,
raise us to life in you.
When we are clouded by our hostility toward others,
raise us to life in you.
Risen Lord, continue to raise us to new life and redeem us. 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 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** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace". *Lucy Smith*

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 97 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: God reigns!

Let the earth rejoice; the many islands be glad.

Clouds and darkness surround God,

righteousness and justice are the foundations of God's throne.

A fire goes before God and burns up his enemies on every side.

Lightning lights up the world; the earth sees it and is afraid.

The mountains melt like wax at the presence of God,

at the presence of God of the whole earth.

The heavens declare righteousness, and all the peoples see glory.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **All worshipers of images are dismayed. Light is sown for the righteous.**

Leader: All who worship carved images and delight in false gods are dismayed.

Bow down before our God, all you gods,

Zion hears and is glad, and the cities of Judah rejoice

because of your judgments, O God.

For you are God, supreme over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **All worshipers of images are dismayed. Light is sown for the righteous.**

Leader: God loves those who hate evil.

God preserves the lives of saints

and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light has sprung up for the righteous,

and joyful gladness for those who are truehearted.

Rejoice in God, you righteous, and give thanks to the holy name.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **All worshipers of images are dismayed. Light is sown for the righteous.**

Scripture Reading

John 17:20–26 (*New Testament, page 105*)

Sermon “Present” *Hardy H. Kim*

Responding to the Word

*Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music “Love One Another”

*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!

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 "Blessed Assurance" Fanny Crosby and Phoebe Knapp

Closing Responses

Leader: Christ came down
All: to lift us up.

Leader: Christ descended to earth
All: that earth might ascend to heaven.

Leader: Christ descended to the dead
All: that the dead might rise to life.

Leader: So may our Lord lift us
All: out of darkness into light, out of despair into hope.

Leader: May our Lord lift us
All: out of sadness into joy, out of failure into trust.

Leader: May our Lord lift us
All: out of anger into forgiveness, out of pride into freedom.

Sending

***Closing Song** “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Janet S. Reed	Lay Liturgist
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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Nanette Sawyer, Minister for Congregational Life
Jeffrey Doane, Parish Associate for Older Adults
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News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

“Making Camino: Reflections on the Journey,” an exhibit of artwork by Janet Krehbiel Pieracci, is on display in the Loggia. For more information about art exhibits at Fourth Church, contact Rob Koon at rkoon@fourthchurch.org

Organist Christopher Henley will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Worship

Next Sunday, on Pentecost, Chicago Lights Dance Academy students will offer a liturgical dance during the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services of worship.

Morning prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to join staff for this daily opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world

Intercessory prayer is held in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests in the box outside Anderson Hall.

Children, Youth, and Family

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room of the Gratz Center.

The last Sunday School session of the school year will be next Sunday, May 15. There will be no Sunday School on Family Camp weekend (May 22) or Memorial Day weekend (May 29). Summer Sunday School (with classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. only) will begin on Sunday, June 5.

“Parenting over Pizza,” a time for parents to connect over lunch, will be held next Sunday, May 15 at 12:00 noon in Room 4G.

Spring Family Camp will be held at Covenant Harbor in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, from Friday, May 20 through Sunday, May 22 and led by Matt Helms and Shannon Kershner. Register online at www.bit.ly/familycamp0416

Save the date for VBS: August 8–12!

A youth-and-family camping trip will be held September 2–4 at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer, Michigan. Registration will be open Sunday, May 15. For details, contact Rocky Supinger at 312.981.4037.

Renowned organ improviser Aaron David Miller will perform the next concert in our organ dedication series. Sponsored by the Chicago Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, this Monday, May 16 concert at 7:30 p.m. will feature works by Bach, Handel, and Gershwin, among others, as well as improvisations by Aaron, who composed the anthems for the organ dedication and for the 9/11 anniversary service.



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Mission and Outreach

“Salad Shares” are available through the Community-Supported Agriculture program for the Chicago Lights Urban Farm. Sign up now for subscriptions beginning June 4. For details, contact Ben Jaffe at 312.252.3597 (bjaffe@fourthchurch.org). The Farm will also host a Plant Sale this Saturday, May 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 444 W. Chicago.

A spring work day to clean the grounds of our sister church, First Presbyterian Church, will take place this Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To register, contact Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 9.

The Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) will be open on Saturdays, starting on May 14, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The World Mission and Social Justice Committee is looking for new members. For details, contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org

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

To join a small, interracial peace circle that engages in dialogue to address racism, please contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org (312.981.3598).

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a women’s Bible study, meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

“Finding the Sacred through Poetry,” an Academy for Faith and Life class taught by Mary Lenox, begins next Sunday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Books by Women will discuss *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee this Tuesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Presbyterian Women’s Horizons Bible study will next meet Wednesday, May 11 at 12:00 noon in Room 4H.

Men’s Bible study will meet Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Christian Century Study Groups will meet next Wednesday, May 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Poetry Workshops from the Graham School of the University of Chicago will be offered through the CLL on Tuesdays, May 17–31 at 1:00 p.m. in Room 5F. Those sixty and over are invited to register with Susan Quaintance at 312.981.3386.

The South Side: A Portrait of Chicago and American Segregation is a new book by WBEZ’s Natalie Moore, who will talk about and sign her book on Monday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Volunteers and Donations

A care team for the summer interns working with our Urban Youth Mission program is being formed. Details are available at www.fourthchurch.org/youth/volunteer.html

Share a special interest or skill with our teenagers! We're looking for adults willing to spend time with our youth one (or more!) Sunday mornings this summer to teach a class about that interest or skill, be it knitting, poetry, movies, science, or . . . For more information or to propose a class, visit www.fourthchurch.org/youth/summer.html

Adult leaders are needed to accompany the youth on their summer mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina, July 9–16. Details are available at www.fourthchurch.org/youth/volunteer.html

Current Volunteer Needs

Summer Day volunteers to work with students in first through ninth grades, June 27–August 4

Gardeners at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago); Saturdays, 12:00–3:00 p.m.

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

Physicians, nurses, or pharmacists to serve as medical resources to guests of Sunday Night Supper

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

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's spring clothes

Household furniture for the Urban Youth Mission program

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

News and Resources

All are invited to a Youth Ministry Lunch and Learn on Sunday, May 22 at 12:15 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. Rocky Supinger and the youth ministry staff will talk about their work, the junior and senior high programs, and opportunities for you to connect with the youth in our congregation through a variety of volunteer opportunities.

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

Be a shareholder in the youth mission trip to Asheville, North Carolina! Stock will be available beginning Sunday, May 15 and will support the youth's mission work this summer. For details, contact Rocky Supinger at rsupinger@fourthchurch.org

Be sure to “like” us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch, where you can find information about upcoming events; favorite quotes from prayers, sermons, and devotions; and photos.

Encore, the annual benefit supporting the work of the Center for Life and Learning (CLL), will be held on Saturday, June 18 at 5:00 p.m. The Chen family quartet will perform in Buchanan Chapel, and a reception in the Gratz Center will follow. Tickets are available online at www.fouthchurch.org/cll

Fellowship

Young Adults gather for discussion and fellowship on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. For more information about Young Adults at Fourth Church, contact Hardy Kim at hkim@fourthchurch.org

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 silence all electronic devices 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, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, June 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, June 11 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 May 22 or June 26.

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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