



Gathering

Gathering Music “Affirmation” Jose Feliciano
“Sing Me Softly of the Blues” Carla Bley

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 the back cover.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Today, listen to what God says: Do not harden your hearts as did your forebears with Moses in the desert, when they refused to trust that God would provide for them. God, who lovingly led them for forty years, said of them:

**All: They refuse to heed my commands.
They are disloyal, and because of this the first generation
will never enter the promised land.**

Leader: Today let us worship before our Maker, who cares for us, whose flock we are.

**All: God’s people were called to strive for the ideal of shalom—
a caring community in harmony with its neighbors, its land, and its God.
To this ideal God calls us still. In our worship today let us pray for our community,
as of old they prayed for Jerusalem.**

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

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Litany for Confession and Renewal

Leader: We confess our communal deeds of wrong which cause ills to fester still.

All: In sorrow we bring these to you and ask you to forgive.

Leader: We confess with shame:

All: the loss in the Church of integrity, humility, and patience,

Leader: the crushing of spontaneity,

All: the caging of the wild Spirit,

Leader: the breaking off of relationships,

All: the bruising of the crushed reeds,

Leader: the arrogance of the intellect,

All: the pride of empire-building.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive us.

**All: We ask God to open our eyes to these wrongs
and to touch our hearts with true sorrow. For this is the path to peace.**

Leader: May the Christ who was imprisoned and trapped on the tree of life,
but who was risen in the morning, forgive us and our forebears their sins,
break the power of the past to imprison our present,
and set the church free to follow its calling on earth.

All: 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 71:1–9 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Don't cast me off in my old age, don't cast me off when I am gray.**

Leader: In you, O God, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Don't cast me off in my old age, don't cast me off when I am gray.**

Leader: For you are my hope, O Most High God, my confidence since I was young.

I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;

from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

I have become a portent to many; but you are my refuge and my strength.

Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.

Do not cast me off in my old age; forsake me not when my strength fails.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Don't cast me off in my old age, don't cast me off when I am gray.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 13:10–17. (*New Testament, page 71*)

Sermon "The Bondage of the Church" *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 "Open Your Eyes, You Can Fly" *Chick Corea and Neville Porter*

***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 "I Love to Tell the Story" *Catherine Hankey and William Fischer*

Closing Responses (*unison*)

Leader: We have been fed by Christ at his holy table.
Now may the Christ who walks with the shoes of peace

All: walk with us on our road.

Leader: May the Christ who serves with healing hands

All: stretch out our hands to serve.

Leader: May the Christ who loves with the wounded heart

All: open our hearts to love. Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song.** “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
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

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a weekly women's Bible study that follows a United Church of Christ lectionary-based curriculum, meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

A gong healing meditation will be offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being this Tuesday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

Men's Bible study will meet next Tuesday, August 30 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP for this meeting (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A screening of the film *The Age of Love* will be offered through the Replogle Center on Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/rcfilm0716. For more information, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

Books by Women will hold its first meeting of the program year on Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. That evening they will discuss *The Lost Tudor Princess: The Life of Lady Margaret Douglas* by Alison Weir. Details are available online at www.fourthchurch.org/education/books

Worship

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

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 to 11:00 a.m.

The next Taizé worship service will be held on Friday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org. They are also available via Twitter (@fourthchicago) and on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch

Recent Fourth Church sermons are available in print format in booklets that can be found in the literature racks.

"Racial Justice and the Vocabulary of Faith"

will be the topic of a Saturday morning program on September 10 in Buchanan Chapel. Hosted by Fourth Church in partnership with Princeton Theological Seminary, this ecumenical conversation will include a panel discussion with Shannon Kershner and Otis Moss III, among others. All are invited to this thought-provoking conversation on the role the church can play in the racial crisis.



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Tuesday, August 30; Tuesday, September 6; Tuesday, September 13; Wednesday, September 14; and Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/chitutor1617

Fresh produce is available at the Farmstand at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and at Horner Park Farmers Market (2741 W. Montrose) on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) holds open volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. For details, call Stephanie Budd at 312.274.3801.

Used bicycles are being collected by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee on Saturday, September 24. For details, call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

Music and the Arts

Vocalist Wydetta Carter will perform the final free “Music by the Fountain” Noonday concert of the season this Friday at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard.

All interested in singing in the choir for 8:00 a.m. worship are invited to Chancel Choir rehearsals, which begin on Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Those who would like to receive *Music Notes*, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to music@fourthchurch.org.

Fellowship

Young Adults gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They also meet for volleyball on August Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach. For more information about Young Adults at Fourth Church, contact Hardy Kim at hkim@fourthchurch.org

To sponsor Coffee Hour in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A night out at Troquet (111 W. Huron) will be offered by the Center for Life and Learning (CLL) this Thursday, August 25 at 5:00 p.m. Those sixty and over are invited to register by calling Susan Quaintance (312.981.3386) by this Tuesday, August 23. Diners pay for their own meals.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group hosted by those fifty and over, will gather for the presentation “Generation Z,” led by Jane Hunt, on Friday, September 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (*required*), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 31.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School and Sunday youth gatherings will resume on Sunday morning, September 11, when we kick off another exciting year of programming for children, youth, and families! For details, contact Matt Helms at mhelms@fourthchurch.org

A camping trip for youth and their families will be held September 2–4 at Warren Dunes State Park in Sawyer, Michigan. Register online at www.bit.ly/youthcamping16. For more information, contact Rocky Supinger at rsupinger@fourthchurch.org

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers to teach during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services

Pianists to play during Children's Chapel at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays

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

GED tutors for staff of the Urban Farm, Mondays–Saturdays

Greeters and ushers for the 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship services

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

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

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

Good listeners and typists to transcribe recorded audio interviews for the Fourth Church Oral History program.

Hosts to serve refreshments at Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings

Current Donation Needs

Men's and women's spring clothes

Cloth ribbon, thread, and washable yarn for Benevolent Guild and Knitting and Crocheting

Travel-size toiletry items

Individually wrapped food items

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

News and Resources

New Stephen Ministers will begin fifty hours of training in September. Those interested in becoming a Stephen Minister are encouraged to complete an application (available at www.bit.ly/stephenminister) and return it to the church office by August 31.

A new Center for Life and Learning program year kicks off Thursday morning, September 8 with the annual CLL open house. Adults sixty and over are invited to explore the many opportunities to take part in classes, exercise programs, and day trips. More details—including opportunities to register for classes and renew CLL membership online—are available at www.fourthchurch.org/cll

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, and more.

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. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for the latest church life and worship information, and be sure to “like” us to keep up-to-date on news and photos!

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

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 Monday, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 3 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 August 28 or September 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.

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