



Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "Firm Roots" Cedar Walton
"Don't Let It Go" Vince Herring

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 sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

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.

*Opening Responses

Leader: Today God makes common cause with our human suffering.

People: We read the scriptures, sing the hymns, feel the feelings of the day Christ died.

Leader: Suffering is not rational. It has no answer.

People: But in the cross God meets us in our suffering.

Leader: From this day forward we know that there is nowhere we can go where God is not with us.

People: God, into your hands we commend our spirits.

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession

Christ, at times we act as if we do not know you;
at times we say of you, “Away with him!”
When we think of those times, we weep
and ask you to forgive us. Amen.

Extinguishing the Fifth Lenten Candle

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world!

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: 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** "Sign Me Up" Kevin Yancy and Jerome Metcalf

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

John 19:1–16a. (New Testament, page 107)

Sermon Nanette Sawyer

Responding to the Word

Lenten Meditation

The Lenten season is a time for self-reflection, deepening spiritual practices, and drawing closer to God, who loves us. Throughout the six weeks of Lent, we are practicing different methods of prayer and meditation taken from the rich history of Christian traditions. Through these practices we seek to embody our faith in community.

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

During this season we are practicing saying some of our prayers out loud before the community. As you consider sharing, remember that you don't need to explain everything about your prayer—simply lift up a few words, or name a person or persons. God will receive the fullness of your prayer without many words, and the community will join our hearts with yours in prayer.

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.**

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

Offertory Music "Pride (In the Name of Love)" U2 and Bono

***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*

The Communion

Communion Music "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power". *Andrae Crouch*

Closing Prayer

Holy One, into your hands we commit this day that we have lived.

Salvage what needs saving in us. Strengthen what is good in us.

Nourish us through communion with you.

And in all things bind us closer to you through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr 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

Lent and Easter

Daily Lenten devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions). They are also posted on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and the church website (www.fourthchurch.org) and are available in printed booklets in the literature racks.

Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday, with the children's palm procession at the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services. The last morning service that Sunday, April 9, and on Easter Sunday begins at 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion services on April 13 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on April 14 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Choral Service) in the Sanctuary. A Good Friday program for children will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Those attending are encouraged to bring bells to make a joyful noise in celebration of the resurrection.

Easter Sunday services on April 16 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship; and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service. An Easter program for children will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4.

Today is the last day for Easter flower contributions in honor of loved ones. Donations toward flowers to decorate the Sanctuary on Easter must be made no later than Sunday, April 2 in order for the names of those honored to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks or online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by contacting Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576).

Reserve tickets for Easter Sunday Brunch, which will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room, at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch17 or with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Fellowship

Young Adults have their weekly Gathering time on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their spring retreat in Michigan will be May 5–7.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for those fifty and over, meets on Friday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. Greg Borzo will talk about his book *Chicago's Fabulous Fountains*, which includes our courtyard fountain. Reservations (*required by April 5*) can be made with Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

My Fair Lady at the Lyric Opera will be a May 9 outing for adults sixty and over. RSVP with the CLL at www.bit.ly/2oi3an4 by Friday, April 7.

Books by Women will discuss *The Nightingale* by K. Hannah on April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Bumpus Room.

Faiths United by Love: "A Time to Break Silence"

This Tuesday, April 4, Fourth Church will host in Buchanan Chapel at 7:00 p.m. an interfaith gathering marking the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. on April 4, 1968, and including reflections on his sermon "A Time to Break Silence," preached fifty years ago on April 4, 1967. All are invited.



News and Opportunities

Volunteers and Donations

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.

Hosts and servers are needed on Easter from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the congregational Easter Brunch.

Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of Sunday Night Supper volunteers to cook (2:00–6:00 p.m.) and serve (3:30–6:00 p.m.) on Easter (April 16).

Tutors are needed one evening a week from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the church to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. Orientation will be held this Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F. RSVP at www.bit.ly/CLtutor0417

For more volunteer opportunities or to sign up, email Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at rcrouch@fourthchurch.org, or visit the website: www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Children, Youth, and Family

Tunes for Tots, an opportunity for parents and children up to two years old to sing together, meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Sunday School for children age three through fifth grade meets on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. Next Sunday, April 9, the second class will meet at 11:30 a.m.

Eighth-grade Confirmation meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A.

Youth in grades 6–12 meet for fellowship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and then gather at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

Youth and their families will go camping Labor Day weekend, September 1–3. For details or to sign up, go to www.bit.ly/youthcamping17

Worship

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to pray for Fourth Church members and those in need.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held Friday, April 28 in Buchanan Chapel.

Mission and Outreach

Please take a minute to tie a blue bow in the Commons. Those bows will be added to the trees outside the Manse this Tuesday, April 4 when we begin our observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month with an interfaith prayer service at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by tying bows to the trees. To volunteer to tie bows Tuesday, email Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org

Chicago Lights Urban Farm Community Plot registration is now available (see www.bit.ly/clfarmplot). Registration is also open for Urban Farm CSA Salad Shares (see www.bit.ly/clcsa2017). Volunteer hours at the Farm (444 W. Chicago) are Saturdays from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create stuffed animals and taggies for children in hospitals and shelters.

Chicago Shares voucher booklets are available by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

The Community Renewal Society will offer a training session on Saturday, April 29 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 5G about advocating for social change. Register by April 10 with Nancy Davis (312.274.3815).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. This week a half-hour introduction to meditation is also offered at 6:30 p.m. For fee details, see www.fourthchurch.org/rc/meditation.html

Two adult education classes meet on Sunday mornings: “Early Christian Worship,” taught by Carol Korak, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F and “Hospitality: The Sacred Art,” led by Nanette Sawyer, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F.

“Faiths United by Love,” an interfaith gathering marking the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

Men’s Bible Study meets Tuesday, April 4 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Horizons Women’s Bible Study meets this Wednesday, April 5 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 4J.

Christian Century Study Group will meet this Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The need for living donors of organs will be the topic of an information session on Sunday, April 9 at 12:45 p.m. in Room 5G.

John M. Buchanan will lead a two-session discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer’s book *Life Together* on Wednesdays, April 12 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

News and Resources

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church and about Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. and is repeated on Saturday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information about meeting with a Stephen Minister is available online and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2017–18 half-day Twos and Preschool classes. For more information or to apply, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2579).

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation and assist with the city’s recycling program.

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Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and share favorite quotes from sermons, prayers, and daily devotions.

Music and the Arts

Clarinetist Bonnie Campbell and pianist

Diana Schmück will present this week’s free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 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 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, April 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 1 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 23 or May 28.

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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