



Gathering

Gathering Music “Three Views of a Secret” *Jaco Pastorius*
“Detour Ahead” *Lou Carter, Herb Ellis, and John Frigo*

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

God sees us and everything changes.

The mind of God is filled with newness at the sight of us.

How full of power is a God like ours?

Ever giving yet full to brimming.

How full of love is a God like ours?

Encountering us, strange as we are, our God loves us,

and keeps us from calamity,

and sends us prophets,

and chooses compassion every time.

* Stand as you are able

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth 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.

***Opening Song** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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Prayer of Confession

It is safe to be angry in prayer.

Our God will hold it. It is OK to confess what feels out of place in ourselves.

Our God is full of grace. And so we pray confidently:

God of peace, we aren't going to let you all the way in. Not tonight. That's too much.

There are parts of us we don't want to talk about. Even with you.

The angry parts of us are too heated.

The sad parts of us are too deep.

The jaded parts of us are too hard.

How could we ever hold these parts of ourselves up to a light like you?

We're afraid the whole vessel will break for what is inside it.

Come with your gentle grace and coax us out.

Our full selves facing your compassionate fullness.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world.

*Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you all.

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*

Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism

Welcome

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 105:37–45 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.**

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

God led out his people with silver and gold;
in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going,
because they were afraid of them.
God spread out a cloud for a covering
and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared;
God satisfied them with bread from heaven.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.**

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

God opened the rock, and water flowed,
so the river ran in the dry places.
For God remembered the holy word
and Abraham, the servant.
So the people were led forth with gladness,
the chosen with shouts of joy.
God gave the people the land of the nations,
and they took the fruit of others' toil,
that they might keep the statutes
and observe the laws.
Hallelujah!

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Sing praise to God, who rescued us from the nations.**

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:10—4:11 (Old Testament, page 811)

Sermon “The Shade God Throws” Alex Wirth

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

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.

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

Offertory Music “Hold to God’s Unchanging Hand” Jennie Wilson and F.L. Eiland

***Doxology** Lucy Smith

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "Lord, We Thank Thee for the Table" *Herbert H. Booth*

Commissioning Greeters

Closing Prayer *(unison)*

Gracious God,

in your fullness we are filled.

In your capacity for change we are changed.

In your self-emptying power we are empowered.

Throw your shade all over us,

and cover us with your compassion,

so we might wake up

to this world turning toward your grace.

Help us turn to and love our neighbor in the turning.

Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Alex Wirth	Minister for Evangelism
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Amr Fahmy, piano

Baptized during worship today

Martin Milo Perlmutter, child of Julian and Monique Perlmutter

Today's commissioning of our Jazz at Four greeters is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

Gordon Addington, Paula Addington, Carol Almashy, Martha Brown, Clark Costen, Robert Crouch, Cary Donham, Lynne Driver, Cathy Flaa, Pamela Greanias, Judy Kerch, Jean Marie Koon, Adrienne Kostreva, Connie Logelin, Tom Mullaney, Barlow Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Eric Olson, Sarah Orwig, Arlene Raine, Roger Wilson, Steve Schlegel

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

News and Resources

Nominating forms are due this Saturday,

September 30 for the offices of Deacon, Elder, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board. Forms are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcnominating and in the pew racks. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry.

This week we are honored to host Chicago Sinai Congregation as they again hold their community Yom Kippur services in the Sanctuary.

“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2018 Annual Appeal, is underway! Information is in the mail to members about the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Please plan to submit your pledge by October 29, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive!

A Stephen Minister is a trained lay person who walks alongside an individual experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour training course for new Stephen Ministers will begin February 3, after which those trained will make a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

Save the date! Our 25th-anniversary Gala of Hope will be held Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel.

Worship

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on both Monday and Tuesday between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and Saturday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Pause 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 with Fourth Church staff for members and those in need.

We gather for worship each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (with Communion), 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and, for Jazz at Four with Communion, at 4:00 p.m.

A Blessing of the Animals service will be held Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

The next candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 27.

Our Communion table cloth contains painted handprints from members of this worshiping community. The handprints are different shades of green—the liturgical color of the Season of Ordinary Time—symbolizing growth and change.

Daily devotions are available via email (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions*); in the literature racks; and at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

1,293 more single-serving snack items by Sunday, October 1!

We have already received 8,707 snacks this month for neighbors in need: thank you!

With everyone's help we can reach our goal of 10,000, which is the quantity of individually packaged snacks (granola bars, fruit cups, chips, etc.) that will be used in September and October in Fourth Church Meals Ministry bag lunches and Chicago Lights Social Service Center emergency snack packs.

Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk.

Music and the Arts

This week's free Friday Noonday Concert will be presented by violinist John Heffernan and pianist Brian Locke at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Fourth Church Choral Society invites all who like to sing to join them on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel for rehearsals preparing music by Bach, Handel, and Vivaldi for a November 10 concert.

The Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

Fellowship

Young Adults are discussing prayer during their weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their Bible study meets on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

A ThirtiesForties Meet-and-Greet Reception hosted by Nanette Sawyer will be held this Wednesday, September 27 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. This is an opportunity to get to know others in their thirties and forties and explore ways of getting connected at Fourth Church. RSVP to Anne Ellis: 312.573.3369.

Women at Fourth will have their monthly gathering this Thursday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. "Different Pathways to Serving Others," presented by Chicago Lights staff, will be the program.

For ways to connect with the community of Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community

Enrichment

Two adult education classes meet on Sundays:

"Martin Luther and the World He Lived In," taught by Claudia Boatright and Laura Sterkel, at 9:30 a.m. and "The Architecture of Faith: Exploring Sacred Spaces," led by Suzanne Morgan at 11:00 a.m.

Men's Book Club meets this Monday, September 25 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room to discuss Elisabeth Rosenthal's *An American Sickness*.

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being will meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room, starting next Tuesday, October 3, with a suggested donation of \$10 per session.

A workshop on how to make fabric art will be led by Vicky Curtiss on Sunday, October 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. No experience is needed. Register by Friday, October 6 in Coffee Hour or online at www.bit.ly/artfabric

Carol Moseley Braun will speak on "Christianity and Capitalism" at a Cornerstones event cohosted with the Academy for Faith and Life Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This program is free and open to the public; no RSVP necessary. Prior to the presentation, Cornerstones, a group of those fifty and older, will host their monthly dinner in Borwell Dining Room. Prepaid reservations for the dinner are required by October 4: contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Linda Loving will talk about her new book, *A New Song to Sing*, which is written for women with breast cancer, at a reception in Anderson Hall on Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

102 new tutors by October 2 to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program one evening a week at the church; a one-session volunteer orientation will be offered on September 26 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room (*to learn more or to RSVP online for an orientation session, go to www.tutoringnvo2017.eventbrite.com*)

Men's clothing for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Shopping bags—large-size, from grocery or department stores—for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth groups and Confirmation meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., with a weekly time for fellowship beforehand at 10:30 a.m.

Choirs for children and youth meet on Sundays in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:00 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

Mission and Outreach

To join a team of volunteers assisting areas hurt by recent hurricanes, contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org

Cheer on Chicago Lights Marathon Team members, including Shannon Kershner, as they run 26.2 miles on October 8! Contact Kate Solis Silva (ksolis@chicagolights.org) by Friday, September 29 for details about joining our cheer team.

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday afternoon, September 26 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Women at Fourth will again join Between Friends in marking this month by tying purple bows on the trees along Michigan Avenue outside the Fourth Church cloisters. Contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) if you can help this Friday, September 29.

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create gifts for hospitalized children.

Produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available at their Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis (ndavis@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 prayer requests will be read by the pastoral staff during the week.

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.

Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

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. Attend Sundays, October 8, November 12, or December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Alex Wirth (awirth@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3399) 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@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 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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