





 Gathering Music
 "James"
 Pat Metheny

 "Calling You"
 Robert Telson

# Greeting

#### \*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Come in to God. Leave your toiling aside.

Let us follow the one who calls us.

Come follow Christ. You have all you need.

Let us follow the one who calls us.

Come hear the Spirit. Transformation awaits.

Let us follow the one who calls us.

Let us worship together in joy.

<sup>\*</sup> Stand as you are able

| *Opening Song | "God Is Calling through the Whisper" |
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#### **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

Son of God, we hear your call,

we know its goodness, and we desperately want to follow.

But, please, give us a minute to pack a bag.

Let us bring the fear that you've made a mistake in calling us.

Let us bring our self-doubt that we're impostors in this holy work.

Let us bring our cynicism that none of this is real. A big joke.

What? Lay all of that down? Leave it all behind? Fine.

Let us just bring our confidence that your grace is enough

to carry us on the journey you call us to.

Let us know that your Spirit goes with us the whole way long. Amen.

#### **Assurance of Pardon**

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

## \*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

Welcome

**Minute for Mission** 

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

#### **ANTIPHON** (unison) For you alone I wait in silence.

For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.
God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold; I shall not be shaken.
In God is my safety and my honor,
my rock of strength, my refuge.

Put your trust in God always, O people; pour out your hearts, for God is our refuge.

#### **ANTIPHON** (unison) For you alone I wait in silence.

Those of high degree are mere breath; those of low estate are an illusion.

On the scales together they are lighter than a breath.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; if wealth increases, set not your heart upon it.

#### ANTIPHON (unison) For you alone I wait in silence.

God has spoken once,
twice have I heard it;
that power belongs to God.
Steadfast love is yours, O God,
for you repay everyone according to deeds.

**ANTIPHON** (unison) For you alone I wait in silence.

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# 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.

\*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!

#### The Communion

# **Closing Prayer** (unison)

Gracious God,
what we leave behind
we pick up in Grace.
What gets lost along the way
gets made up in Peace.
What we shed in the going
will be replenished with Truth.
Amen.



| *Closing Song | . "The Summons" |
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| *Benediction  |                 |

**Sending Music** 

## **Worship Leaders**

**Alex Wirth** Minister for Evangelism

Summer Zhao Lay Liturgist

**Lucy Smith Quartet** Lucy Smith, vocals

Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

**Today's Minute for Mission** is presented by Chris Horsman, co-chair with Sara Pfaff for this year's 25th anniversary Chicago Lights Gala of Hope.

#### 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**

# **Chicago Lights**

# Making a Difference. Changing Lives.

One of the ways that we, as a congregation, live out our call to be a light in the city is through the work of Fourth Church's nonprofit community outreach organization, **Chicago Lights.** 

Through youth development and social services, Chicago Lights provides hope and opportunity to individuals facing the challenges of poverty. It is your support of this Fourth Church mission arm that makes this possible, through—

**The Dance Academy** as it promotes learning and creative self-expression through dance classes taught by professional artists for more than 1,000 students attending under-resourced and underperforming schools in Chicago.

**The Elam Davies Social Service Center** as it helps 1,800 individuals who are experiencing homelessness or who are in transition to gain self-sufficiency through case management, a food pantry, clothing assistance, referrals to other agencies, and outreach.

**Summer Day** as it reduces summer learning loss for 125 students who are at risk of struggling academically and engages them in academic and arts classes, outdoor recreation, field trips, and a dynamic final performance.

**Tutoring** as it matches more than 400 students, living in under-resourced neighborhoods, with caring adult tutors/mentors and provides those students with innovative educational and enrichment resources that promote long-term academic and social success.

**The Urban Farm** as it cultivates a thoughtful and engaged community of youth and adults through educational and economic opportunities, hands-on learning experiences, and access to fresh, local, and sustainably grown produce.

## How can you support the ministry of Chicago Lights?

Make your reservations for the Gala of Hope, a fun-filled benefit at the Radisson Blu Aqua on Friday, March 2 that supports the work of this community outreach program. Participate in the Gala drawing or make a Gala of Hope contribution. Details can be found and reservations made at www.bit.ly/gala-2018



# **News and Opportunities**

# Worship

This Friday a candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Prior to this contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection, there will be a labyrinth available in Anderson Hall for walking between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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

**Sacred Pause** meditation 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.

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

#### Music and the Arts

**The Fourth Church Handbell Choir** will present a concert on Friday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A new exhibition of art by members and friends of Fourth Church is on display this month in the Loggia Gallery.

Fourth Church Organist John Sherer will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

# Children, Youth, and Family

Due today: registration for youth summer mission trips. Details and registration forms are online at ww.bit.ly/youthtrips2018

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

**Youth** gather for fellowship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, followed by youth group meetings at 11:00 a.m.

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

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

# **Fellowship**

Women at Fourth meet this Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. This month's topic will be "Women and Friendship."

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will gather on Friday, February 2 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on "Why Nearby Nature Matters: Brain, Body, and Community." Register (required) by next Wednesday, January 29 online at www.bit.ly/cfpc0218 or contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The Young Adults group for those in their twenties and thirties has their weekly Sunday Gathering time of discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their small group meets for discussion on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse.

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#### **Enrichment**

- "Women of God's Story" is the theme of our Women's Retreat this Saturday, January 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).
- The "Path of Discipleship" Lenten series, with weekly presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, begins Tuesday, February 20. Details are available in the literature racks; registration, which is due by Tuesday, February 6, can be completed online at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2018
- "How the Constant Use of Technology Is Changing Us" will be the topic of a one-day conference hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Saturday, February 24 at Fourth Church. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.
- "Reading Paul with the Protestant Reformers," taught by Stephen Chester, meets Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.
- "Icons: Windows to the Divine," a two-week class with Nanette Sawyer, begins Sunday, January 28 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.
- **Men's Book Club** will discuss *Life* 3.0 by Max Tegmark this Monday, January 22 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.
- **Books by Women** will discuss *Girl in Disguise* by Greer Macallister on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m.
- The January Series of one-hour lectures offered by Calvin College and shown via live video feed at Fourth Church, concludes January 21–23 at 11:30 a.m. in Page Smith: www.calvin.edu/january
- "Jews and Christians: Common Stories, Unique Conversations," a Center for Life and Learning class for adults sixty and over and taught by Susan Quaintance and Hyma Levin, begins Monday, January 22 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.
- A new Grief Group begins Monday, February 5. To sign up (*required*), call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

## **Volunteers/Donations Needed**

#### Greeters for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship

- Leaders for 2018 youth mission trips; deadline is today; details and a sign-up form are online at www.bit.ly/youthtrips2018
- **Single-serving snack items** for Fourth Church Meals Ministry (5,000 items are needed each month)
- Large paper shopping bags for use by guests of the Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry
- **Men's clothing** (all sizes) for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

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).

#### Mission and Outreach

- The Interfaith Coalition Against Racism is offering "Confronting the Moral Crisis of Mass Incarceration" beginning Thursday, January 25 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Chrysostom's (1424 N. Dearborn). See saintc.org/justice for details.
- To sign up for voter registration training, email Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org
- Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, January 23 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up materials.
- **The Benevolent Guild** meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.
- The 2018 Chicago Marathon team for Chicago Lights is recruiting runners. Slots are available on a first-come, first-served. To sign up, contact Lauren Suppes (lsuppes@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3383).

# **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, February 11, March 11, or April 8 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 January 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.