



## Gathering

**Gathering Music** "Oh Happy Day" . . . . . Edwin Hawkins  
"It Never Entered My Mind". . . . . Lorenz Hart & Richard Rodgers

### Greeting

#### \*Opening Responses

*(The congregational responses are in boldface type)*

Call it all out into the open.

**Work it out in the presence of God.**

Whatever afflicts you,

**give it voice,**

name it.

**God hears**

and God knows.

**Let us gather around the Holy One of God.**

Let us worship.

\* Stand as you are able

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*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.*

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### **Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

We've got stuff. Baggage. Demons. Skeletons in the closet. Fears.  
We call them out to you, God, because we know they weigh us down.  
But we can't lay them down alone.  
We need your help but have a hard time believing you want anything to do with us.  
The weight of our stuff makes us believe you could never love us.  
Lift it all, loving God, and bear it all away.  
Let us name it even as you call it out of us.  
Set us free.

### **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*

## **Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism**

### **Unison Prayer**

Holy God, remind us of the promises given  
in our own baptism and renew our trust in you.  
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Welcome**

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 111 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,  
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.  
Great are the works of the Lord,  
studied by all who delight in them.  
Full of honor and majesty is his work,  
and his righteousness endures forever.  
He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;  
the Lord is gracious and merciful.  
He provides food for those who fear him;  
he is ever mindful of his covenant.  
He has shown his people the power of his works,  
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

The works of his hands are faithful and just;  
all his precepts are trustworthy.  
They are established forever and ever,  
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.  
He sent redemption to his people;  
he has commanded his covenant forever.  
Holy and awesome is his name.  
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;  
all those who practice it have a good understanding.  
His praise endures forever.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **With my whole heart I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord, I thank you, Lord.**

## Scripture Reading

Mark 1:21–28 . . . . . (New Testament, page 33)

**Sermon** “Working It Out” . . . . . 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, pledges, and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

**Offertory Music** “If I Had a Hammer” . . . . . Peter Seeger and Lee Hays

**\*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** "Fill My Cup" . . . . . *Isaiah Jones Jr.*

### Closing Prayer *(unison)*

**Imagine the capacity we have:**

**for love,**

**for transformation,**

**for justice,**

**for hope.**

**Imagine the capacity we have**

**as we trust God with our full selves.**

**Amen.**

# Sending

**\*Closing Song.** . . . . . “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

## \*Benediction

### Sending Music

## Worship Leaders

<b>Alex Wirth</b>	Minister for Evangelism
<b>Nanette Sawyer</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Clark Costen</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

## Baptized during worship today

Chandler Thomas Paul, child of Justin and Johanna Paul  
Winston Paul Gerard Smith, child of Eamon and Lydia Smith

## 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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**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
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## News and Opportunities

### Worship

**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 as a time to join staff in prayer for Fourth Church members and those in need.

**The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel** is available to walk this week on Mon. (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.), Tues. (7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), Wed. (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), and Sat. (8:00 to 10:00 a.m.).

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

**The next candlelit Taizé service**—a contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection—will be held during Lent, on Friday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

### Lent

**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 can be completed online ([www.bit.ly/fpcpod2018](http://www.bit.ly/fpcpod2018)), is due by Tuesday, February 6.

**To receive Lenten devotions** daily via email sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)

**Ash Wednesday services** with Communion and imposition of ashes will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14.

### Enrichment

**“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 next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

**“Icons: Windows to the Divine,”** a class with Nanette Sawyer, meets next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

**“Conversations on Ministry,”** a time for informal dialogue with Fourth Church ministers to explore the topic of God’s call to ministry and Christian discipleship, begins next Sunday, February 4 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room with Rocky Supinger and Judith Watt.

**A meditation group** hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Those who would like to stay for a time of discussion afterwards are invited to do so.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Girl in Disguise* by Greer Macallister on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

### Help Score a Victory in the Souper Bowl of Caring!

Next Sunday, please bring cans of soup or nonperishable food items to contribute to the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, a national effort to alleviate hunger. The canned goods and monetary contributions collected by our youth next Sunday will go to support our ministries of providing food and meals for our guests who are hungry.



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**A new Grief Group** begins next Monday, February 5. To sign up (*required*), call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

**The Annual Meeting of the Congregation** will be held on Sunday, February 11 at 12:00 noon and will include the election of new officers. A congregational lunch will follow.

**Inquirers' Class** provides opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which is a prerequisite for membership—will next be offered on Sunday, February 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon 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.

## Music and the Arts

**An exhibition of art by members and friends** is on display in the Loggia Gallery.

**Chicago Ensemble** will be in concert this Tuesday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Ticket information is available online at [www.thechicagoensemble.org](http://www.thechicagoensemble.org)

**The Chicago Recorder Quartet** will present this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

## Children, Youth, and Family

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

**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.

**Sunday School** meets at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**Youth** meet for fellowship on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. At 11:00 a.m. Junior Highs meet in Room 4G; Confirmation in Room 5A; and Senior Highs in Bumpus.

## Fellowship

**Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and over, will gather this 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 this Wednesday, January 29 online at [www.bit.ly/cfpc0218](http://www.bit.ly/cfpc0218) or contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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.

**For ways to connect with the community** of Fourth Church, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/community](http://www.fourthchurch.org/community)

### Mission and Outreach

**Tickets for the 2018 Gala of Hope** are available online ([www.bit.ly/gala-2018](http://www.bit.ly/gala-2018)), where you can also enter the Gala drawing (*winner need not be present at the Gala*) or make a donation to support our outreach work through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. This Friday, March 2 benefit will again be held at the Radisson Blu Aqua.

**The Interfaith Coalition Against Racism**, of which Fourth Church is a member, is hosting a film viewing, with discussion, of *Islamophobia in the USA*, on Sunday, February 4 at 3:00 p.m. at the Downtown Islamic Center (231 S. State). RSVP at [www.bit.ly/icarfilmfeb4](http://www.bit.ly/icarfilmfeb4)

**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 (312.981.3383; [lsuppes@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lsuppes@fourthchurch.org)).

### Volunteers/Donations Needed

**Tutors** to work one-to-one with Chicago Lights Tutoring students one evening a week at the church; more tutors are needed so we can partner with additional students from the South Side

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

**Men's clothing** (*all sizes*) for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

**Large paper shopping bags** for use by guests of the 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](mailto:rcrouch@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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:awirth@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3399) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 February 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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