



Second Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "I Wish I Knew How It Would Feel to Be Free" . . . William Taylor and Dick Dallas
"Hear the Words She Cannot Say". Lucy Smith

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Friends, the God of hope is calling,
offering refreshment to those who are weary and heavy laden.

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Friends, the God of peace is calling, offering tender words of comfort to those in distress.

**Come children, how often I have longed to gather you together
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings.**

Friends, the God of love is calling, offering friendship and communion to those who feel alone.

**Come everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;
and you that have no money, come buy and eat without money and without cost.**

Friends, come, God is calling us to worship. It is an offer too irresistible to refuse.

* 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** “We’ve Come to Worship You”

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One,
We confess the ways we put you in boxes.
We package you up saying you’re a God for all,
but live like you’re only for some.
We work for justice, but carry guilt taking care of ourselves.
We focus on ourselves, and forget to work for justice.
God, we get trapped in the dichotomies of our world that end up violating
our humanities and missing the beauty of your collective justice and healing—
your hope for wholeness in this world.
Open our minds God,
push us into thresholds that help us pause on the fullness of your vision.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

***Kyrie** “Blues Kyrie”

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

Welcome

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 34:11–22 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I will make my boast in the Lord, I make my boast in the Lord.**

Let the humble hear, let the humble hear.

Come, children, and listen to me; I will teach you the fear of God.

Who among you loves life and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

Keep your tongue from evil speaking and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I will make my boast in the Lord, I make my boast in the Lord.**

Let the humble hear, let the humble hear.

The eyes of God are upon the righteous, the ears of God are open to their cry.

The face of God is against those who do evil,

to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and God hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

God is near to the brokenhearted and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, but God will deliver them out of them all.

God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

God ransoms the life of servants, and none will be punished who trust.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I will make my boast in the Lord, I make my boast in the Lord.**

Let the humble hear, let the humble hear.

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:32–52 (New Testament, page 44)

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus through the Gospel of Mark Abbi Heimach-Snipes

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 "Saving Grace" Bob Dylan

***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 "Just As I Am" *William B. Bradbury and Charlotte Elliott*

Closing Prayer *(unison)*

God, we thank you for the inspiration of Jesus.

**Grant that we will love you with all our hearts, souls, and minds,
and love our neighbors as we love ourselves, even our enemy neighbors.**

**And we ask you, God, in these days of emotional tension,
when the problems of the world are gigantic in extent and chaotic in detail,
to be with us in our going out and our coming in,
in our rising up and in our lying down,
in our moments of joy and in our moments of sorrow,
until the day when there shall be no sunset and no dawn. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song.** “We Shall Overcome”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Martha Brown	Lay Liturgist
Musicians	Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, percussion Amr Fahmy, piano Holly McGuire, vocals

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

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 Monday and Tuesday (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Music and the Arts

The exhibition of art by members of Fourth Church that is on display in the Loggia closes this Tuesday, February 27.

Harpist Katherine Ventura will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Holy Week and Easter

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, March 18 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).

Lent

Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available via email (sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); daily at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as fourthchurch.org; and in printed booklets in the literature racks.

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation, will take place on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai (*located at 15 W. Delaware; please arrive by 5:45 p.m.*). For tickets (*required*), sign up at www.bit.ly/seder2018 or call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by February 28.

A contemplative Lenten retreat will be held at Fourth Church on Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Cosponsored by the Fourth Church Spiritual Formation Council and Urban Village Church, the retreat will be facilitated by Teresa Pasquale Mateus of Mystic Soul Project. Registration is required and can be completed at www.bit.ly/lentretreat18

A candlelit Lenten Taizé service—a contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection—will be held Friday evening, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Gala of Hope registration closes this Monday!

Don't miss the festivities this Friday evening in support of our life-changing outreach work through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being! Tickets—including those for the "Windy City Escapade" drawing (*the winner need not be present at the Gala to win*)—are available online at www.bit.ly/gala-2018



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Men's Book Club will discuss *Republic Lost* by Lawrence Lessig this Monday, February 26 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room.

Books by Women will discuss *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family* by Amy Ellis Nutton on Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Men's Bible Study next meets Tuesday, March 6 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Two new adult education classes begin next Sunday morning, March 4: "Conversations about Palestine and Israel" at 9:30 a.m. with Nanette Sawyer and Dirk Ficca and "Celtic Spirituality" at 11:00 a.m. with Vicky Curtiss.

A meditation group offering "silence in community" is hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A time of discussion follows for those interested.

"Better Living Toolkit," a Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being workshop offering simple tools to deal with what life throws at us, will be Saturday, March 3 at 10:00 a.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Register (*required*) online at www.bit.ly/toolkit0318

Children, Youth, and Family

TED Talks for Parents meets next Sunday, March 4 at 9:30 a.m. in the Loft.

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.

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.

Fellowship

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

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

News and Resources

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will next be offered on Sunday, March 11 and is a prerequisite for membership—meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Those attending the class are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

Mission and Outreach

Knitting and Crocheting has its next monthly gathering this Tuesday, February 27 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 yarn. Completed items are donated to children and families in shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

The Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. *(No sewing experience necessary.)*

The 2018 Chicago Marathon team for Chicago Lights is recruiting runners. Slots are available on a first-come, first-served basis. To sign up, contact Lauren Suppes (312.981.3383; lsuppes@fourthchurch.org).

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).

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Greeters for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship

Show Ministry greeters (*men*) for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

Tutors to work one-to-one with Chicago Lights Tutoring students one evening a week at the church; orientation will be March 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Someone to help an older member (*who lives near the church*) get to and from Sunday morning worship

Individually packaged snack items for Meals Ministry Bag Lunches and Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

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).

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" or "T-coil" 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, 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, March 11, April 8, or May 13 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org; 312.274.3815) 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 March 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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