



Third Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "Actual Proof" *Herbie Hancock*
"The Calling" *Pat Metheny*

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

God of the ages, we sing your praises in the vineyards of our lives.

Tend the garden of our love.

Where we have become ragged and wild, prune us in the way we should grow.

Nurture the soil of our hope.

Let your hand be upon us, leading us to Jesus, the perfecter of our faith.

Heal the roots of our faith.

Bring us rain in drought, shade in scorching heat, and protection in the wilderness.

Protect the growth of our spirit.

* 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.

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, you have given us life, each other, and a beautiful planet on which to live.

Forgive us when we fail to receive these great gifts with gratitude.

Forgive us when we disrespect our own bodies, turn away from community,
and damage the earth through our lack of attention or our grasping for more.

Protect our hearts from evil; recover us from greed.

When we get lost in our concerns for our own well-being
and forget the needs of our neighbors, forgive us.

When we lose our self-respect and surrender to hostility,
when we become what we fear and hate, forgive us.

Have mercy on us. Heal us. Change us. Draw us close to you.

***Kyrie** “Blues Kyrie”

Extinguishing the Third Lenten Candle

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the 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** "Sign Me Up" *Kevin Yancy and Jerome Metcalf*

Welcome

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 86:1–13 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Bow down your ear, O God; answer me, for I am poor and in misery.
Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; save your servant who trusts in you.
Be merciful to me, O God, for you are my God; I call upon you all the day long.
Gladden the life of your servant, for on you, O God, I set my hope.
For you, O God, are good and forgiving, and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
Give ear, O God, to my prayer; heed my plea for mercy.
In the time of my trouble I call upon you, for you will answer me.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your faithful one.**

Among the gods there is none like you, O God, nor anything like your works.
All the nations you have made will come and worship you, O God, and glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.
Teach me your way, O God, I will walk in your truth;
knit my heart to you that I may fear your name.
I will thank you, O God, my God, with all my heart and glorify your name forevermore.
For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Give your strength to your servant, and save the child of your faithful one.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 12:1–12 (New Testament, page 45)

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus through the Gospel of Mark. *Nanette Sawyer*

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 "Standing on the Promises". *R. Keslo Carter*

***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 "I Love to Tell the Story" *Catherine Hankey and William Fischer*

Closing Prayer *(unison)*

**God, through your grace you have drawn us close to you
and placed us in community with each other.**

You have nourished us at your table and filled us with life.

Thank you for your healing ways.

**Send us now into the world
and use us to share your grace and love
with all those we meet. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song.** “Take My Life”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

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| Nanette Sawyer | Associate Pastor |
| Abbi Heimach-Snipes | Pastoral Resident |
| Kathi Rodak | 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

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.

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.

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.).

Holy Week and Easter

Easter Sunday Brunch for families and individuals of all ages will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room on April 1. Tickets are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch18 or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Palm/Passion Sunday, with the children's palm procession at the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services, is Sunday, March 25. Please note that the last morning service that day and on Easter Sunday, April 1 begins at 11:30 a.m.

Music and the Arts

Art by Center for Life and Learning members is on display in the Loggia Gallery, celebrating the creativity of those participating in our weekday programming for adults sixty and over.

Mezzo-soprano Tracy Watson will present this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Morehouse College Glee Club, whose 107-year history includes singing at the funeral of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will present a free concert Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter flowers in memory and honor of loved ones

Make gifts toward our Easter flower Sanctuary decorations in honor of loved ones and have their names listed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions can be made by using the flower cards available in the literature racks, online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576). *Donations must be received by Sunday, March 18 in order for the names to printed.*



News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

A Family Night magic show with dinner will be Friday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Sunday School children will be joining us in worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. next Sunday, March 11. They will sit with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when they will leave with their teachers for Sunday School.

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 do not meet on Sunday, March 11, but will resume on Sunday, March 18 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.

News and Resources

Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, March 11. Be sure to set your clocks ahead an hour this coming Saturday night!

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.

Enrichment

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

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study meets Wednesday noon, March 14 in Room 5H.

"Conversations about Palestine and Israel: Bridging Divisions," an adult education class led by Nanette Sawyer and Dirk Ficca, meets Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

"Celtic Spirituality," a class led by Vicky Curtiss, meets Sunday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5D.

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.

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.

Men's Breakfast meets this Saturday, March 10 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room for a program by Dominic Barrington, Dean of Saint James Cathedral.

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

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

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Greeters for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship

Shower 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 this Monday, March 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Social Service Center volunteers; orientation will be March 15 at 3:00 p.m.

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

Individually packaged snack items (*5,000 per month*) for Meals Ministry Bag Lunches and Sunday and Monday Night Suppers; particularly needed are fruit snacks, such as fruit or applesauce cups

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).

Mission and Outreach

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).

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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