



Gathering

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering Music "Firm Roots" Cedar Walton
"Don't Let It Go" Vince Herring

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

In the loving of neighbor and the sharing of love,

together we shall go on.

In the celebration of life and the sharing of that life together,

together we shall go on.

In the caring of the earth and the sharing of her harvest,

together we shall go on.

In the variety of people and the sharing of our talents,

together we shall go on.

In the laughter we make and the sharing of the journey,

together we shall go on.

In the love of this community and the sharing of our faith,

together we shall go on.

* 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** “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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Prayer of Confession

God of rainbows and puddles, lover of snow showers and clear blue skies,
we confess to you and to one another
the many ways we fail to live the lives you want for us.

We make ourselves busy with many things
and neglect to listen to your voice.

All too often we see the worst in the world around us
and look past your signs of hope.

We are quick to voice our dissent with one another
and refuse to see your face in the persons with whom we disagree.

We focus on our own hurts, anger, and disappointments
and close our hearts to your transforming grace.

O Holy Light of the world,
forgive us, redeem us, heal us. Amen.

***Kyrie** "Blues Kyrie"

Extinguishing the Fifth 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 102:12–25 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **My days pass away like smoke, but you endure through the generations**

But you, O God, endure forever, and your name from age to age. You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to have mercy upon her; indeed, the appointed time has come. For your servants love her very rubble and are moved to pity even for her dust. The nations shall fear your name, O God, and all the rulers of the earth your glory. For God will build up Zion, and glory will appear. God will look with favor on the prayer of the homeless and will not despise their plea.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **My days pass away like smoke, but you endure through the generations**

Let this be written for a future generation, so that a people yet unborn may praise God. For God looked down from the holy place on high, beheld the earth from the heavens, to hear the groan of the captive, to set free those condemned to die, that they may declare in Zion the Name of God and praise in Jerusalem; when the people are gathered together, and the nations also, to serve God.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **My days pass away like smoke, but you endure through the generations**

God has brought down my strength before my time and shortened the number of my days; and I said, "O my God, do not take me away in the midst of my days; your years endure throughout all generations." In the beginning, O God, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hand.

Scripture Reading

Mark 13:1–8, 24–37 (New Testament, page 47)

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 "Pride (In the Name of Love)" *U2 and Bono*

***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 "The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power". *Andrae Crouch*

Closing Prayer *(unison)*

Holy God,

open our hearts to the nourishment you offer us through this sacred meal

and through the outpouring of your love.

Light the path in front of us,

and guide us to carry your grace and blessing into the world. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Jamie Murphy	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

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

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

A time of Lenten prayer and meditation, rather than the monthly hosted labyrinth walk, will be offered in the Hospitality Suite, just off Buchanan Chapel, this Friday, March 23 between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m., just prior to the Taizé service.

The One Great Hour of Sharing offering that is received throughout Lent supports Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; and Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Self-Development of People, and Hunger Programs. Gifts can be made using the envelopes in the pew racks; by writing “Lenten Offering” on a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church; or at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving

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.

Holy Week and Easter

Next Sunday is Palm/Passion Sunday, with a children’s palm procession at both the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services. *Please note: the last morning service on that Sunday, March 25 and also on Easter Sunday begins at 11:30 a.m.*

Maundy Thursday Communion services on March 29 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on March 30 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (the latter is a choral service featuring Domenico Scarlatti’s *Stabat Mater*) in the Sanctuary. A program for children will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Good Friday Walk in the Cabrini-Green neighborhood with fellow members of Near North Ministry Alliance will be held Friday, March 30 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., starting at Seward Park (375 W. Elm).

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

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on March 31 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday services on April 1 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship; and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service. An Easter program for children will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4.

Today is the last day to make Easter flower gifts in memory or honor of loved ones and have their names listed in the Easter bulletin. Contributions toward our Easter flower Sanctuary decorations can be made by using the 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

The Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2018–19 early childhood programs, including a tot-and-parent class, a three-morning preschool class, and an extended-day option. Space is also available for June 5–8 and June 11–14 summer programs. For details, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org).

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

Youth gather for fellowship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

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.

News and Resources

Earth Hour is this Saturday from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., a time when we will join others around the world in turning off nonessential lighting as an expression of our commitment to care for God's creation.

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will next be offered on Sunday, April 8 and is a prerequisite for membership—meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in Room 5G. On April 8 the class will also attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service together.

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, March 20 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

"Religion within the Bounds of Mere Reason," a class led by Claire Pearson and using Immanuel Kant's 1793 work *Religion within the Limits of Reason Alone*, begins next Sunday, March 25 at 9:30 a.m. in 5D.

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

Fellowship

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

Men's Book Group will discuss *Provenance: How a Con Man and a Forger Rewrote the History of Modern Art* by Salisbury and Sujo this Monday, March 26 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Books by Women will discuss *The Secrets of Wishtide* by Kate Saunders on Tuesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Women at Fourth has their March gathering—a presentation on "Shattering the Stained-Glass Ceiling: Women in Worship"—this Thursday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Cornerstones, a group for those fifty and over, will gather Friday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for dinner and a program on "The Status of Cannabis in Illinois," presented by Joseph Wright, the state's first director of medical cannabis. Register (*required*) by Wednesday, April 4 online at www.bit.ly/cfpc0418 or contact Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Music and the Arts

Organist Grant Wareham will present this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Those interested in singing with the Fourth Church Choral Society for their spring concert featuring Baroque music from the Bolivian rainforest are invited to Thursday evening rehearsals, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., beginning April 5.

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.

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.*)

Knitting and Crocheting meets Tuesday, March 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 materials.

Used bicycles, bicycle parts, helmets, and jerseys will be collected on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. here at the church. The bicycles will be repaired by Working Bikes and then sent to those in need in Africa and Central America.

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

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

Easter Brunch volunteers to set up, serve, and host the congregational brunch Sunday, April 1 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Servers to offer cider to those waiting in Easter worship lines Sunday, April 1 from 8:00 to 9:10 a.m. or 10:00 to 11:10 a.m.

Jazz at Four greeters for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship

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

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).

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

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, April 8, May 13, or June 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. On April 8, the class will worship together at the 11:00 service. 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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