



Gathering

Palm/Passion Sunday

Gathering Music "Morning" *Clare Fischer*
"Ride On, King Jesus" *African American spiritual*

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Blessed is the one.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Blessed is the one who comes in the name of Chicago's poor; in the name of the sick and suffering in our hospitals; in the name of the searching on Michigan Avenue; in the name of the hungry and the thirsty awaiting a meal; in the name of the prisoners in the Cook County Jail. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming realm of God.

Blessed is the coming end to wars in the Middle East; blessed is the coming end to gun violence; blessed is the coming end to poverty; blessed is a planet fully alive.

Blessed is the end of injustice, greed, and unaccountability.

Blessed is the coming end of debt; blessed is the coming end of fear; blessed is the coming end to death.

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* 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.

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Mark 11:1–11 (*New Testament, page 44*)

***Opening Song** “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

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Prayer of Confession

Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

I am here.

Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

I am here.

Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

I am here.

Disciples, whose devotion changed to desertion, where are you?

We are here.

Men and women of Jerusalem, whose cries moved too quickly
from "Hosanna" to "Crucify," where are you?

We are here.

(Please hold silence.)

Faithful God, it is true. We promise to be faithful, but we fall away.

We betray you; we deny you; we forsake you; we desert you; we are afraid.

But we are here. And so we ask you to take who we are and transform us by your grace. Amen.

***Kyrie** "Blues Kyrie"

Extinguishing the Sixth 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

Scripture Reading

Mark 14:3–9. (New Testament, page 48)

Homily Shannon J. Kershner

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 "On the Willows" *Stephen Schwartz*

***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

***Song** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

The Passion of Jesus Christ

Silent Meditation

Sending

***Closing Music** “Were You There”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Clyde Yancy	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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Holy Week and Easter

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

Devotions for Holy Week and Easter are available daily at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as fourthchurch.org; via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); and in booklets in the literature racks.

On Maundy Thursday, March 29, there will be a 12:10 p.m. Communion service and a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, also with Communion. The 12:10 p.m. service will include opportunity for those who are interested to participate in foot or hand washing. The evening Tenebrae service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus.

A Good Friday program for children will be held March 30 at 5:30 p.m. in the chapel.

On Good Friday, March 30, Rocky Supinger will preach at the 12:10 p.m. service. The 7:30 p.m. choral service, sung by the Morning Choir, will feature Domenico Scarlatti’s *Stabat Mater*.

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

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on March 31, beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard with the kindling of a fire to provide candlelight to carry into the darkened Sanctuary. As Easter draws near, the Sanctuary light increases and we reaffirm our baptismal vows and celebrate the Lord’s Supper.

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 our 4:00 p.m. Easter jazz service. An Easter program for children will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4.

Our Easter Brunch for all ages—with a menu of ham, bacon, waffles, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fresh fruit, Danish, orange juice, and hot coffee and tea—will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room on Easter Sunday, April 1. Tickets are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcbunch18 or by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

It couldn’t be easier to share your church with a friend:

whether it’s a thought-provoking quote from a recent sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, an invitation to attend the moving Tenebrae service on Thursday night, or joyful Easter greetings, you will find all on our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) this week.

Why not share at least one with friends!



News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Expanded nursery care will be available on Easter Sunday for infants and toddlers, with the nursery open from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. that day.

On Easter Sunday, children will enjoy an Easter program and activities at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

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).

News and Resources

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.

Lucy Forster-Smith will be installed as our Senior Associate Pastor for Leadership Development and Adult Education on Sunday, April 8 during the 11:00 service.

The congregational pancake breakfast to raise funds for the youth's 2018 mission trips will be Sunday morning, April 15.

Enrichment

Men's Bible Study next meets on Tuesday, April 3 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*, resumes on Sunday, April 8 at 9:30 a.m. in 5D.

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.

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.

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).

Fourth for Bridge will gather on Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. at a member's home. For details, call Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

Music and the Arts

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 guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center is on display in the Loggia through Thursday, April 12.

Mission and Outreach

Knitting and Crocheting meets this coming 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.

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.*)

A Blue Bows Prayer Service will be held Thursday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. Afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows outside the church as part of our Child Abuse Prevention Awareness efforts. To volunteer, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

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

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.

We will be live streaming the Easter 11:30 a.m. service for those who are unable to be with us or who want to share the service with those who are out of town. The live stream will be online at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (and also accessible at www.fourthchurch.org), where it will be viewable in the days afterwards as well.

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 (Room 5G) or May 13 or June 10 (Page Smith Room) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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 April 22 or May 27.

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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