
A special word of welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morning! For more information about Fourth Presbyterian Church, please contact Joe Morrow (312.981.3399; member@fourthchurch.org).

Following this service at the beach, all are invited to the Randolph Room at Fourth Church (the church is on Michigan Avenue, between Chestnut and Delaware) for a continental breakfast. Please enter the glass doors at 126 E. Chestnut, a half-block west of Michigan Avenue.

We invite you to worship with us again!

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Communion

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (*on Easter Sunday, 11:30 a.m.*)

4:00 p.m. Jazz Service with Communion

Fourth Friday of the Month

(*including this Friday, April 26*)

7:30 p.m. Prayer service in the style of Taizé

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth is available prior to Taizé, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Participating in this Service

JUDITH L. WATT, *Associate Pastor*

LUCY FORSTER-SMITH, *Senior Associate Pastor*

ROBERT CROUCH, *Lay Liturgist*

KAT EVANS, *Lay Liturgist*

MEMBERS OF TOWER BRASS, *Fourth Church's brass ensemble*

COLE SEATON, *Vocalist*

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PRELUDE

Rigaudon *André Campra; arr. Robert King*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Stones of fear are rolled away! Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Doubts are affirmed. Questions are allowed! Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Gone ahead of us, Christ calls us on the path of liberation!
Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Against all odds, we practice hope for life over death!
Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen indeed!**

HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

1. Jesus Christ is risen today—Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day—Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross—Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing—Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King—Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave—Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured—Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King—Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above—Alleluia!
praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host—Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER CONFESSION

God of new awakenings,
we confess that most days
we would rather remain unchanged.
We are afraid to hope and have our hopes shattered.
Break us open like the tomb so that new life may pour forth.
Let us live as people of your resurrection,
affirming that Christ has risen from the grave,
that Christ brings us out of the shadow of death,
that Christ frees us from fear,
that Christ liberates us into the newness of life.
This is good news indeed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.
All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all!
All: **And also with you!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 28:1–10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Raised and Going Ahead of Us”. JUDITH L. WATT

HYMN “Christ Is Alive!”

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift, and war
where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise. . . .

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion
with our risen and glorious Lord.
Now send us out to be a sign
of the new life that has come into the world;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

1. “Christ the Lord is risen today!” Alleluia!
All creation, join to say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!
Sing, O heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
2. Love’s redeeming work is done, Alleluia!
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia!
Christ has opened paradise. Alleluia!
3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now your sting? Alleluia!
Jesus died, our souls to save, Alleluia!
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!
4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven! Alleluia!
Praise to you by both be given, Alleluia!
Every knee to you shall bow, Alleluia!
Risen Christ, triumphant now. Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Canzona per Sonare No. 2 *Giovanni Gabrieli; arr. Robert King*

- *Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering can be given to greeters as you leave today* •

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING

supports Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals
and Shower Ministries; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,
Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs.
Gifts can also be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online

Upcoming Events at Fourth Presbyterian Church

Those interested in singing John Rutter's *Gloria* with the Fourth Church Choral Society and Tower Brass are invited to Thursday evening rehearsals, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., which begin this Thursday, April 25. The concert will be presented Friday evening, May 17.

Used bicycles will be collected on Saturday, May 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the church. The bicycles will be repaired and sent to those in need both here in Chicago as well as in Latin America and Africa.

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class—also a prerequisite for membership—will be offered Sunday, May 12 at 9:00 a.m. Participants will also worship together at 11:00 a.m. that day.

Are you a walker? A runner? The Fourth Church Racial Equity Council is raising funds for antiracism work through the GospelRun on Saturday, June 1. For details about participating as a walker, runner, or donor, contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org). If you will be running in the Chicago Marathon this autumn, we invite you to join the Chicago Lights Marathon Team, which is running in support of our nonprofit community outreach arm, Chicago Lights, and its five programs: Tutoring, Summer Day, the Urban Farm, Dance Academy, and the Social Service Center. For details, contact Lauren Suppes (lsuppes@chicagolights.org).

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

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