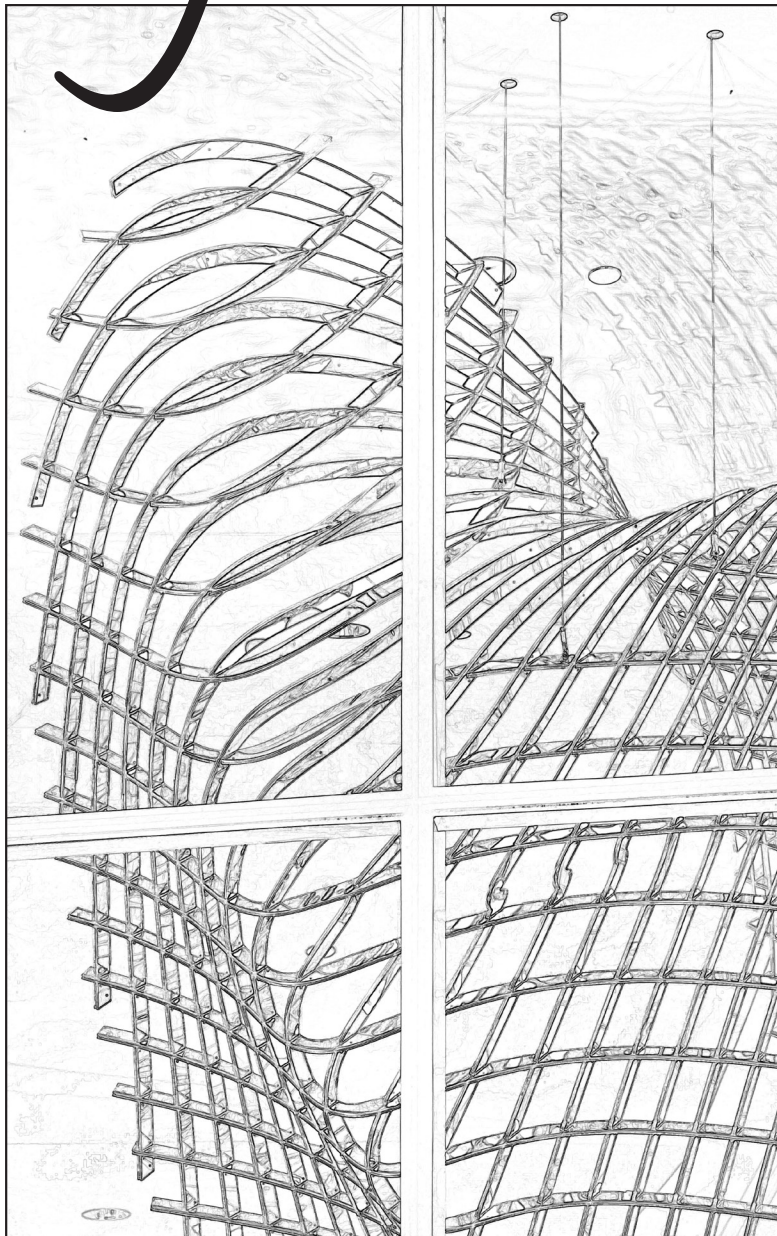




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PALM SUNDAY

4:00 p.m. • April 2, 2023

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.

We Approach God

Gathering Music

Welcome

***Opening Song** (*with palm waving!*) "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

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Ye chosen seed of Israel's race yet ransomed from the fall,

hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

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Let every kindred and ev'ry tribe on this terrestrial ball,

to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

O, that with all the sacred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all.

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We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

Litany of Confession

Leader: O Holy One, we are too distressed to notice that you join us in the parade.

We are too deeply grieved to be aware that you sit beside us at the table.

People: We are too busy sighing. We are too busy talking.

We have insisted upon our own answers.

Leader: We proclaimed our own knowledge about why bad things happen,

about why the rich get richer, about why the world feels so broken.

People: We have assured ourselves that this is the way that things must be,

but this life is in your hands.

All: Our lives are in your hands.

Leader: O Holy One, speak to us. Fill our silences.

People: Comfort us with your love so that we may find your understanding.

Leader: Trust us to find your answers when we finally tire from our own.

All: Save us, O Holy One, with your steadfast love. Amen.

Response

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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God Forgives and Blesses Us

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

We Proclaim the Story

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Response “Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me

and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

(Repeat)

Second Reading John 19:1–10

Sermon:

“I Believe ... in Jesus Christ ...

... who suffered under Pontius Pilate” Nancy Benson-Nicol

Musical Reflection

Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

We Feast Together

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

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

We Offer Ourselves

Offering and Dedication

Musical Offering

We Go Out with Gratitude

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

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down beneath Gods righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
and through eternity I’ll sing on.

***Benediction**

Sending Music

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

News and Opportunities

We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Presbyterian Church! * **Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ**, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. * **We invite you to join us** at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice. * Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be **a mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. As a mask-welcoming campus, we also remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church**.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather on Sundays for a **10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary** (except on Easter Sunday; for April 9 worship times, see the next page) and the **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel**. * Worship can be heard through **hearing aids' "T" or "T-coil"** setting. * **Please** silence electronic devices when in the Chapel. * The **campus doors open for worship** on Sundays a half hour before each service. For the 4:00 service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center (Buchanan Chapel doors open at 3:50). * **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (access from Rush or Walton) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (and \$18 for up to 12 hours). Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher. * **For those who prefer to worship online** or are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service on **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. and for **in-person Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Email Nancy Benson-Nicol (nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom information. * The chapel is also open for opportunity to **walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). * **A Ghost Ranch "Intersection of Spirituality and Creation" Pilgrimage** will be led by Nancy Benson-Nicol and Lucy Forster-Smith the week of May 15–19 in Abiquiu, New Mexico. To join in this time of conversation with a speaker, hiking, and worship, complete the application at www.bit.ly/ghostranch523



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence and regular spiritual support. To arrange conversation with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * To explore options with a counselor, call our **Replegle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation is an emergency, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. * To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org

Today's Palm Sunday celebration leads us into Jesus' Passion and **Holy Week**. We hope you will join us this week as we pause to observe those solemn days. * On April 6, **Maundy Thursday**, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a 12:10 p.m. Communion service that includes optional footwashing and a 7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae** service, also with Communion; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. * On April 7 we will observe **Good Friday** with a Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a 5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families; and a 7:30 p.m. Choral Service featuring the Morning Choir. The 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. * On Saturday, April 8 we will hold an **Easter Vigil** at 7:00 p.m., beginning by kindling a fire in the courtyard and then moving into the Sanctuary. * On **Easter Sunday** we will gather for four services: the 6:30 a.m. **Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach**, with Communion; **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and the **4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four** service in Buchanan Chapel, with Communion. The **9:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed**, with the prelude beginning at approximately 8:45 a.m. and the service available for viewing anytime after that. * **Entrance for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services** will be via the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue, next to the courtyard. Seating will begin a half hour prior to each of those two services. * There will be **no socially distanced seating** at any of the Easter services. We invite those who prefer to practice social distancing to join us in worship outdoors for the sunrise service or online for the 9:00 a.m. service. * An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:00 a.m. on Easter Sunday; **nursery care** be available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. For more about observing Holy Week and Easter with Fourth Church, please see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter



We invite you to use our Holy Week and Easter devotions as a resource for meditation and prayer.

To receive those daily devotions (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions) by email, subscribe online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions * Another resource for your reflection is our **Lenten "Rhythm and Word" video series**, which offers a ten-minute midweek worship experience **led by Rocky Supinger and the Fourth Church Jazz Quartet**. These weekly offerings are released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.; to receive the videos by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail * **Our sermon series for Lent and Easter is "I believe . . ."**—an opportunity for us to take a closer look at the Apostles' Creed, one of our Affirmations of Faith (*printed at the bottom of page 5 in this bulletin*).



In late May **our worship at 4:00 p.m. will enter a summer sabbatical season** of rest and refocusing for the future: beginning Memorial Day weekend we will not worship at 4:00 p.m. during the summer. Our afternoon service will resume on Sunday, September 10 after Labor Day. If you have questions about this, please email Pastor Rocky at rsupinger@fourthchurch.org * To receive our **Jazz at Four email newsletter**, subscribe at www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews * Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to **connect with one another**. Online and in-person events are posted on **our church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar * For **resources** as well as additional ways to connect with the church and one another, watch our website (fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch).

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply **sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc**

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Liturgist Elizabeth Kurman

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Bryan Johnson, Director

The Fourth Church Jazz Quartet
Leslie Beukelman, vocals
Bryan Doherty, bass
Marcus Evans, percussion
Amr Fahmy, piano

We are grateful to have worshipping with us today music students and professors from Oslo University College in Oslo, Norway, and extend to them a warm Fourth Church welcome!

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.

We are receiving gifts to the special One Great Hour of Sharing Offering throughout Lent. Gifts designated to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. You can designate "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) when giving at fourthchurch.org/give or by writing that designation on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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