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4:00 Order of Worship 8.23.09

Gathering

Gathering Music

Simple Gifts

Shaker melody, arr. Virgil Fox

Swing Low

African American spiritual

arr. Dan Locklair

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the outside back cover of the bulletin.

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of gender, age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, physical limitation, educational background, or economic situation.

Music Practice

Call to Worship

Leader: As people of the water, we gather to worship God
whose love flows through the waters.

People: **Like a gentle rain that awakens sleeping seeds and
brings forth blossoms and fruit;**

Leader: like a refreshing pool inviting us to splash and play with the abandon of children;

People: **like the cleansing of dirty hands now washed clean;**

Leader: like a refreshing hot shower to wake us up and get us going in the morning;

People: **God's love, through little drops of rain, cleansing showers, and deep pools,
calls us to remember our baptism and give thanks for the faith
that keeps us as we keep the faith.**

* Stand as you are able

***Song of Praise** “Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, in baptism you call us
to turn from sin and to turn to Jesus Christ,
but we stray from his ways and do not heed your call.
In baptism you anoint us to minister in all realms of life,
but we refuse the struggle to know your will.
In baptism you send us to serve
with compassion all for whom Christ died,
but we ignore the suffering of the oppressed
and the plight of the poor.
In baptism you give us the Holy Spirit to teach and guide us,
but we rely on ourselves and refuse to trust your direction.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Free us from all that enslaves us,
and raise us to new life in Christ.
Hear now our silent prayers . . .

Silence

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Passing of the Peace

Leader: As God’s forgiven people, let us greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

All are invited to stand and share the peace of Christ with one another.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 84 (*unison*)

Scripture Lesson Mark 1:9–13 (page 33, N.T.)

Sermon by Victoria G. Curtiss
“Baptized as God’s Beloved”

Renewal of Baptismal Covenant

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,
do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its powers in the world?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Lord and Savior,
trusting in his grace and love?

People: **I do.**

Leader: Will you be Christ’s faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

People: **I will with God’s help.**

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Anthem “Litany to the Holy Spirit” *Peter Hurford*

In the hour of my distress, when temptations me oppress
and when I my sins confess, sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When I lie within my bed, sick in heart and sick in head,
and with doubts discomfited, sweet Spirit, comfort me!
When the house doth sigh and weep
and the world is drowned with sleep,
yet mine eyes the watch do keep, sweet Spirit, comfort me!

***Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

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

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

Sanctus

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.**

The Communion

Communion Anthem “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *Calvin Hampton*

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all members in the sorrows of the head.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind
and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word,
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of grace, we praise you for claiming us as your own
in our baptism and birthing in us life anew.
Thank you for renewing us at your table with the bread of life.
Through your water and this feast, strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in one another.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.
Amen.**

Sending

***Sending Song** “Baptized in Water”

***Benediction**

Sending Music Phoenix *D. Locklair*

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God will be 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.

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss	Associate Pastor
Sarah A. Johnson	Pastoral Resident
Paul Vogel	Lay Liturgist
Carol Carpenter	Flutist
The Chamber Choir	
John W. W. Sherer	Organist and Director of Music

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Fourth Church Cares

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 Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Worship

Morning Prayer is held each weekday at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff in Stone Chapel for this opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need.

Sunday morning worship services are held at 8:00 (Communion) and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

A service in the style of Taizé will be held this Friday, August 28 at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. A meditative labyrinth walk will be available prior to the service from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Children, Youth, and Family

A fall kick-off event for children, youth, and their parents will take place Sunday, September 13 and will include lunch and other activities. Sunday School will resume on that date.

U2charist, a communion service focused on social justice issues, will be hosted by Fourth Church youth on Friday, September 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Songs by U2, performed by a live cover band, will be used during the service. All are invited to attend.

Enrichment

Fourth Church members and friends are invited to travel to Egypt on an educational tour led by Adam Fronczek January 10–24, 2010. Brochures are available in the literature racks and on the Fourth Church website. Those interested in applying should contact Adam Fronczek at 312.640.5398.

The 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions will meet in Melbourne, Australia, this December. Those interested in joining Joyce Shin in traveling to the Parliament December 2–13 are asked to contact Joyce at 312.274.3835 by Monday, August 31.

News and Resources

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and can be completed online. Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

To date we have received \$140,642 in response to the \$360,000 challenge fund launched in May. We are grateful to all who have given or pledged to the Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, to those who have increased their pledge or made additional gifts, and to those who have given or pledged for the first time. Together with the responses to this recent "Meeting the Challenge" fund, we have received \$4.2 million toward the \$5.1 million required for budget. Gifts to help meet the challenge and bridge the gap can be made by completing the response card in the pew racks, by visiting www.fourthchurch.org/2009challenge.html, or by contacting Lisa Radetski at 312.981.3380.

Fourth Church offers a variety of services and resources for those dealing with practical, spiritual, and emotional issues. For information about available resources, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org), call the Care Line at 312.787.2729, ext. 446, or pick up a "Fourth Church Cares" card from the literature racks.

"Get Connected" through fellowship, education, and service at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 20, all are invited to Anderson Hall following worship to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and other activities. On Sunday, September 27, all are encouraged to attend Coffee Hour to learn about volunteer opportunities.

Music and the Arts

Lamajamal will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Garth as the last concert in the "Music by the Fountain" series.

A world music instrumental ensemble is being organized for the 4:00 worship service. Those who have experience with or interest in music of other cultures are invited to contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Reading and math tutors for elementary children at two Cabrini-Green schools; 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., several times a week

Sunday School teachers for 9:30 or 11:00 classes, alternate Sundays, with a partner; training is provided

Ushers, readers, and musicians to help with 4:00 p.m. worship

Saturday bread-cutters for 8:00 a.m. Sunday Communion (on a rotating schedule)

Community Supper volunteers to help with various tasks from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program, which resumes in the fall; orientation is provided

Current Donation Needs

Items for the Back-to-School Supply Drive, including drawing pads and wide-rule notebooks (without wires), black pens (packs of 8–12), wirebound college-rule notebooks, pencil sharpeners, pointed scissors; a full list is available at www.fourthchurch.org/women.html

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

Fellowship

Young adult volleyball takes place every Monday at Oak Street Beach beginning at 6:00 p.m. For more details about young adult opportunities at Fourth Church, including Sunday morning gatherings, visit www.fourthchurch.org/youngadults.html.

Cycling enthusiasts are invited to attend an informational Bike Club meeting next Sunday, August 30 at 10:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room. For more information, email cyclists@fourthchurch.org.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for couples over fifty, will have a barbecue and potluck on Friday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Garth to kickoff the program year. Advance payment and reservations are required and can be made by calling the Cornerstones Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

The ThirtiesForties fellowship group will hold a fall kickoff potluck brunch on Sunday, September 13 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. For information or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Fourth Dimension, a fellowship opportunity for individuals forty-seven and older, will host a program and dinner on Friday, September 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Olympics expert John MacAloon of the University of Chicago will be the keynote speaker. To register, call the Fourth Dimension Infoline at 312.787.4570, ext. 494.

Mission and Outreach

School Supply Drive donations are being collected until Sunday, August 30. These supplies will be given to students involved in the Tutoring program as well as those served by various community agencies. Lists of needed supplies are available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org. For more information, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@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 prayers will then be incorporated into this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table this afternoon to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the gluten-free bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Pastoral Staff for 4:00 Worship

Victoria G. Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission
Adam Fronczek, Associate Pastor for
Adult Education and Worship
Linda C. Loving, Minister for Evangelism
John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Pastoral Resident
Sarah A. Johnson, Pastoral Resident
Joann H. Lee, Pastoral Resident

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please join us for a community supper following this time of worship. A meal will be served in Anderson Hall, which is through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary. We welcome this opportunity to break bread together and share in fellowship with friends and neighbors.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary will be incorporated in the visual arts program for those attending 4:00 worship. Liturgical artists and worshipers at the 4:00 service are filling the blank canvases with artistic representations of our worship experience.

Large-print Bibles and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship. We invite you to stop by the community meal or the Loggia (through the doors to your left as you face the front of the sanctuary) after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Streets) at the rate of \$7.75. Validation tickets must be picked up from

the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, September 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, September 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).