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4:00 Order of Worship 04.25.10

## Gathering

### Gathering Music

Music for Elegua

Cuban Song

*This song is intended to welcome people and bring them together.*

*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.*

### Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice in our God always!

People: **Again I say, rejoice!**

Leader: For God has gathered us together from all the corners of the earth

People: **to be present now and to know the joyful unity of being one with Christ.**

Leader: All things are possible through Christ who strengthens us.

People: **Rejoice in our God always. Again I say, rejoice!**

**\*Song**           “Sing to God with Joy”

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Forgive us, O God,  
if we have become complacent in our worship,  
as if dullness complimented you  
and predictable gifts were all you desired.  
We confess that we compare ourselves with those  
who have more and focus on what we are missing,  
rather than recognize your blessings  
each day and live in gratitude.  
Enable us to praise you  
with the enthusiasm of children  
and to honor your presence with us, here and now.  
Draw us to rely upon you, our Rock and Redeemer.  
Hear now our silent prayers of confession . . .**

**Silence**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Scripture declares that Christ is “a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul.”  
He is able, for all time, to save those who draw near to God through him.  
God’s mercy is deep; God’s love is steadfast. 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

Leader 1: How lovely,

Leader 2: how lovely,

Leader 1: how lovely is your dwelling place, Lord God of hosts.

Leader 2: How I long,

Leader 1: how I yearn,

Leader 2: how I long and yearn to see the courts of the Lord.

**People: How I long and yearn to see the courts of the Lord.**

Leader 1: My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God,  
the living God.

Leader 2: Even the sparrow,

Leader 1: even the sparrow,

Leader 2: even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow,

Leader 1: the swallow finds a nest,  
where she can rear her young  
besides your altars,

Leader 2: beside your altars, Lord of hosts,

Leader 1: Yahweh,

Leader 2: my God.

Leader 1: Happy are those who live in your house!

Leader 2: Happy are those who never stop praising you!

**People: Happy are those whose refuge is in you,  
whose heart is set on the pilgrim ways.**

**Women: When we pass through the waterless valley,**

**Men: when we pass through the bitter valley,  
God fills it with springs;**

**Women: rain covers it with pools.**

Leader 1: Lord of hosts, hear my prayer;

Leader 2: listen to me, O God of Jacob.

Leader 1: Look favorably upon our shield,  
the one who is your king;

Leader 2: accept your Anointed One with favor.

Leader 1: Better one day,

Leader 2: better one day,

Leader 1: better one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.

**People: Better one day in your courts than thousands elsewhere.**

Leader 1: Better to linger at the door of God's house than  
to live comfortably in the homes of the wicked.

Leader 2: The Lord is a sun;

Leader 1: the Lord is a shield;

Leader 2: the Lord has grace to offer;

Leader 1: the Lord has favor to give.

Leader 2: The Lord will not refuse any good thing to those  
whose lives are blameless.

Leader 1: O Lord of hosts,

Leader 2: O God of gods, happy are those who trust you.

**People: Happy are we who trust you.**

### **Solo**

**Scripture Lesson**     Philippians 4:4–13

(page 187, N.T.)

**Sermon** by Victoria G. Curtiss  
Rejoice in the Lord!

**\*Song**            “When a Poor One (Cuando el Pobre)”

# Sealing the Word

## Sharing of Gifts

Leader: God's generosity to us invites our generosity in response.  
Identifying with our poverty, Jesus leads us to true riches.  
Let us now dedicate our lives, our prayers, and our gifts to God.  
Let us pray:

People: **God of compassion, you minister to us in good times and bad.  
When barren wastes surround us, you hear our prayers of petition.  
In times of want, you ease our plight with mercy.  
In times of plenty, all that we have comes from your grace.  
In bringing our gifts to you, we return what is already yours.  
May what we share with others proclaim your love in the world. Amen.**

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

**Offertory Anthem** Music for Chango

*Cuban Song*

## \*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 Music

#### Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**Thank you for nurturing us at your table, Lord Jesus Christ.  
We cannot drink from the cup and forget those who are thirsty.  
We must not eat of the bread and ignore those who are hungry.  
Your world is one world, and we are stewards of its nourishment.  
Lord, take our fullness for the service of the empty. May we show  
your love in our giving and receiving. Amen.**

## Sending

#### \*Sending Song

"Song of Hope (Canto de Esperanza)"

## \*Benediction

### Sending Music

Music for Elegua

Cuban Song

*This song asks for safe travel on our journey.*

### 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

**Jocelyn C. Cadwallader**

Pastoral Resident

**Judy Kerch**

**Christina Koenig**

**Becca Schuessler**

**Annette Tomal**

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**John Knecht**

Percussionist

**Jean Leroy**

Percussionist and singer

**Thomas E. Gouwens**

Associate Organist

#### *Acknowledgments:*

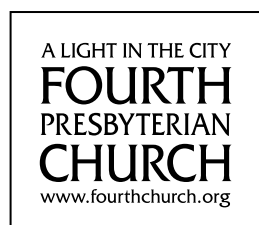
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### Fourth Church Cares

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 Sarah Johnson, member of the pastoral staff at 312.981.4034 ([sjohnson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:sjohnson@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Ali Trowbridge**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, has announced her resignation effective May 9 so that she might spend more time with her family. The Session of Fourth Church has called a special congregational meeting for Sunday, May 23 for the purpose of acting on Ali's resignation. After the meeting, which will follow 11:00 worship, a reception for Ali will offer opportunity to thank her for her ministry among us.

**A support group for those dealing with significant loss experiences and grief** will be provided on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. at the Lorene Replogle Counseling Center, beginning Monday, April 26 through June 7 (excluding May 31, Memorial Day). For further information or to register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

**May is "Bike to Church" month, sponsored by the Fourth Church Cycling Club.** Those interested in participating are invited to wear comfortable clothing and cycle to church during May; for a map of bike parking in the area, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/cycling.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cycling.html).

**Those graduating from eighth grade or high school as well as those receiving a degree in 2010** are asked to contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 by Monday, May 10 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 16.

**Fourth Presbyterian Church**, a member congregation of the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, is committed to being a fully inclusive community. To learn more about Covenant Network, visit [www.covenantnetwork.org](http://www.covenantnetwork.org).

**For a preview of next Sunday's worship** and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, [News@FourthChurch](mailto:News@FourthChurch), by sending email addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org).

## Worship

**Participants from the recent Cuba Mission Trip** are leading 4:00 worship this afternoon.

**Special prayer requests** are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sunday mornings. Individuals can place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes, which are located outside Stone Chapel, in the Narthex, and in Anderson Hall.

**Morning Prayer** is held weekdays at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is held at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers opportunity to pray for those in need.

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

**A prayer service in the style of Taizé** is held each fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m.; the next service is May 28. Prior to that service, a labyrinth walk will be available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

## Music and the Arts

**This evening the Newberry Consort**, an early-music original instrument chamber ensemble, will be in concert at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Tickets will be available at the door.

**Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music John Sherer** will present this Friday's Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

**"From Trash to Art"** is the theme of artwork on display in the Gallery (outside Anderson Hall) through Monday, April 26. These pieces were created by Day School, Children's Center, Sunday School, and Tutoring children.



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## Enrichment

**Weekly Monday evening yoga** is held at 6:30 p.m. in the Crow's Nest. All ages and levels are welcome. For details, email [yoga@fourthchurch.org](mailto:yoga@fourthchurch.org).

### **Weekly Bible Study opportunities:**

*Women*, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Noonday*, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

**Adult education classes**, sponsored by the Academy for Faith and Life, take place Sunday mornings:

- **“The Minor Prophets in Conversation”** is led by Parish Associate Tom Rook at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room
- **“The Apologies of Socrates and Gospels of Jesus”** is taught by Adam Rose, University of Chicago Humanities Instructor, at 9:30 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony
- **“John Calvin’s Institutes of Christian Religion”** is taught by Randall Zachman, Professor of Reformation Studies at University of Notre Dame, at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall South Balcony
- **“Fine Arts and Faith”** is led by various instructors at 11:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall North Balcony A

Details can be found in the Academy brochures in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/academyspring.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/academyspring.html).

**New technologies providing older adults with safety and independence** will be the topic of a free noonday session on Tuesday, April 27 in the Page Smith Room. Participants are invited to bring a brown-bag lunch for a time of fellowship at 11:30 a.m. prior to the program.

**The Community Book Group** will discuss *Bringing It to the Table: On Farming and Food* by Wendell Berry at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 27 in the Randolph Room. Joyce Shin will lead the conversation.

**The Fourth Church Egypt travelers** will be talking about their experiences and showing pictures from their January trip on Sunday, May 2 at 12:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

**Books by Women** will discuss *Shanghai Girls* by Lisa See on Tuesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. All are welcome.

**Fitness and healthy nutrition** is the theme of the Tuesday, May 4 Triumph over Cancer gathering at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To register, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 443.

**A Nia “Splash Out”** will be held Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. in Anderson Hall, offering an opportunity for newcomers to try out a Nia exercise class. Nia combines martial arts, yoga, and dance into a dynamic hour-long routine. For details or to register, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 371 or visit [www.NiaChicago.org](http://www.NiaChicago.org).

## Children, Youth, and Family

**Giggles for God!**—a weekly sing-along for parents and their babies, toddlers, or preschoolers—is held Sunday mornings through May 23 at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m. in Westminster House.

**Sunday school classes** for children meet Sunday mornings at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

**Fourth Church youth** meet each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.: Elevation (grades 6–7) meets in the Manse basement, Fourth Church Rising (grade 8) and Senior Highs (grades 9–12) meets in the Crow's Nest.

**A “Great Expectations” baby shower** for parents who are expecting or have welcomed a child into their family in the past year will be held Sunday, May 16 at 12:30 p.m. in the Manse. To RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 ([enickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:enickerson@fourthchurch.org)).

# News and Opportunities

## Mission and Outreach

**New Orleans mission trip participants** depart this Monday, April 26, and **Urban Plunge participants** will be working at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm this weekend. Please keep all of them in your thoughts and prayers as they participate in the ministry of the church of Jesus Christ.

**The Sewing and Knitting Workshop** will meet this Tuesday, April 27 at 5:00 p.m. for a time of fellowship, to drop off finished articles, and to pick up materials.

**Mel Duncan of Nonviolent Peaceforce** will speak at a luncheon on Sunday, May 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For information or to RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366.

**Near North Side Story** will be presented by the Chicago Lights Literacy and Arts Program at the Near North Magnet Cluster Schools on Wednesday, May 12 and Thursday, May 13 at 12:00 noon and Friday, May 14 at 4:30 p.m. at Park Community Church (1001 N. Crosby).

**Links for Lights:** The Chicago Lights Golf Classic will be held Monday, June 28 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. For information about this event benefiting the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, contact Rob Holben at 312.274.3821.

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Volunteers to remove blue bows** from the trees on Friday, April 30

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Baking equipment** for special education children in a Chicago charter elementary school

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

## Fellowship

**The Gathering**, a fellowship opportunity for those age twenty-two to thirty-five, meets on Sundays at 12:15 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For more details about Young Adult Ministry at Fourth Church, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

**“Ability, Not Disability”** will be the focus of the next Cornerstones gathering for couples, spouses, and partners age fifty and older, on Friday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. For details or to RSVP, call the Infoline at 312.787.2729, ext. 454.

**“Poetry and the Discipline of Concentration”** will be the focus of the next Men’s Group breakfast meeting on Saturday, May 8 at 8:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. For details or to RSVP, call the church at 312.787.4570 by Friday, May 7 at 12:00 noon. All are welcome.

**The Cycling Club** will gather for a monthly bike ride on Saturday, May 8. For outing details, email cyclists@fourthchurch.org. Members of the Cycling Club will also participate in “Bike the Drive” to raise funds for Monday Night Supper. For details or to join the Fourth Church team, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, May 5.

**Fourth Dimension**, a fellowship group for individuals forty-seven and older, will gather on Friday, May 14 at 6:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall for a presentation on “Web 2.0: Building the Internet.” Sara Schnadt, web developer and performance artist, will be the keynote speaker for the evening. For details or to preregister (required), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**Fellowship groups for mothers with children age 0–4** meet at member homes in various neighborhoods. To join a group or for more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@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 Sarah Johnson of the pastoral staff.

**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.

### **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.

**The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary** were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are 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. There is also an area in the side aisle where your child can play quietly.

**Worship folders**, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available from an usher.

**Printed copies of sermons** recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the South Transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at [www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html).

**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, May 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, May 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([lloving@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lloving@fourthchurch.org)).