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4:00 Order of Worship 05.02.10

Gathering

Gathering Music Fankani
Fanga Alafia

Mamady Keita
Yoruban song
arr. Mark Britt

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: In Christ, the God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People: **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Leader: Highest of all creation, Christ lives among the least.

People: **He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: **and drink the water of life.**

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: **and be filled with good things.**

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

People: **and be warmed by the fire of love.**

***Song** "Gather Us In"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess, O God, that we are quick to criticize what we don't understand and eager to judge what we can't fully comprehend. You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end of all things, and yet we pretend to have knowledge equal to yours. Who are we to hinder your movement in the world? Teach us, O God. Help us to humble ourselves, and open our eyes and ears and hearts and minds to your leading. Grant, even to us, the repentance that leads to life, and show us how we can be made new. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Gloria (*the congregation sings two times*)

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Scripture Lesson Acts 11:1–18

(page 122, N.T.)

Sermon by Joann H. Lee
Visions of Inclusion

***Song** “Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?”

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem “Good News”

Gene Grier and Lowell Everson

*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

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given
and for what you have promised us here.
You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service.
Now we give ourselves to you, and we ask that our daily living
may be part of your kingdom and that our love may be your love
reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Sending

***Sending Song** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

***Benediction**

Sending Music Allegro from *Music for Children* Carl Orff

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

Joann H. Lee	Pastoral Resident
Adam Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Portage Park Drum Circle and Chorus	
Mark Britt	Guest Conductor
John W. W. Sherer	Organist and Director of Music

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The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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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).

News and Resources

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.

Inquirers’ Class provides an opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which next meets Monday, May 3, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m in the Page Smith Room, is also a prerequisite for membership.

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 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org) by Monday, May 10 so that they can be recognized on Baccalaureate Sunday, May 16.

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 at 12:00 noon for the purpose of acting on Ali’s resignation. A reception for Ali during morning Coffee Hours will offer opportunity to thank her for her ministry among us.

Including Fourth Church in your estate plans will help ensure that the mission and ministry of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights will continue for generations to come. For information about how to include the church in estate plans, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576.

For a preview of next Sunday’s worship and news from Fourth Church, subscribe to the weekly email newsletter, News@FourthChurch, by sending email addresses to news@fourthchurch.org.

Worship

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 daily Morning Prayer, which takes place in Stone Chapel and offers 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 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 meditative labyrinth walk will be available from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. The walk takes approximately twenty minutes to complete.

Music and the Arts

Pianist Soyoung Kee will present this Friday’s Free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Anderson Hall. (This venue will offer a more intimate acoustic setting for piano.)

The Chicago Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Dieter Kober, will be in concert at Fourth Church on Sunday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m. in the sanctuary.

Instrumentalists, especially those with an interest in or experience with music of other cultures, are invited to share their talents during the 4:00 service or monthly Taizé worship. For more information or to volunteer, contact John Sherer at 312.981.3592 (jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Weekly Bible Study opportunities:

Women, Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Noonday, Wednesdays at 12:10 p.m.

Life and Learning: Fridays at 10:30 a.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

Details can be found in the Academy brochures in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/academyspring.html.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364 (dfedaj@fourthchurch.org).

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.

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 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon: 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.

The Elevation Mother’s Day Flower Sale will take place Sunday, May 9 during Coffee Hour to help raise funds for the work camp trip to assist with the Illinois Special Olympics (June 10–13). For details, contact Deanna Fedaj at 312.573.3364.

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).

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).

Mission and Outreach

Near North Side Story, the tenth annual Festival of the Heart, 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).

The Benevolent Guild, which gathers to create toys and treats for children in hospitals and shelters, meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room.

Golf for a cause! Links for Lights: The Chicago Lights Golf Classic will be held Monday, June 28 at the Lost Dunes Golf Club in Bridgman, Michigan. For more information about this event benefiting the Chicago Lights Urban Farm, contact Rob Holben at 312.274.3821 (rholben@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.chicagolights.org.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Church members to staff the Book Nook during Coffee Hour

Current Donation Needs

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

Men's seasonal sturdy clothes in larger sizes (pants, belts, shoes, etc.)

Gently used clothes for a seven-year-old girl who is chronically ill

Greeting cards, stamps, and envelopes for guests of Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

For details and a list of additional needs, contact Larry Nicholson, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

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 Contemplation," presented by published poets Judith Valente and Charles Raynard, will be the featured program at the 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 at 9:30 a.m. at the underpass on the lakefront bike path that is just south of the Shedd (where the path crosses under Solidarity Drive). For ride 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 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) 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).

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.

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).