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4:00 Order of Worship 05.09.10

Gathering

Gathering Music

Canon

Träumerei

Adagio from *Sonata Pathétique*

Johann Pachelbel

Robert Schumann

Ludwig van Beethoven

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: God has been acting in our lives and in the world around us this past week.

People: **We have come for this hour of worship to make ourselves more aware of God and to give thanks for God's presence with us.**

Leader: God is here even now, ready to strengthen us and urge us to greater faithfulness.

People: **Fill us with your goodness, O God. Draw us into your presence that we might fulfill the purpose for which you have created us. Amen.**

***Song** "Let All Things Now Living"

***Song** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, you made us in your image with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy. Hear now our silent prayers . . .

Response "Take, O Take Me as I Am"

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

Scripture Lesson John 5:1–9 (page 90, N.T.)

Sermon by Sarah A. Johnson
Stand Up and Walk

***Song** "Take My Life and Let It Be"

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Anthem "At the River"

Robert Lowry
arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river. Gather with
the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

*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 "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

Carl Schalk

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free; in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me. I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. The love that made us makes us one and strangers now are friends. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near, is in such friendship better known. We see and praise him here. Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways; and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***Sending Song** "The Summons"

***Benediction**

Sending Music Prelude

Frédéric Chopin

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

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Pastoral Resident

Victoria G. Curtiss

Associate Pastor

Fourth at Four Ensemble

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

News and Opportunities

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.

Multicultural Sunday will be celebrated next Sunday, May 16 during a 4:00 p.m. service incorporating diverse liturgies and led by the Multicultural Initiatives and Resources Committee.

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.

Enrichment

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.

Books by Women will discuss *Triple Time* by Anne Sanow on Tuesday, June 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse. Books by Women will not meet in July and August; gatherings will resume in September.

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.

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. For details or to RSVP, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (enickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Bicycle safety is the theme of the Friday, May 21 Family Night. Families with younger children are invited to arrive at 5:30 p.m. for a cycling-themed obstacle course; dinner will be served at 6:15 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Following dinner, older children will listen to a bike safety talk; afterwards they will have opportunity to play on the course. To RSVP, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

Summer Sunday School begins Sunday, May 30, with classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. only. There will be expanded nursery care for infants through kindergarten at 11:00 a.m.

Family Camp, a weekend of activities for children and their families, will take place Friday, June 4 to Sunday, June 6 in Saugatuck, Michigan. Registration forms are available in Westminster House and online at www.fourthchurch.org. For more details, contact Melissa Scanlan at 312.640.2578.

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May is “Bike to Church” month, sponsored by the Fourth Church Cycling Club. Those interested in participating are invited to cycle to church during May; for a map of bike parking in the area, visit 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 the church at 312.573.3364 no later than Monday, May 10 so that they can be recognized next Sunday, May 16, which is Baccalaureate Sunday.

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 the resignation of Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care. A reception for Ali during morning Coffee Hours will offer opportunity to thank her for her ministry among us.

The Multicultural Church Conference of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) will be held May 26–30 in Chicago. For information, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Organist F. Anthony Thurman will be the featured artist at this Friday’s Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The Apollo Chorus of Chicago, directed by Steven Alltop, will perform at Fourth Church on Friday, May 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets for the Apollo Chorus Concert are available by calling 312.427.5620.

The Saint Charles Singers, directed by John Rutter, will perform at Fourth Church on Sunday, May 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the sanctuary (earlier than previously scheduled). Tickets are available online at www.stcharlessingers.com or by calling 630.513.5272.

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).

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) by this Wednesday, May 12 at 12:00 noon.

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). For information about this program, contact Diana Anton at 312.981.3561 or visit www.chicagolights.org.

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. All are welcome.

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.

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
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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 Saturday, May 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, May 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, June 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org).