

**Third Sunday in Lent**

## Gathering

### **Gathering Music**

*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

Jesus and his disciples went to a place far away from Galilee, and he asked them a question: "Who do people say that I am?" They gave him a variety of answers, and he responded: "And what about you? Who do you say that I am?" What about you? Who do you say that Jesus is? Just a man? A good teacher? The Christ? The Lord? The Savior? God incarnate? Who do you say that Jesus is? Are you willing to take up your cross and follow him? Are you willing to lose your life in order to save it?

**\*Opening Song** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

### Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

**God of mercy,  
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.  
We confess that we have strayed from you  
and turned aside from your way.  
We are slow to trust the difficult words of the gospel,  
clinging only to those that bring us peace.  
We are unwilling to take up a cross  
and follow Christ all the way to your kingdom.  
We care more for our own lives  
than those for whom Jesus lived and died.**

*Silent prayers of confession*

**Give us new life, O God.  
Return us to paths of righteousness  
as we seek to follow in the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

### Blues Kyrie

### **\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As forgiven children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but sisters and brothers in Christ. Please stand and 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.*

### **\*Sung Response**

## Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Psalter**      Psalm 19

**Antiphon** (*sung by the congregation*)

The heavens declare the glory of God,  
and skies are the work of God's hands.  
One day tells its tale to another,  
and one night imparts knowledge to another.  
Although they have no words or language,  
and their voices are not heard,  
their sound has gone out into all lands,  
and their message to the ends of the world.  
In the deep God has set a pavilion for the sun;  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.  
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it again;  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

**Antiphon**

The law of God is perfect  
and renews life;  
the testimony of God is sure  
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

The statutes of God are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of God is clear  
and gives light to the eyes.

The fear of God is clean  
and endures forever;  
the judgments of God are true  
and righteous altogether.

More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.

### **Antiphon**

By them also is your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?

Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound  
and innocent of a great offense.

Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O God, my strength and my redeemer.

### **Antiphon**

#### **Prayer for Illumination** (*unison*)

**God of mercy,  
you are full of tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in mercy, and always ready to forgive.  
Give us ears to hear and eyes to see the ways you call us to new life.  
Grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ,  
that in every way we may prove to be your loving children. Amen.**

**Scripture** Mark 8:31–38

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**Sermon** John W. Vest  
Unashamed

**Musical Reflection**

## Sealing the Word

### Sharing of Gifts

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

**Offertory Music** “I Still Haven’t Found What I’m Looking For”

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**\*Doxology**

Lucy Smith

### The Sacrament of Baptism

### 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**

Lucy Smith

**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** "Of All the Gifts Thy Love Bestows"

*John Stevenson*

**Prayer After Communion** (*unison*)

**God of all times and places, in Jesus Christ, lifted up on the cross,  
you opened for us the path to eternal life. Grant that we, being born again  
of water and the Spirit, may joyfully walk in your holy ways, transformed by  
Christ and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Amen.**



## Sending

**\*Closing Song** "Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

### **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**

<b>John W. Vest</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Adam H. Fronczek</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Matthew J. Helms</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Judy Kerch</b>	
<b>Lucy Smith Jazz Quartet</b>	

### **Baptism**

Being baptized this afternoon are Kristina Len Bonesteel and Michael Barry Swanson.

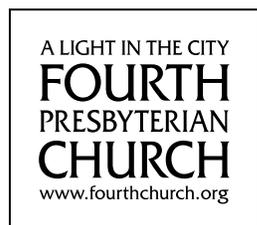
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### **Fourth Church Cares**

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 Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 ([jwatt@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jwatt@fourthchurch.org)).

## Lent and Easter

**Remember loved ones** by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Friday, March 23 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks.

**The Holy Week Contemplative Retreat “Deep Calls to Deep”** will take place Friday and Saturday, April 6–7 in La Grange Park. Registration forms are available in the brochures in the literature racks.

## Enrichment

**Books by Women** will discuss *The Weird Sisters* by Eleanor Brown this Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Knox Room at the 737 building.

**An Interfaith Seder**, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will be held on Tuesday, March 27 at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available at the church reception desk.

## Mission and Outreach

**Applications for the Lakota Rosebud and Pine Ridge Reservations mission trip** (June 16–23) and the **Honduras mission trip** (July 25–August 4) are due Mondays, March 19 and April 16, respectively. Details and application forms are available in the literature racks or by calling Vicki Reynolds at 312.981.3384.

**Helping Hands**, a new mission group at Fourth Church that works as a team on painting, construction, cleaning, and gardening projects, will hold a planning meeting on Wednesday, March 21 at 6:00 p.m. at the 737 building. For information or to RSVP, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

## Music and the Arts

**Those interested in participating in a group art project for Good Friday** are invited to attend a planning session on Saturday, March 17 at 10:00 a.m. in the Dining Room. No special artistic talent is necessary. For details, contact Rob Koon at rkoon@fourthchurch.org.

**Visit the new website dedicated to the Fourth Church organ**, [www.fourthchurchorgan.org](http://www.fourthchurchorgan.org), to learn more about this magnificent instrument and how you can help rebuild it. For details, contact Kathryn Johnson at 312.640.2576 (kjohnson@fourthchurch.org).

**The Grinnell College Choir** will be in concert on Monday, March 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## News and Resources

**Information about the Pastor Nominating Committee** (PNC) is available in the literature racks and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.html). Questions and comments for the PNC can be sent to pnc@fourthchurch.org.

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Cooks and servers** to prepare a meal at a men's shelter on Tuesdays 6:30–8:45 p.m.

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Double paper/plastic bags from Treasure Island** for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@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 Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

**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**

Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for  
Adult Education and Worship

John W. Vest, Associate Pastor for Youth Ministry

Judith L. Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care

**Please** turn off all cell phones when in the Sanctuary.

**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. 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).

## 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 Narthex (at the back of the Sanctuary) after worship for coffee, fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

**Sunday parking is available** at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8.00. 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, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, March 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, April 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)).