



Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music Freedom Jazz Dance
Detour Ahead

Eddie Harris
Lou Carter, Herb Ellis, and Johnny Frigo

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 (*unison*)

Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.
The Lord is the stronghold of our lives.
We desire to live in God's house
and to seek God in his holy temple.
We have come with shouts of joy,
to sing and to make music to the Lord.
Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.
Teach us your ways and make straight our paths
in this hour of worship and always.

***Opening Song** "God of Grace and God of Glory"

Prayer of Confession

Antiphon (*Psalm 142:1, sung by the congregation*)

Leader: Gracious God, we confess to you that we have often lost our focus.
We are disoriented by our complicated lives;
we sweat the small stuff;
we are often paralyzed by worry.
We come into your house today seeking peace.

Antiphon

Leader: We confess that in the midst of our busyness,
we have forgotten your demands.
We have not cared enough for the poor or the hungry.
We have passed by those who need our help.
We have neglected strangers, as well as the ones we love most.
We need a reminder of who you are calling us to be.

Antiphon

Leader: Forgive us, Lord. Help us to regain our focus.
Help us to understand your word as it comes to us today.
Help us to know your peace so that in our lives
we might grant that same peace to others. Hear our prayer.

Antiphon

Leader: We thank you, God, that you are slow to anger and quick to forgive.
We thank you that you receive us in whatever way we come to you
and that your mercy is all we need to open our lives to a good future before us.

Antiphon

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

***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.

***Song** "We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace"

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture 2 Corinthians 12

(page 174, N.T.)

Sermon Prayers Out of Our Weakness

Adam H. Fronczek

Song for Reflection "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

George Allen and Thomas A. Dorsey

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "You Have Me"

Gungor

*Doxology

Lucy Smith

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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart"

Robert S. Kreutz and Omer Westendorf

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you for these gifts,
a reminder as the bread is broken and the wine is poured
that our own brokenness is nothing to fear.
We thank you that, in knowing our own weakness,
we can come to know the blessing of your power moving through our lives.
Carry us into the world and through the week that is before us.
We pray in Christ's name. Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

***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

Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Jennifer Opatik	Lay Liturgist
Cole Seaton	Song Leader
Lucy Smith Quartet	

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News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

An Interfaith Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:15 p.m. Tickets are available by contacting Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) by this Monday, March 11.

The Contemplative Retreat before Holy Week will be held Friday–Saturday, March 22–23 at The Well in La Grange Park. Details, including registration information, are available in the literature racks and by contacting Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org). Registration forms are due this Friday, March 15.

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 22 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks.

A group art project for Holy Week is being organized by the Fine Arts Council. To participate, contact Rob Koon at 312.981.3593 (rkoon@fourthchurch.org).

Palm Sunday services will be held on March 24 at 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 4:00 p.m. (Please note that the last morning service on Palm Sunday begins at 11:30 a.m.)

On Maundy Thursday, March 28 and on Good Friday, March 29, there will be services at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An Easter Vigil will be held on Holy Saturday, March 30 in the Sanctuary. Please note that this service begins at 8:00 p.m.

Tickets for Easter Brunch, which will be held on Sunday, March 31 at 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room, are available at the reception desk during the week and Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings. For details, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

Reflections from the Pastor Nominating Committee on the ongoing pastor search process—which is currently in the silent phase of researching and reviewing candidates—are posted online at www.fourthchurch.org/pnc.

Be sure to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook to see the latest photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and access resources, including excerpts from sermons and prayers.

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.

Available via the Fourth Church podcast:

Walter Brueggemann’s sermon from last Sunday as well as other recent sermons preached at 11:00 a.m. You can also read sermons from the other services—going back to 1998!—online too and browse bulletins for those Sundays. Check out www.fourthchurch.org/sermons and the other resources for prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth posted on our website.



News and Opportunities

Volunteers and Donations

Gently used guitars and keyboards are being collected for the youth music program of the Hispanic Ministries Covenant of the Presbytery. For details, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Current Volunteer Needs

Data entry person for the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday nights

Dishwashers for Sunday Night Supper, 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Current Donation Needs

Laptop (PC) for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Gently used clothes for a chronically ill ten-year-old girl

Items for a new baby

Double paper/plastic bags with handles for Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Men's winter clothes in larger sizes (coats, sweaters, pants, boots, etc.)

For more information or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html.

Music and the Arts

Cellist Paul Ghica will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Choir of King's College will be in concert on Wednesday, April 3 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available online at www.cso.org.

Mission and Outreach

Hygiene kits for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance are being collected by Women@Fourth Connect at Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings, March 10–April 21. A list of items to be included is available from Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org) and at www.fourthchurch.org/women.

A variety of mission opportunities are available, including trips to Mexico (May 14–21), Urban Plunge: Regeneration Chicago (May 17–19), and the Institute for Child Advocacy Ministry in Tennessee (July 14–19). Applications for Mexico and Urban Plunge are due April 1 and for Tennessee on May 1. There is also still room for those interested in going to Guatemala (July 6–14). Details are available in the literature racks, online, and by contacting Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Registered Chicago marathon runners have opportunity to run for Chicago Lights. For details, contact Erin Strybis at 312.981.3596 (estrybis@fourthchurch.org).

Benevolent Guild meets this Wednesday, March 13 at 9:30 a.m. to create tray favors and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

The second annual CROSSwalk procession to remember youth killed by gun violence in Chicago will take place on Friday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. Details, including a signup sheet, are available by contacting Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

Lobby Day in Springfield for commonsense gun laws is on Wednesday, April 10. Those interested in forming a Fourth Church group to take part may contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

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Children, Youth, and Family

Family Night: Safari Night will be held on Friday, March 22 at 5:30 p.m., with an animal scavenger hunt in the Gratz Center, followed by dinner in Borwell Dining Room and a live animal show in Anderson Hall. To RSVP, contact Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

A Good Friday service for children will be held on Friday, March 29 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

An Easter service for children will be held Sunday, March 31 at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) meet on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room of the Gratz Center.

Worship

The monthly Taizé service, held on the fourth Friday of the month, will next be held on Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

Special prayer requests are included in intercessory prayer in Stone Chapel on Sundays. Individuals can pray there with a Deacon at 10:30 a.m. or 12:15 p.m. or place their prayer requests, written on paper, in one of the prayer boxes outside Stone Chapel or in the Narthex.

Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A of the Gratz Center.

ThirtiesForties will “break bread” next Sunday, March 17 at Go Roma (848 N. State St.) following 11:00 a.m. worship.

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes take place on Sundays: “A Bible Study on the Letters and Travels of Paul,” led by Adam Fronczek (Room 5G), and “Practicing the Sacred Art of Listening,” led by Carol Allen (Room 5E), at 9:30 a.m. and “To Stand Alone—By Kierkegaard’s Help,” led by Randall Zachman (Room 5G), and “Reflections on the Civil War and the Reconciliation of Loss and Suffering,” led by Claudia Boatright (Room 5F), at 11:00 a.m.

Books by Women will discuss *The Lady in Gold* by Anne-Marie O’Connor this Tuesday, March 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The “Religion in Interfaith Homes” series continues with the topic “What about Jesus?” next Sunday, March 17 at 1:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 E. Delaware).

Christian Century discussion and study groups meet next Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For details, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The CLL World Skylines Luncheon series continues with the topic “Silhouette of the Early Industrial Period” on Thursday, March 21 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Adults sixty and more are invited to RSVP to Ashley Elskus at 312.981.3387 by this Tuesday, March 12.

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.

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.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the Sanctuary.

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 for children, are available from a greeter.

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/index.html.

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 Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, March 11 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, April 15 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).

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Presbyterian Church, please see Adam Fronczek or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on March 24 and April 28.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8. Validation tickets must be picked up from the 126 E. Chestnut St. reception desk. There is no discounted afternoon parking at the Hancock garage.