

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music Modaji
Let There Be Love

Dave Grusin
Lionel Rand and Ian Grant

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: Let us worship God, who has done great things.

People: **We rejoice in our God, who made a way through the desert of this world.**

Leader: Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy to flow in the wasteland.

People: **We are the people God has formed through Christ.**

Leader: Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

People: **We praise God for the grace that has saved us.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

***Opening Song "Spirit"**

Prayer of Confession

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

Leader: Creator God, you formed this world out of the dust of the earth,
yet we confess that we have tried to lock you up at church.
We assume that you belong here alone,
and we have tried to keep you from entering into our lives.
We prefer to live our lives apart from you,
and we hide our faces, suspicious of your promises of forgiveness.

Antiphon

Leader: We do not look for your presence in the eyes of a loved one,
or see your face in the faces of strangers.
We do not perceive your callings in our schools and workplaces.
We forget our responsibilities to you among our friends and our partners.
Forgive us, Lord.

Antiphon

Leader: We know that we cannot flee from your presence or hide from your love,
but why should we want to?
In you, O Lord, is grace and peace.
You are the love for which we hunger and the acceptance for which we thirst.
Help us to know your promises and accept them.

Antiphon

Leader: Thank you, God, for creating us, for we are marvelously and wonderfully made.
We thank you for the lives you have granted us,
the experiences from which we have learned,
the intimacy with which you know us,
and the forgiveness you offer, making us new.

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 Colossians 3:12–17

(page 190, N.T.)

Sermon by Adam H. Fronczek

Song for Reflection “Naima”

John Coltrane

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music “Love One Another”

***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 "Blessed Assurance" *Phoebe P. Knapp, Fanny Crosby, and Van Alstyne*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Gracious God,
we thank you for the promises of this bread and cup.
We know you can take the commonest of food and drink
and make them holy.
Take the ordinary things of our lives and make them signs
of your love and presence in the world.
Restore us with your strength as you send us out into the world. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

***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
John Doty	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	

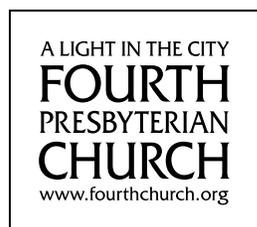
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News and Opportunities

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 this 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.

A Good Friday Prayer Walk will be held on March 29, beginning at 2:30 p.m. at Wayman A.M.E. Church (509 W. Elm).

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.

Easter Sunday services on March 31 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach and 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service in the Sanctuary.

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 Gratz Center reception desk today and during the week. For more information, 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.

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, an archive of sermons and prayers, photos, and much more.

Certified tax preparation assistance, for all ages, is available through the Center for Life and Learning through Friday, April 12. To make an appointment, contact Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386 (jbergen@fourthchurch.org).

Share sermon quotes with your friends.

Pass along excerpts from “Prayers of the People,” or start a discussion about the day’s devotion.

You can find all of these—sermon quotes, prayer excerpts, and daily devotions—at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch (and Twitter at @fourthchicago), ready to share with others.



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

Servers for Monday and fourth Friday suppers, 3:30–6:15 p.m.

Servers for Easter Brunch, March 31, 11:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, 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 study winter/spring clothes in larger sizes (coats, jackets, sweaters, shirts, pants, etc.)

For more information or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Music and the Arts

Organist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music at Fourth Church, will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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, through 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.

Applications for mission trips to Mexico (May 14–21) and Urban Plunge: Regeneration Chicago (May 17–19), are due Monday, April 1. 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).

The second annual CROSSwalk procession to remember youth killed by gun violence in Chicago will take place this Friday, March 22 at 6:00 p.m. Details, including a sign-up sheet, are available by calling Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

Newsprov for the Arts, a series of improv shows featuring local media personalities and benefiting Chicago Lights Academic Success in Schools, will be held on Fridays, April 5, 12, and 19 at 8:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For details, including ticket information, call Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

Lobby Day in Springfield for commonsense gun laws is on Thursday, April 11. Those interested in forming a Fourth Church group to take part may call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

An anti-gun violence forum, which will include a screening of the documentary *Trigger*, will be held on Saturday, April 13 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

Family Night: Safari Night will be held this 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 then a live animal show in Anderson Hall. To RSVP, contact Daniel Holladay at 312.640.2578 (dholladay@fourthchurch.org).

The children's Palm Sunday procession will take place at the beginning of 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. worship next Sunday, March 24. Children will gather in their classrooms prior to each service; parents with infants and toddlers will meet in the Loggia at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.

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 this Friday, March 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Opportunity to walk the labyrinth will take place between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held weekdays in the Sanctuary at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m.

Fellowship

Young Adults meets on Sundays for fellowship and discussion at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They will also gather for a social hour on Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 p.m. at Jake Melnick's (41 E. Superior St.).

ThirtiesForties will meet this Thursday, March 21 at 5:30 p.m. at Cantina Laredo (508 N. State St.) for a social hour. They will also gather next Sunday, March 24 at 12:30 p.m. in Morse Conference Room for a Holy Week study and on Sunday, April 7 at 12:30 p.m. for a tour of the Marc Chagall Bible Series at the Loyola University Museum of Art. RSVP for the tour to Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by this Wednesday, March 20.

Cornerstones will meet for "The Real China Challenge," presented by John Rogers, on Friday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To RSVP (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 (callerton@fourthchurch.org) by Wednesday, April 3.

Enrichment

"Seeking Peace and Progress in a World Divided by Faith and Politics," a Michigan Avenue Forum with Robin Lovin, will take place this Monday, March 18 at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This forum is free and open to the public.

Men's Bible Study will gather this Tuesday, March 19 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details, contact Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@fourthchurch.org).

Christian Century study and discussion groups meet this Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. For details, 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 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, April 15 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.;
Saturday, April 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon;
or Monday, May 6 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](https://www.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.