



Gathering

Gathering Music "Holy Land"
"Lookout for Hope"

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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: Out of darkness came light;

People: **and the power of God was revealed**

Leader: in the running wave and the flowing air,

People: **in the quiet earth and the shining stars.**

Leader: Out of the dust came life;

People: **and the image of God was revealed**

Leader: in the human face and the gentle heart,

People: **in the warmth of flesh and the depth of soul.**

Leader: Out of justice came freedom;

People: **and the wisdom of God was revealed**

Leader: in the need to grow and the will to love,

People: **in the chance to know and the power to choose.**

Leader: God looked at the creation,

People: **and behold, it was very good.**

Opening Song "As We Gather at Your Table"

Prayer of Adoration (*unison*)

**Living God, our loving parent: you cherish your creation, and we praise you.
With earth, air, water, fire: in our element as your children, we praise you.
With our lips, with our lives, in all our diversity, each one made in your image,
we praise you. Because, in Jesus, you came to share our human lives,
our sorrow and joy, we praise you. Because your Spirit is at work today,
encouraging, enabling, surprising us, we praise you. Poor as we are,
you give us hope: salt of the earth, you give us meaning and purpose,
and we praise you. Amen.**

Song "God Is Here!"

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Salt is good, but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it?

Leader: Giving God, you blessed us with saltiness,

People: **but we became bland.**

Leader: You trusted us with your Word,

People: **but we did not keep it.**

Leader: You lit a flame in our midst,

People: **but we hid it under formality, smothered it with our fears.**

Leader: God, in your mercy:

People: **forgive us.**

Silence

Leader: Forgiving God, we believe that you have called us

People: **to be salt and light;**

Leader: that you offer us time and space and strength

People: **to begin again.**

Silence

Leader: Giving and forgiving God,

People: **we thank you.**

Leader: Have salt in yourself, and be at peace with one another.

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As redeemed 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** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace"

Lucy Smith

Giving Thanks

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise!**

By mutual invitation, please go around the table and ask each person to share something for which they are thankful. After each person shares, please say the following response:

One: Generous God:

All: **we thank you.**

Doxology

Lucy Smith

Breaking the Bread

Minister: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,
and after giving thanks to God,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my body, given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

Music "Now to Your Table Spread"

John Ireland and Shirley E. Murray

Leader: Gracious God,
as Jesus broke bread to feed a crowd in Galilee,
we break bread now,
thanking you for the food you give us.
May we enjoy your gifts thankfully,
and share what we have with those who hunger and thirst,
loving others as Christ loves us.
Amen.

Friends, taste and see that God is good.

The meal is shared.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Luke 13:10–17 (page 79, N.T., Common English Bible)

Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. A woman was there who had been disabled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and couldn't stand up straight. When he saw her, Jesus called her to him and said, "Woman, you are set free from your sickness." He placed his hands on her and she straightened up at once and praised God.

The synagogue leader, incensed that Jesus had healed on the sabbath, responded, "There are six days during which work is permitted. Come and be healed on those days, not on the Sabbath day."

The Lord replied, "Hypocrites! Don't each of you on the sabbath untie your ox or donkey from its stall and lead it out to get a drink? Then isn't it necessary that this woman, a daughter of Abraham, bound by Satan for eighteen long years, be set free from her bondage on the sabbath day?" When he said these things, all his opponents were put to shame, but all those in the crowd rejoiced at all the extraordinary things he was doing.

Sermon Seven Days a Week

John W. Vest

Sacred Conversations

Sealing the Word

Blessing the Cup

Minister: After supper, Jesus took the cup, saying:
"This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this in remembrance of me."

Sharing of Gifts

Please place gifts in the plate as it is passed.

Offertory Music "All Good Gifts"

Stephen Schwartz

Prayers of the People

People are invited to share petitions with their table. After each person shares, please say the following response:

One: God of love:

All: **hear our prayer.**

When all who want to share have done so, please maintain a spirit of prayer in silence.

Leader: We praise you, God, source of life,
for your good gifts to us and to the whole world.
We thank you for the friendship we have in Christ
and for the coming of your kingdom,
where there will be no more hunger and thirst,
and where all will be satisfied through your love.
As this bread was once seed scattered on earth
to be gathered into one loaf,
so may your church be joined together into one holy people.
Amen.

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.**

Sending

Closing Song “Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread”

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

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Marcus Evans, drums Tom Vaitsas, piano Chuck Webb, bass

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News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Bookmark the Fourth Church website— www.fourthchurch.org—for access to the calendar, details about events, photos, and more.

Nominating forms for the offices of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are online.

Music and the Arts

Vocalist Lucy Smith, who provides music leadership for the 4:00 jazz service, will perform this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the courtyard.

Fellowship

The autumn open house of the Center for Life and Learning will take place Thursday, August 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in Anderson Hall.

Children, Youth, and Family

"Mindful Parenting," a monthly parenting series led by Sue Schemper, will be held the second Sunday of the month, starting September 8, at 9:30 a.m. in the Third Floor Conference Room of Parish House.

Kickoff Sunday for children, youth, and their families is Sunday, September 8.

Mission and Outreach

New volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program are asked to attend one of the following orientation sessions from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.: Wednesday, September 11; Thursday, September 12; Monday, September 16; or Tuesday, September 17.

Worship

A time of tailgating fellowship and BBQ, followed by a brief worship service with Communion, will be held this Thursday, August 29 on the upper level of the Waldron Parking Deck at Soldier Field. Fellowship will begin at 3:30 p.m. and continue until the 7:00 p.m. game time. The Communion service will take place at 6:00 p.m. A ticket to that evening's Bears preseason game is not required for tailgating.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Experienced website developer to help a church-affiliated AIDS agency improve their website
Members to teach Sunday School for the fall, beginning September 8

Current Donation Needs

Laptop or iPad for the Social Service Center

For details, call Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382.

From Tailgate Church to outdoor concerts, you can find details about upcoming Fourth Church events posted on Facebook: www.facebook.com/fourthchurch. You'll also find there favorite quotes from sermons and prayers, as well as photos of Fourth Church life. Be sure to like our page to ensure you keep up to date with our multiple daily posts, including information about what's planned for the fall!



During Today's Worship

Please turn off all cell phones during the service.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the courtyard and return as you wish.

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.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin for children, are available from a greeter.

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, September 9, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 14, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 7, 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 September 22 and October 27.

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.