



Gathering

Palm Sunday

Gathering Music "Very Early"

Bill Evans

"Ride On, King Jesus"

African American spiritual

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: As we are called into worship today,
it is sobering to remember that when God appeared on earth
in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize him
and therefore did not worship him.
Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who he is,
that we might worship him in truth.
People of God, behold and see your God!

People: **We open our eyes to see his glory.**
We open our ears to hear his wisdom.
We open our hands to offer him gifts.
We open our mouths to sing his praise.
We open our hearts to offer him our love. Jesus is Lord.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** "Prepare Ye"

Stephen Schwartz

***Scripture** Matthew 21:1–11

(page 21, N.T.)

***Song** "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As 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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Sermon By Adam H. Fronczek

Musical Reflection

Sealing the Word

Sharing of Gifts

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

Offertory Music "On the Willows"

S. Schwartz

***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 "Wayfaring Stranger"

Traditional

The Reading of the Passion Narrative Matthew 27:11–54

(page 30, N.T.)

Sending

Closing Song "Were You There?"

African American spiritual

*Benediction

Depart in Silence

Worship Leaders

Adam H. Fronczek	Associate Pastor
Edwin Estevez	Pastoral Resident
David Nelson	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass Marcin Fahmy, piano

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.

Acknowledgments

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PASTORAL STAFF

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor-Elect (*joining us May 1*)
Joyce Shin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life and Temporary Head of Staff
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Adam H. Fronczek, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Worship
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News and Opportunities

More information about news and upcoming events at Fourth Church is available in the *News and Opportunities* publication in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/news.

Holy Week and Easter

On Maundy Thursday, April 17, there will be a 12:10 p.m. Communion service as well as a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, also with Communion. The Tenebrae service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus.

On Good Friday, there will be a 12:10 p.m. service and, at 7:30 p.m., a choral service, featuring *Pange Lingua Variations* by Dave Brubeck.

A Good Friday Prayer Walk will be held on April 18, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on the north side of Seward Park (southwest corner of Division and Orleans).

A Good Friday service for children will be held on April 18 at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 19 and will begin at 8:00 p.m. in the Garth with the kindling of a fire to provide candlelight to carry into the darkened Sanctuary. Once inside there will be readings from scripture that cover the entire salvation story, and the service will conclude with a reaffirmation of baptismal vows and the celebration of Communion.

On Easter Sunday, March 31, a 6:30 a.m. sunrise service will be held at Oak Street Beach, with Hardy Kim preaching. Easter worship in the Sanctuary will be held at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m., with Joyce Shin preaching, and an Easter jazz service with Communion will be held at 4:00 p.m., with Adam Fronczek preaching.

Easter Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 20 at 12:45 p.m. There is a limited number of tickets, which are available at the reception desk.

Music and the Arts

“The Hymnal Project: Upcycling into Artwork,” a Lenten art exhibit using retired hymnals, is on display in the Loggia through Tuesday, April 22.

Worship

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, will next be held on Friday, April 25 in Buchanan Chapel. The service will feature dancers from the Chicago Lights CLASS Dance Ensemble. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall.

It couldn't be easier to share your church with a friend: whether it's a thought-provoking quote from a recent sermon, an inspiring reflection from a daily devotion, an invitation to attend the moving Tenebrae service on Thursday night or the candlelit Easter Vigil on Saturday, or joyful Easter greetings, you will find all on our page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) this week. Why not share at least one with friends?



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 Judith 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.

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 left-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, May 5, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 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).

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 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 April 27, May 25, June 22, and July 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.

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