



## Gathering

**Gathering Music** “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” . . . . . *African American spiritual*  
“Be Thou My Vision” . . . . . *Irish ballad*  
“Dream a Little Dream of Me” . . . *Wilbur Schwandt, Fabian Andree, Gus Kahn*

*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:** Gathering God, you have brought us together from different places and different backgrounds to share this time with each other.

Help us to be open to you and to each person here.

Open our ears,

**People:** to hear what you are saying to us in the things that happen and in the people we meet.

**Leader:** Open our hands,

**People:** to reach out to one another in friendship and to help when help is needed.

**Leader:** Open our lips,

**People:** to share our stories with one another to bring comfort, inspiration, and joy to each other.

Leader: Open our minds,

**People: to discover new truth about you, about ourselves,  
about each other, and about our world.**

Leader: Open our hearts,

**People: so that we may welcome one another freely, just as you welcome us.**

**All: Amen.**

**\*Opening Song "Open My Eyes That I May See"**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: God, you call us to act justly.

We often close our eyes to injustice.

We are deaf to the cries of those who are oppressed.

We give in to the pressure to conform.

We fear the cost of change; we lack a vision for tomorrow.

**People: God, forgive us.**

Leader: God, you call us to love mercy. Fear, anger, and hatred hold us back.

We judge others harshly. Bitterness chokes our forgiveness.

**People: God, forgive us.**

Leader: God, you call us to walk humbly with you. We live in arrogance and greed.

We forget that we are made from dust

and that our life depends upon the fragile network of all creation.

We have laid waste the earth and threatened the universe.

**People: God, forgive us.**

Leader: God, you call us to act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you.

**People: Transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may live.**

**Amen.**

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: As redeemed children of God, let us not be strangers to one another, but siblings 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

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

Genesis 28:10–19 . . . . . (*Old Testament, page 24*)  
John 1:35–51 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 87*)

**Sermon** Adventures in Liminality . . . . . *John W. Vest*

**Musical Reflection**



## Sealing the Word

**Sharing of Gifts** (*Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

**Offertory Music** "Corner of the Sky" . . . . . *Stephen 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** "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" . . . . . *African American spiritual*

#### Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**God of grace and love, at this sacred table you have shared with us  
the holy mysteries of bread that is broken and a cup that is poured out.  
You give us gifts to use and opportunities to use them.  
Filled with the power of your Spirit, send us out into the world to share your love.  
Amen.**

# Sending

**\*Closing Song** "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

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## Worship Leaders

<b>John W. Vest</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Roger Wilson</b>	Lay Liturgist
<b>John Sherer</b>	Organist
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano Joshua Ramos, bass

### A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is 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.

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**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Edwin Estevez**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus

# News and Opportunities

## Worship

**Worship services can be heard** through the “T” setting of hearing aids. Individual listening devices for improved sound are also available from ushers.

**Pastoral Resident Edwin Estevez** will complete his two years with us next Sunday, July 27, when he will preach at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship. Please join us that day as we take time to thank him for his ministry among us and wish him Godspeed.

**Opportunity to walk the labyrinth** in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For more information, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/worship/labyrinth.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/worship/labyrinth.html)

**Reflecting on the hymns of our faith** is the current theme of our daily devotions. Devotions are available in the literature racks, by email from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org), and online at [www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions)

**Morning Prayer** is held weekdays in Stone Chapel at 9:30 a.m., except Tuesdays, when it is at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to join staff for this daily opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

**Contemplative Prayer Group** is held on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Hospitality Suite. All are invited to attend. For more information, contact Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598 ([vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org](mailto:vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org)).

**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 this Friday, July 25 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel between 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

**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. and 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 discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They also gather for volleyball on Mondays at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach.

**Fourth for Bridge**, a fellowship group for experienced bridge players, will next meet on Saturday, August 2 at 7:30 p.m. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Did you see on Facebook this week that we—**  
Shared photos and the trip journal from the youth's work camp in Haiti? Celebrated July 13 as the day Calum MacLeod was called to St. Giles' Cathedral, Adam Fronczek started as Pastor at Knox Church, and John Buchanan began as Temporary Preaching Pastor at Preston Hollow in Dallas? For all the latest news and photos, “Like” us on Facebook!



### News and Resources

**Fourth Presbyterian Church** strives to be a welcoming, serving community. We affirm the worth of all and nurture each individual's spiritual pilgrimage.

**Every adult who owns anything** and cares about what happens to it, as well as anyone who wants to leave a bequest for the church, needs a will. For more information about planned giving, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380 (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

**Nominating forms for the offices** of Elder, Deacon, Trustee, and Chicago Lights Board are available in the pew racks and also online at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org). Please use the forms to recommend Fourth Church members who have demonstrated gifts for leadership and ministry. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church no later than Monday, September 22.

**Inquirers' Class** offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Monday, August 11 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

**Be sure to bookmark** the Fourth Church website—[www.fourthchurch.org](http://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.

**Stephen Ministry** provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information for those who might benefit from conversation with a Stephen Minister is available in the literature racks, online, and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:**  
(@FourthChicago)

**Sign up to receive the weekly newsletter** (News@Fourth Church) by sending email addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)

**The Career Transitions Center of Chicago**, of which Fourth Church is a sponsoring organization, is offering a variety of programs for those going through a career transition. For details, visit [www.ctcchicago.org](http://www.ctcchicago.org).

### Children, Youth, and Family

**Summer Sunday School** classes are held at 9:30 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center.

**A Family Movie Night** will be held outdoors this Thursday, July 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Day School playground (or, in case of rain, in the Bumpus Room).

**A neighborhood play date** for families will be held on Saturday, August 9 at 10:00 a.m. in Oz Park (2021 N. Burling). For more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

**Vacation Bible School**, which will explore Moses' journey through the wilderness, will be held for children in preschool through fifth grade the mornings of August 11–15. Registration forms are available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/children/vbs.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/children/vbs.html). To volunteer to help at VBS, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

# News and Opportunities

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Volunteers** to wash and dry clothing for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child in the zip code 60618

**Members** to serve on the Chancel Guild to prepare the Communion elements on occasional Saturdays; 8:00–10:00 a.m.

**Dining Room helpers** for Sunday Night Supper to assist with setup, beverage pouring, hosting, and cleaning; 3:30–6:00 p.m.

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

**Dessert bakers** for Monday Night Supper

**Members** to serve as liturgists during morning worship services

**Bag lunch assemblers and distributors;** Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays

**Members** to serve as Nursery caregivers on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

**Aspiring gardeners** to help at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm on Saturdays, 12:00 noon–3:00 p.m.

**Clothing sorters** for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Friday afternoons

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Men's and women's seasonal clothes** in larger sizes

**Small pull-ups** for a chronically ill child

**Nonperishable** food items

**Department store bags** with handles

**Individually wrapped food items** for the Bag Lunch program

*For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 ([lnicholson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnicholson@fourthchurch.org)) or visit [www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html)*

## Mission and Outreach

**The Annual School Supply Drive**, organized by Women@Fourth Connect, is underway. For a list of materials and more information about the drive, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/women](http://www.fourthchurch.org/women) or contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Delivery of fresh produce** is available through the Chicago Lights Urban Farm's Community Supported Agriculture program. For more information, contact Ben Jaffe at [bjaffe@fourthchurch.org](mailto:bjaffe@fourthchurch.org).

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets** offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a participating grocery store or restaurant. To purchase a \$5 booklet, contact Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815 ([ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Chicago Lights Tutoring alumni**—students and tutors—are invited to join an alumni network to be notified about Tutoring's fiftieth anniversary celebration this fall and to stay connected with fellow program participants. To join the network, visit <http://bit.ly/TutoringAlum50>

**Save the date for Carnaval 2015:**  
Friday, March 6!

### Enrichment

**A Baha'i Temple excursion**, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, will take place on Friday, August 8. Adults sixty and more are invited to register with Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386 (jbergen@fourthchurch.org) by Thursday, July 31.

**Meditation**, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, is held on the first and third Tuesdays of the month, with an introductory class at 6:30 p.m. and regular meditation at 7:00 p.m., in Boyle Conference Room. For more information, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/rc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/rc)

**Spiritual Yoga**, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, is held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. For more information, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/rc](http://www.fourthchurch.org/rc)

**The Christian Century Study Group** will meet for a screening of the film *Arsenic and Old Lace* on Thursday, August 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Room 4G. All are invited to attend. Those new to the group are asked to RSVP with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

**The Books by Women** reading list for this fall is available online at [www.fourthchurch.org/education/books.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/education/books.html) and in the literature racks.

### Music and the Arts

**Vocalist Libby York** will perform this Friday's free "Music by the Fountain" Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. outdoors in the courtyard. For a complete schedule of concerts, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/concerts](http://www.fourthchurch.org/concerts)

**The Summer Film Series**, offered through the Center for Life and Learning, is held on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center. All 60 and more are invited to attend these free screenings. For more information, including a schedule of films, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll) or contact Julia Bergen at 312.981.3386 (jbergen@fourthchurch.org).

**"Birds of Longing: Memory and Exile,"** an exhibition of Laurie Wohl's artwork, is currently on display in the Loggia. For more information, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/arts/exhibitions.html](http://www.fourthchurch.org/arts/exhibitions.html)

**Those who would like to receive *Music Notes***, a weekly email newsletter about music at Fourth Church, are invited to subscribe by sending email addresses to [music@fourthchurch.org](mailto:music@fourthchurch.org).

**Light**, the latest CD featuring the Fourth Church choirs, is available online through iTunes or CDBaby or by contacting Ryan Loeckel at 312.640.2570 (rloeckel@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 read aloud during 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](http://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](mailto: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, August 11, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 23, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, September 8, 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)).

**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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto:news@fourthchurch.org)).

**If you are interested in considering baptism or membership** at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Church, please contact Liz Nickerson (312.573.3366; [lnickerson@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lnickerson@fourthchurch.org)) 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 July 27, August 24, and September 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.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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