



Gathering

Gathering Music “Aria” Paul Manz
“The Lord Will Make a Way” Thomas Dorsey
arr. Henry Sexton and Raymond Henry

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: The earth is God’s and all that is in it,

People: the world and all who live in it.

Leader: The rocks sing out God’s praises;

People: the stars proclaim God’s handiwork.

Leader: Let us join in the song.

People: Let us worship with our hearts and lives!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song.** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

Prayer of Confession

(Please observe silence for personal prayers of confession.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

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 family 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*

Reach out your hand in peace. Reach out your hand in peace.

Reach out your hand in peace. In re-turn you'll feel God's love.

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 23 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*): **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Leader: God is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

God makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

God renews my life and guides me along right pathways
for the sake of God's Name.

Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Leader: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of God forever.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Scripture Reading

Matthew 22:1–14. (*New Testament, page 23*)

Sermon What's in It for Us? Layton Williams

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

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

Offertory Music "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" . . . *Ludwig van Beethoven and Henry van Dyke*

***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 "Now to Your Table Spread" *John Ireland and Shirley Erena Murray*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Loving God,
you have given us a share in the one bread and the one cup
and made us one with Christ.
Help us to bring your salvation and joy to all the world.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.**

Sending

***Closing Song** "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Elizabeth Nickerson	Worship Leader
John W. W. Sherer	Organist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano

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
Layton Williams, Pastoral Resident
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News and Opportunities

Worship

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 to 11:00 a.m. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/worship/labyrinth.html

An interfaith Blessing of the Animals service will be held on Saturday, October 11 at 1:00 p.m. (weather permitting) in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

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.

Contemplative Prayer Meditation 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).

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.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks, online at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions, and by email from devotions@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 on Friday, October 24 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/taize

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 opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those in need, and mission partners around the world.

Annual Appeal 2015

Commitment Sunday is Sunday, October 26. Please join in pledging your commitment by that day to be "All In" so we can go out to love and serve. The pledge cards for the 2015 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights can be found in the pew racks or completed online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal. For more information, contact Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380 (kbever@fourthchurch.org).

Each of the photographs of church life you see at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch is a snapshot of just one of the many things you make possible through your pledges and gifts. It is your giving that brings our congregation to life in its mission and ministry, as together we live out our call to love and serve!



Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes are held on Sundays: “World War I and the Twentieth-Century Crisis of Faith” at 9:30 a.m. and “Old Stories, New Dimensions: A Creative Writing and Biblical Storytelling Class” at 11:00 a.m., both on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center.

“**Working Well,**” a three-part series offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held on Thursdays, beginning October 9, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

ThirtiesForties’ “Faith in Focus” series begins on Sunday, October 12 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F with discussion of the topic “Evangelism.”

“**The Power of Holiness,**” a four-week Academy for Faith and Life class led by Tom Dozeman, will begin next Sunday, October 12 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

“**Marriage: The Master Class,**” a series offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will explore “The Emotionally Wise Marriage” on Monday, October 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. To register or for more information, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

Books by Women will discuss *Dear Life* by Ann Munro on Tuesday, October 14 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

David Brooks will be speaking at Fourth Church on Tuesday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. Details and ticket information are available online at www.chicagohumanities.org

Spiritual yoga and meditation are offered on Tuesdays through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. For more information, visit www.fourthchurch.org/rc

News and Resources

A Peacemaking Offering will be received today, World Communion Sunday, to support the work of the Cameroon America AIDS Alliance, which works with local partners in Cameroon, Africa, to help stem the spread of HIV/AIDS and alleviate the devastation of the disease.

Be sure to 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.

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/contact/nominating_form.html. 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 by Monday, October 6.

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.

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, October 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Fourth Church is on Twitter: (@FourthChicago).

News and Opportunities

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week, Monday–Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

Audio recording equipment operators for Sunday morning worship services and occasional afternoon services

In2it Cafe instructors for Chicago Lights Tutoring; one evening a week

Experienced cooks for the Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

Volunteers to wash and dry clothes for a Fourth Church family with a chronically ill child

Dessert bakers for Monday Night Supper, on rotation

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

Individuals to organize and pack supplies on Sunday afternoon for Monday Night Supper, on rotation

Bag lunch assemblers and distributors on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays; 10:30–11:45 a.m. or 11:50 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

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

Current Donation Needs

Colorful tablecloths for Sunday Night Supper

Men's and women's sturdy, fall clothes in all sizes

Small women's pull-ups for a chronically ill child

Nonperishable food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center

Department store bags with handles

For details 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

“Art from Esperanza,” a collection of artwork by participants in the programming at Esperanza Community Services, is currently on display in the Loggia.

The Choral Society welcomes new singers to rehearsal on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. They will be performing Schubert’s *Mass in G* on Thursday, October 30 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A \$20 donation will be collected at the door.

Euclid Quartet will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. A complete schedule of Noonday concerts is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/concerts

Camerata Chicago and cellist Joshua Roman will perform works by Beethoven, Dvorak, and Rossini on Friday, October 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.cameratachicago.org

Handbell Choir rehearsal is held on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

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.

***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).

Mission and Outreach

Information about 2015 mission trips to Tanzania, Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, and the U.S. Midwest is available in the literature racks and online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips.html

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

Chicago Lights Tutoring begins its fiftieth year this week! We look forward to welcoming back for a new school year the 400 students who will meet one-to-one with their tutors here at the church one evening a week. See www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights to learn more.

A screening of *Divided Families: Responding with Faith*, followed by a panel discussion about U.S. immigration policies, will be held this Thursday, October 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The fifteen-member Chicago Lights' marathon team, which will be running the October 12 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, has raised more than \$20,000 for this community outreach arm of Fourth Church. To support their efforts, contact Kate Solis at 312.981.3564 (ksolis@fourthchurch.org).

GLOW, the annual Chicago Lights Associates Board fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, November 8 at the Museum of Contemporary Art. Tickets are available at bit.ly/clglow2014

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, call Nancy Davis at 312.274.3815.

Save the date for Carnival 2015: Friday, March 6!

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Youth in grades 6 through 12 gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Tunes for Tots, a time of singing and music for infants, young toddlers, and their parents, is held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

The Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs rehearse on Sundays, with Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B; Cherub Choir (age 4–grade 1) at 10:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel; and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5B

"Grow in Your Faith," a three-part, monthly series for parents, will be held next Sunday, October 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 4G.

A "Pumpkin Decorating" Family Night will be held on Friday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

Moms' Groups for mothers with children through twelve years old meet weekly. For more information, contact Liz Nickerson at 312.573.3366 (lnickerson@fourthchurch.org).

Fellowship

Young Adults gathers on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Fourth Dimension will gather for the presentation "Fifty Prominent Chicagoans on Living with Passion and Purpose," led by Betsy Storm, on Friday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G. To register (required), call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 by Wednesday, October 8.

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.

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, October 6, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, November 3, from 6:30 to 9:00 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 contact Liz Nickerson (312.573.3366; 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 October 26 and November 23.

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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