



Gathering

Gathering Music “Christ Has Arisen; Alleluia!” *Tanzanian melody/arr. Johannes Matthias Michel*
“Halle, Halle, Halle” *Caribbean melody/arr. John Behnke*
“Pick Up the Pieces” *A. Gorrie, R. Ball, O. McIntyre,*
H. Stuart, M. Duncan, and R. McIntosh

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.

*Opening Responses

Leader: Out of death came life
All: and God defeated evil:

Leader: an empty cross and an empty tomb,
All: a nail mark shown and a presence known.

Leader: Out of sorrow came joy
All: and God sent the Spirit:

Leader: coming like fire to all people and ages,
All: coming to birth in the water of life.

Leader: Out of difference came unity
All: and God’s people were called:

Leader: called to receive Christ in bread and cup,
All: called to be free in the power of love.

* Stand as you are able

Prayer of Confession

Dear God, creator of the heavens and maker of each small thing:
what a wondrous universe you have spread before us.
Each day overflows with the richness of life: with growing green
and bursting blossoms, with relationships which nurture and challenge,
with missions accomplished and justice to be done.
Each day is full of your meaning.
And yet many times we do not see this.
With much around us to be done, we complain of boredom.
Or we are so busy we lose track of your presence and calling.
Too often we scurry to and fro without appreciation,
delight, or much sense of purpose. Call us, O God, out
of emotional poverty into the richness of life lived in love.
Move us toward you and one another. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: As beloved 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

Psalter Psalm 40

You are my help and my res - cue - er. My God, do not de - lay.

ANTIPHON (unison) You are my help and my rescuer. My God, do not delay.

Leader: I waited patiently upon God, who stooped to me and heard my cry.
God lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay,
and set my feet upon a high cliff, making my footing sure.
God put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God.
Many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in God.
Happy are they who trust in God! They do not turn to the proud or turn to the false.

ANTIPHON (unison) You are my help and my rescuer. My God, do not delay.

Leader: Great things are they that you have done, O God, my God!
How great your wonders and your plans for us!
There is none who can be compared with you.
O, that I could make them known and tell them, but they are more than I can count.
You have led me to believe in sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure;
burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required.

So I said, "Behold, I come. It is written in the roll of the book concerning me:
I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."
I proclaim righteousness in the great congregation;
 behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O God, you know.
I have not hidden your righteousness in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithful deliverance;
 I have not concealed your faithful love from the great congregation.
You are God; do not withhold your compassion from me;
 let your faithful love keep me safe forever.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **You are my help and my rescuer. My God, do not delay.**

Leader: For my innumerable troubles have crowded upon me; my sins have overtaken me,
 I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my heads, and then my heart fails me.
Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O God, make haste to help me.
Let them who seek after my life to destroy it be ashamed and altogether dismayed.
 Let them who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.
Let those who say "Aha!" and gloat over me be confounded, because they are ashamed.
Let all who seek you rejoice in you and be glad;
 let those who love your salvation continually say, "Great is God!"
Though I am poor and afflicted, God will have regard for me.
 You are my helper and my deliverer; do not tarry, O my God.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **You are my help and my rescuer. My God, do not delay.**

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36–49 (*New Testament, page 85*)

Sermon "Was Jesus Born to Die?" John W. Vest

Musical Reflection



Sealing the Word

Offertory Music "Trees" *Margaret Pleasant Douroux*

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

***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 E. Murray*

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God,
nourished at this table with this sacred meal,
take our lives and use them for your purpose;
take our hands and work through them;
take our lips and speak through them;
take our hearts and fill them with love for you and for all people.
Amen.**



Sending *Closing Song “When the Storms of Life Are Raging”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

John W. Vest	Associate Pastor
John W. W. Sherer	Organist
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 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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News and Opportunities

Fellowship

Presbyterian Women will gather for a time of “Good News” fellowship this Thursday, April 23 at 5:30 p.m. in Randolph Room.

A young adults retreat will be held this Friday, April 24–Sunday, April 26 in New Buffalo, Michigan. For details or to register, visit www.bit.ly/fpcya-0415retreat

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B of the Gratz Center to create stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

Cornerstones and Fourth Dimension will gather for “Last Is More: Mies, IBM, and the Transformation of Chicago,” led by writer-photographer team Robert Sharoff and William Zbaren, on Friday, May 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. (The title is a play on Mies’s famous dictum “Less Is More.”) To register (required), contact Carol Allerton at 312.787.4570 by next Wednesday, April 29.

Worship

A service in the style of Taizé will next be held this Friday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Music and the Arts

On exhibit in the Loggia is Italian mosaic artist Verdiano Marzi’s “Dal Sogno all’Opus Veritas.”

Choral Society rehearsals continue this Thursday at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel in preparation for singing Haydn’s *Missa Brevis in B-flat* on Thursday, May 21. All singers are invited. For details, call John Sherer at 312.981.3592.

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.

Lakeside Singers will be in concert this Friday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at lakesidesingers.org.

Children, Youth, and Family

The annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the youth summer work camp trip will take place next Sunday, April 26 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets will be available at the door on Sunday, April 26.

The children’s musical will take place at 10:30 a.m. and again at 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 3 in Buchanan Chapel.

What is Fourth Church thankful for?

Each week—on Thankful Thursday—we share a photo of one of the many things for which this faith community is grateful. From volunteers serving brunch, to the faith of the generations being handed down through Bibles given to fourth graders, to music shared by CLL and Day School—you can see them all at www.facebook.com/fourthchurch!



News and Opportunities

News and Resources

Earth Day is this Wednesday, April 22, a day when the Care of Creation Committee calls us to hold in prayer God's amazing creation and to recommit ourselves to the good stewardship of that life-giving gift.

Be sure to bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar; details about upcoming events; archives of prayers and sermons; devotions; and more!

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:
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The scaffolding in the South Balcony is in place while work is done on the southwest pipe chamber. This is in preparation for the installation of the rebuilt pipe organ, which will take place in late 2015. For details about the pipe organ project, see www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ

Conversations with Shannon—opportunities for small groups of Fourth Church members to get to know our Pastor, Shannon Kershner, in informal conversational settings—will be held on Sunday, May 10 in the Manse and Sunday, May 31 in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or aellis@fourthchurch.org

We welcome Jeff Doane to our pastoral staff to serve part-time as our new Parish Associate for Older Adults. A longtime friend of Fourth Church, Jeff was Pastor of Lincoln Park Presbyterian Church for twenty-seven years prior to his retirement.

Mission and Outreach

A hygiene kit drive for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and organized by Fourth Church's Presbyterian Women is happening through Sunday, May 10. Donations are being accepted at the Presbyterian Women's table during Coffee Hours and at the reception desk during the week.

The blue bows on the trees outside the Manse are our public witness, during National Child Abuse Prevention Awareness Month, to all those affected by child abuse. Information and resources on the issue of child abuse are available in the literature racks and online.

The last day to register for the Chicago Lights Marathon Team is this Tuesday, April 21. For more information about guaranteed entries for the 2015 Bank of America Chicago Marathon, contact Allie Williams at 312.981.3383.

The Sunlight Project will host a labyrinth walk this Saturday, April 25 at 10:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel to provide opportunity to remember and pray for all those caught up in child sex trafficking.

CEDEPCA, the Protestant Center for Pastoral Studies in Central America, an educational nonprofit that hosted our 2014 mission trip to Guatemala, will be with us next Sunday, April 26 to talk about the work they do. All are invited to the Page Smith Room at 12:30 p.m. that day.

Chicago Lights Tutoring is looking for businesses to provide summer internships for students in the Career Development program. For details, contact Tanya Uyigwe at 312.274.3828.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week; Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays; 6:00–7:30 p.m.

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

Bicyclists to deliver CSA (Community-Supported Agriculture) bags in the community, Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, beginning June 6

Summer Farm Camp volunteers to work with camp participants aged 5 to 13 years, Tuesdays–Fridays, June 23–August 14, 1:00–5:00 p.m.

Book Nook attendants to staff the Book Nook at Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service

Cooks to prepare and serve breakfast at Lincoln Park Community Shelter on the second Tuesday of each month, on a rotating schedule, 6:30 to 8:00 a.m.

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

Chicago Lights Urban Farm Youth Program volunteers to work with program participants aged 14 to 18 years, Wednesdays–Saturdays, July 8–August 14, 8:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Current Donation Needs

Clean blankets for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Men's and women's sturdy spring clothes in all sizes

Individually wrapped food items for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Consumer Choice Food Pantry

A complete list of volunteer opportunities is available online at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/volunteer.html or by contacting Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

Academy for Faith and Life classes are held on Sundays: “Nature and Grace in Poetry and Prose” at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D with Jeff Doane and “Pilgrimage as Spiritual Practice” at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E with Vicky Curtiss. More information is available at www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Meditation, offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held this Tuesday, April 21, with an introduction for beginners at 6:30 p.m. and a regular session at 7:00 p.m., in Boyle Conference Room.

“Change the Story of Your Health,” a workshop series about healing through reframing one’s health story, begins this Wednesday, April 22 at 6:30 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. To register and for fee information about this series, led by Jungian analyst and shamanic practitioner Carl Greer, visit <http://bit.ly/changehealth>

The Men’s Bible Study will meet next Tuesday, April 28 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. For details or to RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org.

Jeanne Bishop’s book *Change of Heart: Justice, Mercy, and Making Peace with My Sister’s Killer* will be the topic of her presentation next Tuesday, April 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

This year’s women’s retreat, “Changing Our Faith Stories,” will take place on Saturday, May 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Gratz Center. To register, visit www.bit.ly/FPCPWretreat2015

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. 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 4, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 16, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 1, 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 contact Hardy Kim (hkim@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 April 26 and May 24.

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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