

# Gathering

**Gathering Music** “Softly and Tenderly” . . . . . Will L. Thompson  
“Detour Ahead” . . . . . Lou Carter, Herb Ellis, and John Frigo

*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 page 12.*

**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: Almighty God, we pray for your blessing on the church in this place.

**People: Here may the faithful find salvation and the careless be awakened.**

Leader: Here may the doubting find faith and the anxious be encouraged.

**People: Here may the tempted find help and the sorrowful comfort.**

Leader: Here may the weary find rest and the strong be renewed.

**People: Here may the aged find consolation and the young be inspired;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

\* Stand as you are able

**\*Opening Song** ..... “Fairest Lord Jesus”

**Please note**

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**Prayer of Confession** *(please hold silence)*

**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 family in Christ.

Please stand and greet one another with the peace of Christ.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

**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 15 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Who may abide? on your holy hill?**

Leader: God, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

Who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life

and does what is right,

who speaks the truth from the heart

with no guile upon the tongue,

who does no evil to friends,

who does not heap contempt upon neighbors,

in whose sight the wicked are rejected,  
but who honors those who fear God,  
who has sworn to do no wrong  
and does not take back a word,  
who does not give money in hope of gain,  
nor take a bribe against the innocent.  
Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **Who may abide? on your holy hill?**

**Scripture Readings**

Mark 7:1–8, 14–23 . . . . . (*New Testament, page 39*)

**Sermon** . . . . . Mark Eldred



**Responding to the Word**

**Musical Reflection**

**Offertory Music** “Standing on the Promises” . . . . . *R. Kelso Carter*

**Sharing of Gifts** (*Please place gifts and prayer cards 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** "If the Path I Travel" ..... *Mark Diedrich and Margaret E. Barber*

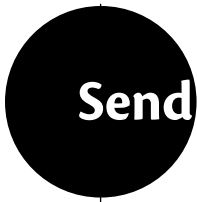
### Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

**Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**We have recalled your mighty acts in holy history.**

**We have seen your power in sending light to conquer darkness,  
water to give us life, and the bread of heaven to nourish us in love.**

**Send us with your salvation and joy to all the world;  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**



# Sending

**\*Closing Song.** . . . . . "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

**\*Benediction**

**Sending Music**

## Worship Leaders

<b>Mark Eldred</b>	Worship Coordinator and Interim Director of Adult Education
<b>Layton Williams</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	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.

## Acknowledgments

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## PASTORAL STAFF

**Shannon J. Kershner**, Pastor  
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**Hardy H. Kim**, Associate Pastor for Evangelism  
**Joyce Shin**, Associate Pastor for Congregational Life  
**Judith L. Watt**, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care  
**Jeffrey Doane**, Parish Associate for Older Adults  
**Layton Williams**, Pastoral Resident  
**John Buchanan**, Pastor Emeritus





# News and Opportunities

## Enrichment

**Nadia Bolz-Weber** will talk about her new book, *Accidental Saints*—which “demonstrates what happens when ordinary people share bread and wine, struggle with scripture together, and tell each other the truth about their real lives”—on Monday, September 14 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

“**Death Over Dinner,**” a continuation of the Replogle Center’s “Dying to Know” Midwinter Conference, will take place on Thursday, September 24 at 6:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. Participants will discuss end-of-life issues over an evening meal. To register (*required*), visit [www.bit.ly/ddin2015](http://www.bit.ly/ddin2015)

## Children, Youth, and Family

**There is no Sunday School** September 6. During that time, families are encouraged to have their children worship with them in the Sanctuary. Worship folders containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children are available from the ushers. Sunday School will resume after Labor Day weekend, with the Children, Youth, and Family Fall Kickoff on Sunday, September 13.

**Fall Family Camp** will be from Friday, October 9 to Sunday, October 11. Save the date!

## Mission and Outreach

**A one-session orientation** for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Thursday, September 10; Monday, September 14; Wednesday, September 16; Tuesday, September 22; and Monday, September 28 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at [www.bit.ly/cltutor2015](http://www.bit.ly/cltutor2015). For more information, contact Fernie Tiflis ([ftiflis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ftiflis@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.981.3381.

**The Care of Creation Committee**, in conjunction with the Alliance for the Great Lakes and the Ocean Conservancy’s International Cleanup, is hosting a cleanup of Oak Street Beach on Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. RSVP at [www.bit.ly/cleanbeach15](http://www.bit.ly/cleanbeach15)

**The Chicago Lights Urban Farm** (444 W. Chicago Ave.) holds volunteer hours on Saturdays from 12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m. A tour of the Farm for new volunteers (*required*) is held each Saturday at 12:00 noon. For details, contact Stephanie Budd ([sbudd@fourthchurch.org](mailto:sbudd@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.274.3801.

**Fresh produce from the Farmstand** at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) is available on Saturdays through the fall from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### What’s going on at Fourth Church?

Check out the churchwide calendar on the website for a complete look at what’s happening at Fourth Church in the days and months ahead. You’ll also find there calendars by program and interest areas, and you can add the dates to your electronic calendar as well. Just visit [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org) or scan this QR code with any smartphone to learn more.



# News and Opportunities

## News and Resources

**Parking changes** at the 900 N. Michigan garage mean that old validation tickets with the magnetic strip are no longer valid. Please pick up, instead, a validation ticket with a bar code. These are available at the church reception desk. Please also note that the garage has changed Sunday parking validation so that it is now valid only for those arriving at the garage after 7:00 a.m. and leaving by 4:00 p.m. This means that there is presently no reduced-rate parking during the Jazz at Four service, but conversations are ongoing about identifying an option for that.

**A 50th anniversary open house** for the Center for Life and Learning will be held on Saturday, September 12 at 1:00 p.m. in the Gratz Center. All are invited to learn more about the academic, exercise, and fellowship opportunities offered by this program for adults sixty and 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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/contact/nominating_form.html). Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

**Be sure to “like” Fourth Church** on Facebook to see the latest photos, keep up-to-date on church news, and access resources.

**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

## Music and the Arts

**Soprano Christine Steyer and pianist Marta Johnson Lettovsky** will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**Chancel Choir rehearsals** resume next Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

**The Fourth Church Choral Society** will perform Mozart’s *Requiem* with the Chicago Chamber Orchestra on Thursday, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. All who are interested in singing the *Requiem* are invited to the first rehearsal on Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

**The installation of the pipe organ** is underway! With the work anticipated to take several months, we look toward celebrating the completed instrument this Advent. In the meantime, you can follow the organ progress online at [www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ](http://www.fourthchurch.org/music/organ) as well as follow links to photos of the project.

## 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 7:00 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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

**Daily devotions**, written by Fourth Church members and staff, are available in the literature racks and by email from [devotions@fourthchurch.org](mailto:devotions@fourthchurch.org)

## Volunteers and Donations

### **Current Volunteer Needs**

**Assistants** to help lead Junior High youth on Sundays during the 11:00 a.m. worship service

**Drummers** for the Fourth Church Drumming Circle to perform with the Morning Choir at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship on occasional Sundays

**Experienced cooks** for the Melting Pot Cooking Club at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Thursdays, 3:00–6:30 p.m.

**Identity Arts program** assistants to work at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm; Tuesdays, 4:00–6:00 p.m.

### **Coffee Hour hosts**

**Cooks** to prepare supper for residents of a small shelter in Lincoln Park

**Attendants to staff the Book Nook** during Coffee Hour after the 11:00 a.m. service

**Audio-video recorders** for the 11:00 a.m. service

**Grocery shoppers** for Sunday and Monday Night Suppers and sandwich teams, on rotation

**Nursery caregivers** on Sundays at 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.

### **Current Donation Needs**

**Box fans**

**Jars of peanut butter**

**Rolling carts**, all sizes

**Umbrellas**

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

## Fellowship

**To sponsor Coffee Hour** in honor or memory of a loved one or for a special occasion, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)).

**Young Adults** meet on Sundays for discussion and fellowship at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. They will also gather for volleyball this Monday, August 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Oak Street Beach. For more information, contact Layton Williams ([lwilliams@fourthchurch.org](mailto:lwilliams@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.640.5449.

**Cornerstones**, Fourth Church's fellowship group hosted by couples fifty and older, will meet this Friday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for "Christianity in China," presented by Jack R. Lundbom. To register (*required*), contact Carol Allerton at [callerton@fourthchurch.org](mailto:callerton@fourthchurch.org) by this Wednesday, September 2.

**Fourth Dimension**, Fourth Church's fellowship group hosted by individuals fifty and older, will meet next Friday, September 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room for "Wrigley Field's Last World Series," presented by Charles Billington. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis ([aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)) at 312.573.3369 by next Wednesday, September 9.

## 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](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, September 14 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 5 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)) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.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 Hardy Kim ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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 September 27 and October 25.

**Reduced-rate Sunday parking** is presently *not* available after 4:00 p.m. as the 900 garage reworks its parking pricing. We are in conversations about reduced-rate parking for those taking part in this service and hope to have news about that the week of Labor Day.

### The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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