



Easter Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music "Morning Dance" *Jay Beckenstein*
"Feeling Good" *Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley*

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.

***Calling Together**

Leader: Joyful is the sound we make this day!

All: For this day liberates us from doubt and fear.

Leader: Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

All: For this day moves us past darkness and despair.

Leader: Hopeful is the prayer upon our lips!

All: For this day awakens in us long-awaited new life.

Leader: Jesus said, "Where two or more are gathered in my name,
I am there among them."

All: Christ lives here and now.

He is among us at this and every moment!

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace and resurrection,
in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace;
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust in you to change our lives, and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, our risen brother and Savior. 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 family in Christ.
Please stand and greet each other 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 118 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Give thanks to God, who is good,
whose mercy endures forever.
Let Israel now proclaim,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”
Let the house of Aaron now proclaim,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”
Let those who fear God now proclaim,
“God’s mercy endures forever.”

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**
Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!

Leader: I will give thanks to you, for you answered me
and have become my salvation.
The same stone which the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.
This is God’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes.
This is the day that God has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.
Hosanna, God, hosanna! God, send us now success.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**
Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of God;
we bless you from the house of God.
God is God who has shined upon us;
form a procession with branches up to the horns of the altar.
“You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you”
Give thanks to God, who is good; whose mercy endures forever.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!**
Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:1–12. (New Testament, page 84)

Sermon “Among the Living” Layton Williams



Responding to the Word

***Musical Reflection** “Christ Is Alive!”

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

Offertory Music “Lord of the Dance”. Shaker hymn and Sydney Carter

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: 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 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives". *John Hatton and Samuel Medley*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**Loving Christ,
at your holy table we are reminded
that you came into this world to meet us in life,
and you returned to life
that we might meet you in resurrection.
Having filled us, both body and soul,
with this promise, send us out
to live like the resurrection people we are.**

Sending

***Closing Song** “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
Robert Koon	Lay Liturgist
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano Rajiv Halim, saxophones

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

A Special Welcome to Visitors Worshipping with Us Today!

We are grateful you have joined us
for this Easter celebration!

We invite you to return to worship
with us again and also to explore
the many opportunities for
education, fellowship, volunteering,
and outreach available at
Fourth Presbyterian Church.

These “News and Opportunities” pages
list a variety of the programs and
activities at Fourth Church, all of
which welcome newcomers. More
information about these programs
can be found in the literature racks
and online at www.fourthchurch.org.

Worship

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan
Chapel is available this week on Tuesday from
7:30 p.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 p.m.

The next Taizé service will be Friday, April 22 at
7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Mission and Outreach

This Tuesday–Thursday please tie a blue bow in the
Commons as part of our Child Abuse Prevention
Awareness efforts. The twine of bows will then be
wrapped around the trees outside the church.
On Friday, April 1 a Blue Bows Interfaith Prayer Service
and press conference will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the
Sanctuary and afterwards volunteers will tie blue
bows on our Michigan Avenue trees. To volunteer,
contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

The Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago
Ave.) holds open volunteer hours on Saturdays,
beginning April 2, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. For details,
contact Stephanie Budd at 312.274.3801.

An orientation session for new volunteers for the
Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on
Thursday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4J.
RSVP online at www.bit.ly/tutorwinter15

News and Resources

For those 70-1/2 years or older, the IRA Charitable
Rollover has been extended. To learn how you might
use this opportunity to support Fourth Church and
Chicago Lights, call Katy Frey Bever at 312.981.3380.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

What are you missing . . .

. . . if you don't have www.fourthchurch.org bookmarked or
have yet to “like” Fourth Church on Facebook ([facebook.com/
fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch))? Photos of church life, including Easter Sunday,
sermon excerpts from Easter, details about such upcoming
events as the concert series introducing our new pipe organ
—and all the latest news from Fourth Church!



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

New Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next Sunday: “Making Social Action Sustainable: Strategies for Spiritual and Psychological Self-Care” at 9:30 a.m.; “Bonhoeffer’s Black Jesus,” at 11:00 a.m.; and “Weaving the Human and the Divine: Stories We Tell about Ourselves” at 12:15 p.m.

The panel discussion “Can Presbyterians Do Interfaith?” will be held on Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Eboo Patel, President of Interfaith Youth Core, will moderate this discussion about religious diversity. All are welcome to this free event, which is part of the “Presbyterian and Pluralist” gathering.

An Interfaith Passover Seder, hosted by Chicago Sinai Congregation (15 W. Delaware), will take place on Thursday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. (*please arrive by 5:45 p.m.*). To reserve tickets, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 or visit bit.ly/chiseder16 by April 10.

Music and the Arts

Chicago Harp Quartet will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Tallis Scholars, a world-renowned *a cappella* ensemble from the United Kingdom, will be in concert Tuesday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. For tickets, visit www.cso.org.

The Fourth Church Choral Society will begin rehearsals for Mozart’s *Mass in C Minor* on Thursday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The next organ dedication concert will feature organist Paul Carr, from Birmingham, England, on Saturday, April 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Fourth Church Youth gatherings resume next Sunday, April 3 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Eighth graders will be confirmed on Sunday, April 3 during 11:00 a.m. worship.

Fellowship

Cornerstones will gather for “Health and Culture: Russia, Siberia, and Central Asia, 1984–2003: Eyewitness on a NATO Plane” this Friday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. To register (*required*), call Carol Allerton at 312.640.5448 by March 30.

Christian Century Study Groups will next meet Wednesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Young Adults gatherings resume Sunday, April 10 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. A young adults retreat will be held Friday–Sunday, May 6–8 in New Buffalo, Michigan.

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program

Sunday School teachers

Nursery caregivers on Sundays

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s spring clothes

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@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. 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, April 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 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) or go to 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), 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 24 or May 22.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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