



Third Sunday of Easter

Gathering

Gathering Music "Butterfly" *Herbie Hancock*
"Change of Heart" *Pat Metheny*

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.

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.

***Calling Together**

Leader: God calls us to see the light of grace and be changed.

People: **God calls us to know the heart of forgiveness and bring blessings.**

Leader: Though we may fall on the road to Damascus with Saul,

People: **we also rise with the light of Christ in our eyes.**

Leader: Gathered together in community, let us receive one another with joy.

People: **Gathered together for worship, let us receive God's love with thanksgiving.**

Let us worship God!

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Holy God, in the light of your great goodness
we see the evil we have done,
the suffering we have caused,
the good we have refused,
and the truth we have denied.**

**Heal us of our sin, wash us in your mercy,
and feed us with your grace,
so that we may follow your way
and tell the good news of the gospel. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Rise up from the dust!
Cast off the shroud of sorrow and
put on the joy of our God.
Friends, hear and believe the good news.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: We are invited to receive a love greater than we can understand.
Let us remember and share that love with one another in a greeting of peace.
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 30 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

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

Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!

Leader: I will exalt you, O God,
because you have lifted me up
and have not let my enemies triumph over me.
O God, my God,
I cried out to you,
and you restored me to health.
You brought me up, O God, from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

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

Praise the Lord, whose love is eternal!

Leader: Sing to God, you servants;
give thanks for the remembrance of holiness.
For God's wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye,
God's favor for a lifetime.
Weeping may spend the night,
but joy comes in the morning.

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

Leader: While I felt secure,
I said, "I shall never be disturbed.
You, God, with your favor,
made me as strong as the mountains."
Then you hid your face,
and I was filled with fear.
I cried to you, O God;
I pleaded with God, saying,
"What profit is there in my blood,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it declare your faithfulness?
Hear, O God, and have mercy upon me;
O God, be my helper."

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

Leader: You have turned my wailing into dancing;
you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.
Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing;
O God my God, I will give you thanks forever.

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

Scripture Reading

Acts 9:1–9 (*New Testament, page 119*)

Sermon "Learning to See" *Nanette Sawyer*

Responding to the Word

*Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music "Open Your Eyes, You Can Fly" *Chick Corea*

***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!**

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 "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart". *Robert Kreutz and Omer Westendorf*

Prayer after Communion

**Risen Christ, you meet us in unexpected places
and surprise us with the abundance of your love.
Feed us by your Word and fill us with your Spirit
so that we may follow you this day, and always. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song** "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Layton Williams	Pastoral Resident
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.

Acknowledgments

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News and Opportunities

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Fourth Church Youth (grades 6–12) gather on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room of the Gratz Center.

A **“Magic Show” Family Night** will be held on Friday, April 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

The annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the youth summer work camp trip will be held Sunday, April 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets will be available at Coffee Hour next Sunday morning and at the door on April 24.

Spring Family Camp will be Friday, May 20–Sunday, May 22.

News and Resources

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, meets this Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 4F.

Music and the Arts

The Fourth Church Choral Society, which is open to all singers, rehearses on Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel in preparation for a May 20 performance of *Mozart’s Mass in C Minor*.

Chicago Ensemble will be in concert this Tuesday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at www.thechicagoensemble.org or by calling 773.558.3448.

Choirs of America will perform this Friday’s free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Camerata Chicago will be in concert on Friday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Tickets are available at cameratachicago.org

The next organ dedication concert will feature organist Aaron David Miller, composer and former Associate Organist at Fourth Church, on Monday, May 16 at 7:30 p.m. Then on Friday, June 3 organist Ken Cowan will present a concert at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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)? Photos of church life, including Confirmation Sunday, sermon excerpts from Easter, details about such upcoming events as “Aging into Possibility”—and all the latest news from Fourth Church!



News and Opportunities

Mission and Outreach

Team Chicago Lights has a limited number of guaranteed entries to award by April 12 for the 2016 Chicago Marathon. Interested in running and making a difference? Contact Kate Solis Silva at 312.981.3564 or ksolis@fourthchurch.org for more information.

The Interfaith Coalition Against Racism (ICAR) will host a call to action presented by Jamie Kalven, human rights activist and journalist, next Sunday, April 17 at 2:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Restorative Justice Committee will host a presentation by Randy Kurtz, Deputy Director of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, on the report from the Illinois State Commission on criminal justice and sentencing reform on Tuesday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4G.

Fourth Church plans to sponsor a refugee family in 2016. To help, please attend an orientation on Wednesday, April 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F or contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org (312.981.3598).

New volunteers with the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center are invited to an orientation Thursday, April 21 at 3:00 p.m. RSVP at bit.ly/1R9YyIH

Sunlight Project will host a forum on "The Sex-Trafficking Web of Japan, Korea, and the United States," presented by PC(USA) mission coworker Kurt Eslinger, on Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. in Room 4G.

The In(Justice) Film Festival, cosponsored by Fourth Church, ICAR, and Trinity United Church of Christ, will be held on Monday, April 25 at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. For details, visit www.injusticeforallff.com

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a weekly women's Bible study, meets on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

Three Academy for Faith and Life classes continue next Sunday: "Making Social Action Sustainable" at 9:30 a.m.; "Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus" at 11:00 a.m.; and "Weaving the Human and the Divine" at 12:15 p.m. on the fifth floor of the Gratz Center.

Books by Women will discuss *Can't We Talk about Something More Pleasant?* by Roz Chast this Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible study will next meet Wednesday, April 13 at 12:00 noon in Room 4H.

"SoulCollage®," a workshop led by Vicky Curtiss and offered through the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be held next Saturday, April 16 at 9:00 a.m. in Boyle Conference Room. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

"On Going Green," a one-session Academy for Faith and Life class, will be held next Sunday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

"Self-Search on the Path to Dying and Death: A Conversation with Phil Kennedy" will be hosted by the Replogle Center on Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. A light supper will be served. To register, call 312.787.8425.

"Aging into Possibility," a conference of the Replogle Center done in partnership with the Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Saturday, April 30 in Buchanan Chapel. For details or to register, visit bit.ly/ageconf2016

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.

On-call aides to help Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center guests select groceries from the Consumer Choice food pantry.

Sunday School teachers for fourth- and fifth-grade classes during 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

“Good Neighbors” for daytime street outreach on Mondays and Fridays

Hosts to serve refreshments during Coffee Hour after worship services

Ushers for the 11:00 a.m. worship service

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

Physicians, nurses, or pharmacists to serve as medical resources to guests of Sunday Night Supper; Sundays, 4:00–5:00 p.m.

Dining Room helpers for Monday Night Supper

Nursery caregivers on Sundays at the 9:30 or 11:00 a.m. worship services

Cooks to prepare and serve supper to residents of a Lincoln Park shelter on a sign-up basis

Current Donation Needs

Small women’s Depends pull-ups

Men’s and women’s spring clothes

Travel-size toiletry items

Individually wrapped food items for sack lunches

For details or to volunteer, contact Larry Nicholson at 312.981.3382 (lnicholson@fourthchurch.org) or visit www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Fellowship

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

The Center for Life and Learning will host its April Luncheon about the Driehaus Museum’s exhibit *Dressing Downton* on Thursday, April 14 at 11:30 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room. All those sixty and over are invited to register with Susan Quaintance (312.981.3386) by Monday, April 11.

Your input on fellowship opportunities in which you would like to participate at Fourth Church is the subject of a short survey emailed to members this past week. Please take a moment to share your thoughts with the Congregational Life Committee! If you did not receive a survey and would like to complete one, please contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org (312.573.3369).

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 4:00 p.m., and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

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 Saturday, April 16 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Monday, May 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, May 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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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