



Gathering

Gathering Music “Modaji” Dave Grusin
“2 Degrees East, 3 Degrees West” John Lewis

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 sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

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 back cover.

*Opening Responses

Leader: O God, who called all life into being,

All: the earth, sea, and sky are yours.

Leader: Your presence is all around us;

All: every atom is full of your energy.

Leader: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth;

All: with her we yearn for justice to be done,

Leader: for creation to be freed from bondage,

All: for the hungry to be fed,

Leader: for captives to be released,

All: for your vision of peace to become the reality of the world.

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, gladly we live and move and have our being in you.
Yet always in the midst of this creation-glory
we see sin's shadow and feel death's darkness:
around us in the earth, sea, and sky, the abuse of matter;
beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor, the betrayal of one another;
and often, deep within us, a striving against your Spirit.
O Trinity of love, forgive us that we may forgive one another,
heal us that we may be people of healing,
and renew us that we also may be makers of peace. 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 139:1–18 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Leader: God, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeying and my resting
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O God, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is a mystery I cannot fathom.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Leader: Where can I go then from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there.
If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
even there your hand will lead me and your right hand hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night," darkness is not dark to you;
night is as bright as day; darkness and light are the same.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Leader: For you created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you because I am wonderfully and fearfully made;
your works are wonderful. I know it well.
My body was not hidden from you
while I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, unfinished in the womb;
they were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day
when as yet there was none of them.
How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
I count them, but they number like sand;
my life span would need to be like yours to count them.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 14:25–33 (*New Testament, page 73*)

Sermon "The Things We Won't Give Up" *Hardy H. Kim*

Responding to the Word

*Musical Reflection

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

Offertory Music "Eleanor Rigby" *John Lennon and Paul McCartney*

***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 "Just Taste and See" *Traditional*

Closing Responses

Leader: In the midst of hunger and war

People: we celebrate the promise of plenty and peace.

Leader: In the midst of oppression and tyranny

People: we celebrate the promise of service and freedom.

Leader: In the midst of doubt and despair

People: we celebrate the promise of faith and hope.

Leader: In the midst of fear and betrayal

People: we celebrate the promise of joy and loyalty.

Leader: In the midst of hatred and death

People: we celebrate the promise of love and life.

Leader: In the midst of sin and decay

People: we celebrate the promise of salvation and renewal.

Leader: In the midst of death on every side

People: we celebrate the promise of the living Christ. Amen.

Sending

*Closing Song. "Come! Live in the Light!"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Lucy Smith Quartet	Holly McGuire, vocals Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano Patrick Mulcahy, bass

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

Mission and Outreach

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on Tuesday, September 6; Tuesday, September 13; Wednesday, September 14; and Monday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP at www.bit.ly/chitutor1617

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 next Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cleanbeach16

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

Used bicycles are being collected by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee on Saturday, September 24. For details, call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope, cochaired by Elaine Scales and Martha Sabol, will be Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For details, call Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes resume next Sunday, September 11 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. For details, contact Matt Helms at mhelms@fourthchurch.org (312.573.3362).

Eighth-grade Confirmation begins next Sunday, September 11 at 10:00 a.m. For details and to register, see www.bit.ly/fpcconfirmation

Youth in grades 6–12 resume their weekly Sunday gatherings next Sunday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room. For more information, contact Rocky Supinger at rsupinger@fourthchurch.org

Kickoff Sunday, hosted by children, youth, and their families, is next Sunday, September 11. There will be opportunity for fun, fellowship, and games in the courtyard at 12:00 noon.

Tunes for Tots for infants, young toddlers, and their parents resumes next Sunday at 9:00 a.m. in the Nursery.

Choirs resume rehearsals next Sunday, September 11 in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 4–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 9:30 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

“Racial Justice and the Vocabulary of Faith”

will be the topic of a Saturday morning program on September 10 at 9:00 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Hosted in partnership with Princeton Theological Seminary, the event will include a panel discussion with Shannon Kershner and others. All are invited to this thought-provoking conversation on the role the church can play in the racial crisis. For details, see www.bit.ly/2bShfhj



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

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

Men's Bible study will meet this Tuesday, September 6 at 7:30 a.m. in the Loop. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

A screening of the film *The Age of Love* will be offered through the Replogle Center this Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in Anderson Hall. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/rcfilm0716

"How We Learn: Discipline and Discipleship in Old Testament Wisdom," a one-session Academy for Faith and Life course taught by Anne Stewart of Princeton Theological Seminary, will be held next Sunday, September 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

Author Mark Osler will talk about his new book, *Prosecuting Jesus*, next Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. The book is a memoir of reenacting the trial of Jesus in various places, including at Fourth Church in January 2012.

Books by Women will gather next Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The Lost Tudor Princess: The Life of Lady Margaret Douglas* by Alison Weir.

Women at Fourth's Horizons Bible study will meet next Wednesday, September 14 at 12:00 noon in Room 5H.

A study on the book *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving will be led by Vicky Curtiss on Thursdays, September 15 and 29, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Copies of the book may be purchased at the Mission table during Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings or by contacting Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

Music and the Arts

Chancel Choir rehearsals begin this Thursday, September 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Organist Richard Gowers will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

The Handbell Choir begins rehearsals next Sunday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

The Choral Society resumes rehearsals next Thursday, September 15 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

Fellowship

Young Adults gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

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

Worship

Craig Barnes, President of Princeton Theological Seminary and a participant in the September 10 "Race, Theology, and the Church" conversation (see page 9), will preach at both the 9:30 and 11:00 services of worship on Sunday, September 11.

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

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers to teach during 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services

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

GED tutors for staff of the Urban Farm, Mondays–Saturdays

Greeters and ushers for the 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship services

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

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

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

Good listeners and typists to transcribe recorded audio interviews for the Fourth Church Oral History program.

Gardeners at the Chicago Lights Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago); Saturdays, 12:00–3:00 p.m.

Hosts to serve refreshments at Coffee Hour on Sunday mornings

Current Donation Needs

Men’s and women’s spring clothes

Cloth ribbon, thread, and washable yarn for Benevolent Guild and Knitting and Crocheting

Travel-size toiletry items

Individually wrapped food items

For details or to volunteer, go online to www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

News and Resources

“Get Connected” through fellowship, education, and volunteering at Fourth Church! On Sunday, September 18, all are invited to Anderson Hall and the Commons following worship for the annual “Get Connected” Coffee Hour to learn about educational opportunities, fellowship groups, and volunteer activities.

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. Completed paper forms may be placed in the offering plate, dropped off at the reception desk, or mailed to the church.

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, and more.

A new Center for Life and Learning program year kicks off Thursday morning, September 8 with the annual CLL open house. Adults sixty and over are invited to explore the many opportunities to take part in classes, exercise programs, and day trips. More details—including opportunities to register for classes and renew CLL membership online—are available at www.fourthchurch.org/ctl

Visit the Fourth Church page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch) for the latest church life and worship information, and be sure to “like” us to keep up-to-date on news and photos!

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

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 silence all electronic devices 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, September 12 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, October 3 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 September 25 or October 23.

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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