



Gathering

Gathering Music “Steeplan Faith” Kenny Kirkland
“Across the Universe” John Lennon and Paul McCartney

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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: God has gathered us in from the wilderness.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: God has swept away the darkness of the night.

Leader: Rejoice with me, people of God.

People: Today there is joy in the presence of the angels.

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song**

“My Soul Cries Out
with a Joyful Shout”

Please note

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Litany of Confession *(unison)*

Leader: O Lord, forgive your foolish people.
We are skilled in doing evil, but we do not know how to do good.

**People: Create in us a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within us.**

Leader: In the folly of our hearts,
we live as though there is no God.

**People: Create in us a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within us.**

Leader: We forget all you have done for us
and make false idols to be our gods.

**People: Create in us a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within us.**

Leader: We act faithlessly, violently,
and scorn your name.

**People: Create in us a clean heart, O God;
put a new and right spirit within us.**

(Please hold silence)

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, healed, blessed, and sent into the world!

***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 51:1–13 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness
and cleanse me from my sin,
for I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so you are justified when you speak
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me
and will teach me secret wisdom.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Leader: Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful spirit.

I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 15:1–10 (*New Testament, page 73*)

Sermon “Being Lost Together” *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 “Let’s Get Together” *Chet Powers*

***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 "Beautiful Thing" *Hadewijch of Antwerp; adap. Dent Davidson*

Prayer after Communion

**Holy God, at this table you knit us together
into a community based on unshakeable love.
Thank you for finding us when we are lost
and uniting us into holy community once again. Amen.**



Sending

***Closing Song.** "O God of Every Nation"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	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.

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A Light in the City

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News and Opportunities

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.

Women at Fourth will gather on Thursday, September 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room for a presentation by former radio personality Catherine Johns and HR specialist Elinor Hite about the ways we connect to one another through speaking and listening. All are invited.

ThirtiesForties will meet for brunch at Lyfe Kitchen (831 N. State) on Sunday, September 25 after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. Call Anne Ellis (312.573.3369) for details.

Music and the Arts

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

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.

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School classes are held on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. in the Gratz Center.

Eighth-grade Confirmation is held on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. The Confirmation Fall Retreat will be held Friday–Sunday, September 23–25.

Youth in grades 6–12 have fellowship at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and gatherings at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. For more information, contact Rocky Supinger at rsupinger@fourthchurch.org (312.981.4037).

Tunes for Tots for infants, young toddlers, and their parents is held on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Room B.

Fourth Church Children and Youth Choirs rehearse on Sundays in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–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.

A Neighborhood Family Group Kickoff will be held next Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in Room 4C. For details, contact Matt Helms at mhelms@fourthchurch.org or Briana Belding-Peck at bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org

Prosecuting Jesus: Finding Christ by Putting Him on Trial

is the newest book by former federal prosecutor Mark Osler. Mr. Osler will be with us this Monday, September 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel to talk about his memoir of reenacting the trial of Jesus in various places, including at Fourth Church in January 2012. Join us Monday as we explore this engagement between Jesus and our contemporary law and culture.



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

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

Books by Women will gather this 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 this Wednesday, September 14 at 12:00 noon in Room 5H.

A study on the book *Waking Up White* by Debby 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

Three new Academy for Faith and Life classes begin next week: "Jeremiah and Discipleship," led by Jeffrey Stackert, begins Sunday, September 18 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F; "What Christians Can Learn from the New Age," led by Tom Payne, also begins September 18 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G; and "The Gospel of Luke," led by Judy Watt, begins Monday, September 19 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

"A Sacred Pause" will be offered each Tuesday morning at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel beginning September 27. Hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and Tom Schemper, Vicky Curtiss, and Nanette Sawyer, this meditative time will offer space for twenty minutes of silence.

Mission and Outreach

A one-session orientation for new volunteers for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program will be held on 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 this Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. RSVP at www.bit.ly/cleanbeach16

A bake sale, hosted by the Chicago Lights Associates Board, will be held next Sunday, September 18 during Coffee Hour. Proceeds will benefit Chicago Lights, the community outreach arm of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Used bicycles are being collected by the World Mission and Social Justice Committee at Fourth Church from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 24. For details, call Vicky Curtiss at 312.981.3598.

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For details, contact Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576 (amiller@fourthchurch.org).

A spiritual pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland, will be held July 19–30, 2017. Space is limited. More information is available in the literature racks or by contacting Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org (312.981.3598).

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers to teach during 9:30 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

In2It Café instructors to teach thirty-minute classes to Chicago Lights Tutoring students

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 seasonal 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, email volunteerministry@fourthchurch.org, call 312.981.3382, or 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.

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!

Worship

The next Taizé worship service will be held on Friday, September 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m. This meditative walk takes approximately twenty minutes.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.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 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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