



Gathering

World Communion Sunday

Gathering Music "Windows" Chick Corea
"Search for Peace" McCoy Tyner

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: Destruction and violence are everywhere; strife and contention are all around.

People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

Leader: The law is slack, and justice does not prevail.

People: The needs of the world are so great; O Lord, increase our faith.

Leader: How many threats surround us: warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**People: The needs of the world are so great, but you, O God, are greater still—
the one in whom all things are possible. O Lord, increase our faith in you!**

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we do not come before you with a clear conscience.
Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty.
We shrink from your call to live sacrificially on behalf of others.
Too quickly we seek our own ease and comfort first.
We confess that in our own lives, and in the church,
we rely on our power rather than yours.
Forgive us, we pray, for we are fractured and fearful disciples.
Take away from us a spirit of cowardice, and restore to us
the spirit of power rightly used, of love unconditionally offered,
and of self-discipline gracefully lived.
In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith,
that we may be faithful servants at your table.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

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 37:1–11 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: Do not fret yourself because of evildoers;
do not be jealous of those who do wrong,
for they shall soon wither like the grass, and like the green grass fade away.
Put your trust in God and do good;
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.
Take delight in God,
who shall give you your heart's desire.
Commit your way to God
and put your trust in God, who will bring it to pass.
God will make your righteousness as clear as the light
and your just dealing as the noonday.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The mouths of the righteous are uttering wisdom,
and their tongues are speaking justice**

Leader: Be still and wait patiently before God.
Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in evil schemes.
Refrain from anger, leave the rage alone;
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.
For evildoers shall be cut off,
but those who wait upon God shall possess the land.
In a little while the wicked shall be no more;
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.
But the lowly shall possess the land;
they will delight in abundance of peace.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The mouths of the righteous are uttering wisdom,
and their tongues are speaking justice**

Scripture Reading

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4 (Old Testament, page 821)

Sermon "How Long, O Lord?" 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 "Come Ye Disconsolate" Samuel Webbe Sr. and Thomas Moore

***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 "Spirit Song" *John Wimber*

Prayer after Communion

Holy God, your steadfast love never ceases;
your mercies never come to an end.
Your love is so great that you gather us up
from all corners of the earth
and draw us into your embrace.
Teach us to bless each other,
even as we are blessed at your table
and sent by you out into the world. Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song.** "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, 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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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 handmade stuffed animals for children in hospitals and shelters and taggies for infants in the NICU at Lurie Children's Hospital. All are invited to join the group; no prior sewing experience is necessary.

Christian Century Study Groups will meet this Wednesday, October 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Cornerstones will meet this Friday, October 7 at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room for "The Genetics of Adulthood: What Every Adult Should Know about Ancestry Testing, Pharmacogenomics, Cancer, and Beyond," presented by Carmen Williams. To register (*required*), contact Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org (312.573.3369) by this Wednesday, October 5.

Books by Women will gather next Tuesday, October 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room to discuss *The House Girl* by Tara Conklin.

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 meets on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A.

Youth in grades 6–12 come together for spiritual practices on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and hold gatherings at 11:00 a.m. in Room 4G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

Music and the Arts

The Handbell Choir rehearses on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft.

Flutist Rachel Blumenthal and pianist Beilin Han will perform this Friday's free Noonday concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

"Chicago Artists Interpret Shakespeare's Characters, Plays, and Sonnets" is on display in the Loggia. An opening reception for the exhibit's artists will be held this Friday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

In all cultures of violence, God spreads a table of peace.

Your support of the Peace and Global Witness Offering helps bring more people to that table. World Communion Sunday reminds us that God's love can heal our deepest divisions. Gifts to the offering support the work of CureViolence in Chicago and the PCUSA as it addresses issues of racism as well as violence here and in places such as the Congo. Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/mission



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

Two adult education classes conclude next Sunday: “Jeremiah and Discipleship,” led by Jeffrey Stackert, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F; and “Charisma in One Week,” led by Tom Payne, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G.

A Bible study of the Gospel of Luke, led by Judy Watt, continues this Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

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 Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

A six-week Young Adults Bible Study on the Song of Songs begins this Monday, October 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Declan’s Irish Pub (1240 N. Wells). For details, call Abbi Heimach-Snipes at 312.640.5449.

A book study of *The Righteous Mind: Why Good People Are Divided by Politics and Religion*, led by Nanette Sawyer, begins this Thursday, October 6 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

“Using the Enneagram for Spiritual Growth,” led by Vicky Curtiss, begins next Sunday, October 9 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G.

Women at Fourth’s Horizons Bible study will meet next Wednesday, October 12 at 12:00 noon in Room 4J.

“Standing at the Wall: The Life and Legacy of Howard Thurman,” led by the Reverend Carol Allen, begins Sunday, October 16 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G. Details about adult education classes are available at www.fourthchurch.org/academy

Mission and Outreach

Chicago Lights Tutoring begins its fifty-second year this week. We look forward to welcoming back for a new school year the 400 students who will meet one-to-one with their tutors here at the church one evening a week. See www.fourthchurch.org/chicagolights to learn more.

If you haven’t yet registered to vote, you may do so during Coffee Hour next Sunday morning, October 9.

A music mission trip to Northern Ireland will be held July 10–19, 2017. Register online at www.bit.ly/NIreland2017 by Saturday, October 15. Details are available in the literature racks or by contacting Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org or 312.981.3598.

Save the date for the Gala of Hope: Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago.

“Souls to the Polls” is offering rides to those who wish to vote early on October 30 or November 6. To receive a ride, please call 312.933.2351.

The Jalmou family from Syria, whom our church sponsors, is doing well; their eleven-year-old twins are in a school near their apartment in Skokie, and Mrs. Jalmou has a job with food service in a senior center. Mr. Jalmou needs a new job; he is a hard worker and willing to do any work. If you have any job leads, please email refugees@fourthchurch.org

A spiritual pilgrimage to Iona, Scotland, will be held July 19–31, 2017. Space is limited; register at www.bit.ly/FPCLona2017 by October 15. More information is available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/worship/spirituality

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

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

Shower Ministry Greeters to check in and provide supplies to guests of the Meals Ministry program; Tuesdays, 1:15–4:00 p.m.

Tutors for the Chicago Lights Tutoring program; one evening a week, Monday–Thursday; 6:00–7:30 p.m. RSVP for an orientation session at www.bit.ly/chitutor1617

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.

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

“Let Your Light Shine!” Support the important mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights through your pledge to our 2017 Annual Appeal. Complete a pledge card and help us reach our goals of \$3 million for Fourth Church and \$500,000 for Chicago Lights. Pledge cards are available in the pew racks. Pledges can also be made online at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal

This week we are honored to host Chicago Sinai Congregation as they hold their community Rosh Hashanah services here in the Sanctuary as they have for several years.

Directions and the easiest routes for getting to Fourth Church on Sunday, October 9 can be found at www.fourthchurch.org/marathon.pdf

The purple bows on the trees outside the Manse are our annual public witness, during National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, to all those affected by domestic abuse.

Training has begun for those preparing to become Stephen Ministers. Please keep them in your prayers in the weeks ahead as they participate in this fifty-hour course.

Worship

“Sacred Pause” is offered each Tuesday at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel. (Enter at 123 E. Delaware.) Hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and Tom Schemper, Vicky Curtiss, and Nanette Sawyer, this meditative time offers space for twenty minutes of silence.

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, October 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, October 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, November 7 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 October 23 or November 27.

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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