



Gathering

Gathering Music “Lookout for Hope” *Bill Frisell*
“High Hopes” *Sammy Cahn and Jimmy Van Heusen*

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: We have gathered in God’s holy presence, the One who etches grace on our hearts.

People: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

Leader: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice,
not just for a favored few but for the least of our world.

People: This is the place where God will write compassion on our souls.

Leader: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God’s persistence in saving us.

People: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Your words are given to us so we might be reformed,
but we are intent on changing others.**

**Your words are offered to us so we might be transformed,
but we are focused on conforming to our culture.**

**Your words are spoken to lead us into new life,
but we hold our old ways tight to our chests.**

Forgive us, God of wonder.

Continue to touch us with your steadfast mercy.

**Show us how to be persistent in living out our faith,
even as you were so tenacious in offering us your grace and life in Jesus Christ,
our Lord 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*

Minute for Discipleship

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 119:81–94, 105 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Kindle me with strength and patience. Keep me from the angry thron!**
Like the mountains as you raised them, lift me up and hold me strong.

Leader: I long for your deliverance; I have put my hope in your word.
My eyes have failed from watching for your promise, and I say, “When will you comfort me?”
I have become like a leather flask in the smoke, but I have not forgotten your statutes.
How much longer must I wait?
When will you give judgment against those who persecute me?
The proud have dug pits for me; they do not keep your law.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Kindle me with strength and patience. Keep me from the angry thron!**
Like the mountains as you raised them, lift me up and hold me strong.

Leader: All your commandments are true; help me, for they persecute me with lies.
They had almost made an end of me on earth, but I have not forsaken your commandments.
In your loving-kindness, revive me, that I may keep the decrees of your mouth.
O God, your word is everlasting; it stands firm in the heavens.
Your faithfulness remains from one generation to another;
you established the earth, and it abides.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Kindle me with strength and patience. Keep me from the angry thron!**
Like the mountains as you raised them, lift me up and hold me strong.

Leader: By your decree these continue to this day, for all things are your servants.
If my delight had not been in your law, I should have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget your commandments, because by them you give me life.
I am yours; O, that you would save me! For I study your commandments.
Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path.

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Scripture Reading

Luke 18:1–8 (New Testament, page 76)

Sermon “Hoping for God’s Justice” Abbi Heimach-Snipes

Responding to the Word

***Musical Reflection**

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

Offertory Music “I Shall Be Released” Bob Dylan

***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 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand" *F. L. Eiland and Jennie Wilson*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

God of justice,
with the sacredness of holy scripture,
with the Spirit-filled worship we experience,
with the empowerment you cultivate within us,
engrave your covenant, engrave your hopes, engrave your dreams,
engrave your vision, engrave your peace upon our hearts.
Let our hearts beat as one with yours so that we hold fast to this hope,
because your justice is coming, and for this we live and work. Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song** “Live into Hope”

***Benediction**
Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Marcin Fahmy, piano

Today's Minute for Discipleship on "Let Your Light Shine," the 2017 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights, is presented by Brian Satre.

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

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.

A service in the style of Taizé, which is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of most months, will next be held next Friday, October 28 in Buchanan Chapel. It will be preceded by a hosted labyrinth walk opportunity in Anderson Hall from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel. All are invited to join Fourth Church staff for this weekly opportunity to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation, all those who are in need, and mission partners around the world.

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available this week on Monday and Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., on Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For details, visit www.fourthchurch.org/worship/labyrinth

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 fellowship 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).

A pumpkin-decorating Family Night will be held this Friday, October 21 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Families with young children are invited to join us for dinner and games. For more information, contact Matt Helms (mhelms@fourthchurch.org) or Briana Belding-Peck (bbelding-peck@fourthchurch.org).

News and Resources

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

Let Your Light Shine! Our 2017 Annual Appeal is underway! Please make your pledge and help us reach our goals of \$3 million for Fourth Church and \$500,000 for Chicago Lights. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and have been mailed to member homes. You can also make your pledge—and read Shannon’s letter and information about how your pledge is used—at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



News and Opportunities

Enrichment

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

"Using the Enneagram for Spiritual Growth," led by Vicky Curtiss, continues next Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F.

"Standing at the Wall: The Life and Legacy of Howard Thurman," led by the Reverend Carol Allen, continues next Sunday at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G. Details about adult education classes at Fourth Church can be found online at www.fourthchurch.org/academy or by contacting Mark Eldred at meldred@fourthchurch.org (312.573.3367).

A Bible study of the Gospel of Luke, led by Judy Watt, continues this Monday, October 17 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

The Young Adults Bible study on the Song of Songs continues this Monday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Declan's Irish Pub (1240 N. Wells).

"How to Be a Friend to Someone with a Serious Illness," the next event in the Replogle Center's "Dying to Know" series, will be held this Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. To register (*required*), visit www.bit.ly/befriend16

Clarence Page of the *Chicago Tribune*, Robin Lovin of Princeton University, and Fourth Church members Niala Boodhoo and Mary Schaafsma will discuss "Morality, Christian Ethics, and Political Discourse," the topic of our next Michigan Avenue Forum, next Monday, October 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This is a free event; all are invited.

Fellowship

Young Adults gather on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. A young adults fall retreat will be held this coming weekend at the Grand Beach Inn in New Buffalo, Michigan. Register at www.bit.ly/YAFall2016

Christian Century Study Groups will meet this Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Knitting and Crocheting will gather next Tuesday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. in Room 4J for a time of fellowship, to drop off items, and to pick up material for new projects. Items are then donated to families in shelters and hospitals.

Music and the Arts

Roosevelt University Choirs 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.

A Service of Remembrance, with Communion and Duruflé's *Requiem* sung by the Morning Choir, will be held on All Saints' Sunday, November 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Mozart's Mass in C Minor will be performed by the Fourth Church Choral Society and the orchestra Camerata Chicago on Friday, November 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.cameratachicago.org (Use code FPCC at checkout for a 50 percent discount.)

Volunteers and Donations

Current Volunteer Needs

Sunday School teachers and assistants to teach and help 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.

Gardeners for the Chicago Lights Urban Farm

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

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

Liturgists for morning 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

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

Clean underwear

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

Mission and Outreach

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

New volunteers with the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center are invited to an orientation on Thursday, October 20 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 4E. RSVP at www.bit.ly/edssc-volunteer

A mission trip to Guatemala will be led by Tom and Sue Schemper next July 2–9, 2017. Details are available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org. Register online at www.bit.ly/Guatemala2017 by Sunday, October 30.

RefugeeOne will lead a workshop about equipping congregations for sponsoring refugee families, hearing refugees’ stories firsthand, and connecting with other congregations next Sunday from 1:00 to 4:30 p.m. RSVP (*required*) to Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

Sunlight Project will host Selah Freedom, a nonprofit organization working to end sex trafficking, on Saturday, October 29 at 9:30 a.m. in the Gratz Center. President and CEO Elizabeth Fischer will discuss ways to volunteer with the organization. RSVP to volunteer@selahfreedom.com

Save the date! The Chicago Lights Gala of Hope will be Friday, February 24, 2017, at the Hyatt Regency Chicago. For details, call Andrea Miller at 312.640.2576.

The Interfaith Coalition against Racism will host “One Year Later”—a community forum reflecting on how our city can improve police conduct, training, and accountability—on November 10 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Speakers include Lori Lightfoot and members of the Police Accountability Task Force.

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, November 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, December 5 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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