

4:00 Order of Worship 3.26.17

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "Listen Here" Eddie Harris
"Man in the Mirror" Glen Ballard and Siedah Garrett

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: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**People: They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

Leader: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.

People: Your steadfast love, O God, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

Leader: Let our shouts of praise reach the heavens!

People: How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

* Stand as you are able

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Prayer of Confession

**God of steadfast love, we are complicit in this world,
seeking ways for the world to serve us
instead of serving the world for the work of your kingdom on earth.
We search for opportunities to feel better about our complicitness;
we numb ourselves when feeling powerless, and we hide from the truth.
Help us, O God. Help us trust you. Help us be courageous.
Help us discern your wisdom for confronting the powers that be.
For we seek to follow you and learn from these ways that we fall short.
In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.**

Extinguishing the Fourth Lenten Candle

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

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

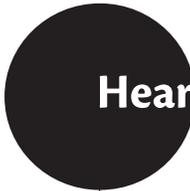
***Passing of the Peace**

Leader: 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** "Sign Me Up" Kevin Yancy and Jerome Metcalf



Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Scripture Reading

John 18:28–40 (New Testament, page 106)

Sermon Abbi Heimach-Snipes



Responding to the Word

Lenten Meditation

The Lenten season is a time for self-reflection, deepening spiritual practices, and drawing closer to God, who loves us. Throughout the six weeks of Lent, we are practicing different methods of prayer and meditation taken from the rich history of Christian traditions. Through these practices we seek to embody our faith in community.

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

During this season we are practicing saying some of our prayers out loud before the community. As you consider sharing, remember that you don't need to explain everything about your prayer— simply lift up a few words, or name a person or persons. God will receive the fullness of your prayer without many words, and the community will join our hearts with yours in prayer.

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.**

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

Offertory Music "Passing for Normal" *Lucy Smith*

***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*

The Communion

Communion Music "When Thou Wakest in the Morning" *Traditional and G. M. Taylor*

Closing Prayer

**Glory to you, O God,
who challenges us to be bold.
Your hope inspires courage.
Your grace instills humility.
Your love interrupts destruction.
And so we live in the days to come with this boldness,
led by your work in our lives
and the support of the Body of Christ
found together in this community. Amen.**

Sending

*Closing Song. "O God of Every Nation"

*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 Amr 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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News and Opportunities

Lent and Easter

Daily Lenten devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions or send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org). They are also posted on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and the church website (www.fourthchurch.org) and are available in printed booklets in the literature racks.

Palm Sunday, with the children's palm procession at the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. services, is April 9. The last morning service that day and on Easter begins at 11:30 a.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion services on April 13 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary.

Good Friday services on April 14 will be held at 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. (Choral Service) in the Sanctuary. A Good Friday program for children will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 15 at 8:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday services on April 16 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship; and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service. An Easter program for children will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4.

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, April 2 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made by completing the cards available in the literature racks or online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts or by contacting Andrea Miller (amiller@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2576).

Reserve tickets for Easter Sunday Brunch, which will be served at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room, at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch17 or with Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Fellowship

Young Adults have their weekly Gathering time on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their spring retreat in Michigan will be May 5–7.

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday, March 28 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F.

Cornerstones, a fellowship group for those fifty and over, meets on Friday, April 7 at 6:00 p.m. Greg Borzo will talk about his book *Chicago's Fabulous Fountains*, which includes our courtyard fountain. Reservations (*required*) can be made with Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Books by Women will discuss *The Nightingale* by Kristin Hannah on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

What's going on at Fourth Church?

Check out the churchwide calendar on the website for a complete look at what's happening at Fourth Church in the days ahead. You'll also find there calendars by program and interest areas, and you can add the dates to your electronic calendar as well. Visit www.fourthchurch.org or scan this QR code to learn more.



Volunteers and Donations

Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of Sunday Night Supper volunteers to cook (2:00–6:00 p.m.) and serve (3:30–6:00 p.m.) on Easter (April 16).

The Bag Lunch program of Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in immediate need of sweet snacks, such as granola bars, cookie packs, pudding cups, or unopened boxes of Girl Scout cookies to be used in packing lunches. Donations labeled “Bag Lunches” can be dropped off at the church reception desk.

Tutors are needed one evening a week from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the church to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program. Orientation will be held Tuesday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m. RSVP at www.bit.ly/CLtutor0417

For more volunteer opportunities or to sign up, email Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at rcrouch@fourthchurch.org, or visit the website: www.fourthchurch.org/volunteer

Children, Youth, and Family

Fourth Church Day School is accepting applications for its 2017–18 half-day Twos and Preschool classes. For more information or to apply, contact Kathy Hager (khager@fourthchurch.org; 312.640.2579).

Tunes for Tots, an opportunity for parents and children up to two years old to sing together, meets Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B.

Sunday School for children age three through fifth grade meets on Sundays at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center

Eighth-grade Confirmation meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5A.

Youth in grades 6–12 meet for fellowship on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. in the Bumpus Room and then gather at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G (Junior Highs) and the Bumpus Room (Senior Highs).

Worship

Sacred Pause, twenty minutes of meditative silence, is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to gather with pastors and other staff to pray for Fourth Church members and those in need.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Tuesday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Mission and Outreach

Today is the last day to sign up for the July 22–29 trip, led by Abbi Heimach-Snipes, to BorderLinks in Tucson, a time to learn about the immigrant experience in the Southwest. Register online at www.bit.ly/border2017

Cuba mission trip participants depart this Monday for a week with our sister congregation, First Presbyterian Church of Havana. Please keep these travelers and First Church Havana in your prayers.

Chicago Lights Urban Farm Community Plot registration opens April 1. See www.bit.ly/clfarmplot for details. Already open is registration for Urban Farm CSA Salad Shares. See www.bit.ly/clcsa2017

The Benevolent Guild gathers on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create stuffed animals and taggies for children and infants in hospitals and shelters. No sewing experience is necessary.

Blue Bow events in observance of Child Abuse Prevention Awareness month begin on Tuesday, April 4 with an interfaith prayer service at 9:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, followed by tying bows to the trees outside the Manse. To volunteer to tie bows, contact Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369 (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Chicago Shares voucher booklets are available by emailing Nancy Davis at ndavis@fourthchurch.org

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Enrichment

Meditation opportunities are offered by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in Boyle Conference Room. This week a half-hour introduction to meditation is also offered at 6:30 p.m. For fee details, see www.fourthchurch.org/rc/meditation.html

Two new adult education classes begin next Sunday, April 2: "Early Christian Worship," taught by Carol Korak, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5F and "Hospitality: The Sacred Art," led by Nanette Sawyer, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5F.

"Faiths United by Love," an interfaith gathering marking the anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., will be held on Tuesday, April 4 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Weekly Seeds, a Sunday morning Bible study for women, resumes next Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

The need for living donors of organs will be the topic of an information session on Sunday, April 9 at 12:45 p.m. in Room 5G.

Christian Century Study Group will next meet Wednesday, April 5 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

John M. Buchanan will lead a two-session discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together* on Wednesdays, April 12 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

Music and the Arts

John Sherer, Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music, will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

An exhibition of art by members of the Center for Life and Learning, our program for adults sixty and over, is on exhibit in the Loggia this month.

News and Resources

With heavy hearts we share the news that David Donovan, Associate Pastor Emeritus, died on Monday, March 20. We give thanks to God for his ministry among us, including his serving Fourth Church as an Associate Pastor from 1978 to 1997. Plans are being made for a post-Easter memorial service; details will be announced when they are finalized.

Stephen Ministry provides one-to-one caring relationships to support those who are experiencing challenging times. Information about meeting with a Stephen Minister is available online and by leaving a confidential message at 312.573.3365.

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church and about Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is a prerequisite for membership, next meets Monday, April 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4F.

Please use the recycling baskets around campus to help us care for creation and assist with the city's recycling program.

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Be sure to "like" Fourth Church on Facebook to see photos of church life, keep up-to-date on Fourth Church news, and share favorite quotes from sermons, prayers, and daily devotions.

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, April 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, May 1 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 April 23 or May 28.

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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