



## Gathering

*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.*

- Gathering Music** "Make Me a Memory" . . . . . Grover Washington Jr.  
"Fields of Gold" . . . . . Sting
- Song** "Welcome, Welcome (A Place Called God)" . . . . . Lucy Smith

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## Greeting

### \*Opening Responses

Leader: We are not alone: God's love is in us.

**People: This is the truth.**

Leader: God knows our hopes, our fears, our questions.

**People: This is the truth.**

Leader: God is leading us deep into justice and wonder.

**People: God is joyfully walking us home.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

**\*Opening Song** . . . . . "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Glorious God, your thoughts are not our thoughts, nor are your ways our ways.  
And yet we long to live in your way.  
So God of life, grant us your forgiveness  
for our careless thoughts, for our thoughtless deeds,  
for our empty speech and the words with which we wounded.  
O God of life, grant us your forgiveness  
for our false desires, for our hateful actions,  
for our wastefulness, and for all we left untended.  
O loving Christ, hanged on a tree yet risen in the morning,  
scatter the sin from our souls as the mist from the hills;  
begin what we do, inform what we say, redeem who we are.  
In you we place our hope, our great hope, our living hope,  
this day and evermore. Amen.

**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** "Reach Out Your Hand in Peace" . . . . . *Lucy Smith*

**Welcome**

# Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

**Psalter** ..... Psalm 8 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **O God our sovereign, how great is your name in all the earth.**

Leader: O God our sovereign,  
how great is your name in all the earth!  
Out of the mouths of infants and children  
your majesty is praised above the heavens.  
You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries,  
to quell the enemy and the avenger.

**ANTIPHON** (*unison*) **O God our sovereign, how great is your name in all the earth.**

Leader: When I consider the heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,  
what is humanity that you should be mindful of them?  
The children of humanity that you should seek them out?  
You have made humanity little lower than the angels;  
you adorn them with glory and honor.  
You give them mastery over the works of your hands;  
you put all things under their feet: all sheep and oxen,  
even the wild beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea,  
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.  
O God our sovereign,  
how great is your name in all the earth!

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## Scripture Reading

John 14:1–14 ..... (*New Testament, page 102*)

**Sermon** ..... *Abbi Heimach-Snipes*

# Responding to the Word

## Musical Reflection

## 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.

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

**Offertory Music** "In the Garden" . . . . . C. Austin Miles

**\*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** "As Members of the Body" . . . . . *Samuel S. Wesley*

### Closing Responses *(unison)*

**People: God has built us into a spiritual house with Jesus Christ as the chief cornerstone.**

Leader: Do not lose heart or be jealous of others; rather, taste the kindness of God and rejoice.

**People: We will not despair if our work and witness are opposed and rejected.**

Leader: God in Christ declares there is a place for you; in loving mercy you are chosen by God.

**People: We will seek to honor Christ in all circumstances,  
for Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.**

Leader: Ask, and God will provide all you need; believe, and your works will proclaim God's glory.

**People: May God help us to know when to be bold and when to make our quiet witness. Amen.**

# Sending

\*Closing Song. . . . . "God Is My Strong Salvation"

\*Benediction

Sending Music



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## Worship Leaders

<b>Abbi Heimach-Snipes</b>	Pastoral Resident
<b>Hardy H. Kim</b>	Associate Pastor
<b>Lucy Smith Quartet</b>	Lucy Smith, vocals Paul Bedal, piano Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums

### 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

## 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 pray with Fourth Church staff for 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 3:00 p.m.; and Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

**A service in the style of Taizé** is held on the fourth Friday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This candlelit service includes time for silent reflection as well as meditative singing and prayer. We will next gather for the Taizé service on Friday, May 26.

## Enrichment

**“Don’t Believe Everything You Think: Change Your Life by Managing Your Mind”** is this year’s conference hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. It will be held Saturday, June 10 in the chapel. For details, call 312.787.8425.

**Decluttering, or “editing,” your home** is the topic of the Women at Fourth gathering on Thursday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. All ages are welcome for this presentation by Claudia McLaughlin of CMF Transitional Organization.

## News and Resources

**Congratulations to Hardy Kim**, who on April 30 was called by Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church to be their Pastor and Head of Staff. Hardy’s last day with us will be Sunday, July 2. Please join us that day when we gather to thank Hardy for his ministry among us and wish him Godspeed in this new call. *You can read Hardy’s letter to the congregation at [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)*

**Inquirers’ Class** offers opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church as well as to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, meets this Saturday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. in 4F.

**Daily devotions** are available via email (sign up at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions)); in the literature racks; and posted online at [facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch) and [www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)

**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](mailto:khager@fourthchurch.org); 312.640.2579).

**Please use the recycling baskets** around campus to help us care for creation.

**Follow Fourth Church on Twitter:** @FourthChicago

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

**Now beautifully installed in Gignilliat Commons** are the six ceiling canvases that were removed from the South Balcony when a sound opening was cut for the organ chamber in 2015. They were replaced with replicas printed on sound-transferable mesh; the original panels, painted by Frederic Clay Bartlett in 1914, when the Sanctuary was dedicated, have been restored for display in the Commons.



## News and Opportunities

### Volunteers Needed

**Chicago Lights Summer Day** needs volunteers (June 26–August 3) for academic and art class assistance and as field trip chaperones. For details, contact Fernie Tiflis at [ftiflis@chicagolights.org](mailto:ftiflis@chicagolights.org)

**Men are needed as Shower Ministry greeters** on Tuesdays, 1:15–4:00 p.m., on a rotating schedule.

**An Urban Youth Ministry care team** is being formed to provide meals and hospitality to visiting youth groups and UYM staff. For details, contact Rocky Supinger at [rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rsupinger@fourthchurch.org)

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**Hygiene kit** materials and funds for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Church World Services can be dropped off at the reception desk during May.

**Single servings of chips, granola bars,** and other snacks are needed for the Fourth Church Meals Ministry sack lunch program.

*To volunteer—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 ([rcrouch@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rcrouch@fourthchurch.org)).*

### Fellowship

**Young Adults** meet for their weekly Sunday Gathering, a time for fellowship and for conversation about various topics, at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

**Fourth Church Cycling Club** is planning a Sunday, May 28 Bike the Drive ride. For details about this and other summer rides, email Anne Ellis at [aellis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:aellis@fourthchurch.org)

**For ways to connect with the community** of Fourth Church, visit [www.fourthchurch.org/community](http://www.fourthchurch.org/community)

### Mission and Outreach

**The Benevolent Guild**, which creates gifts for children in hospitals, meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in 5B.

**A spring plant sale** will take place at the Urban Farm (444 W. Chicago) this Saturday, May 20 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each Saturday the Farm also holds open volunteer hours from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**To sign up for organic produce deliveries** from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm visit [www.bit.ly/clcsa2017](http://www.bit.ly/clcsa2017)

**Chicago Shares voucher booklets**—which offer a way to give to those in need on the streets while knowing that the \$1 gift will be redeemed at a grocery store or restaurant—are available by emailing Nancy Davis at [ndavis@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ndavis@fourthchurch.org)

### Music and the Arts

**To sign up for the South Africa music trip** planned for summer 2018, contact John Sherer ([jsherer@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jsherer@fourthchurch.org); 312.981.3592).

**The Fourth Church Choral Society concert** this Friday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary will feature French music; a freewill donation will be received at the door.

**This week's free Friday Noonday Concert** features violinist Michelle Wynton and pianist Keiko Alexander.

**Encore**, a benefit for our Center for Life and Learning, will be held on Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. CSO concertmaster Robert Chen, his children, and cellist Gabriel Martins will perform. For details and tickets see [www.fourthchurch.org/cll](http://www.fourthchurch.org/cll)

**The exhibit of colored-pencil drawings** by Rhonda Nass is on display in the Loggia.

## 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 prayer requests will be read by the pastoral staff during the week.

**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 designed by Nanette Sawyer and created by the Fourth Church community.

**Worship also can be heard** through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

**Please** silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

**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](http://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](mailto: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 Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, July 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 ([hkim@fourthchurch.org](mailto:hkim@fourthchurch.org)) or go to [www.fourthchurch.org](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org)), our page on Facebook ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to [news@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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](mailto: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 May 28 or June 25.

**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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