



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 "Dedicated to You" Sammy Cahn, Saul Chaplin, and Hy Zare
"Here, There, and Everywhere" John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Greeting

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

People: And so we come to follow Christ.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

People: And so we come to dwell in the light.

Leader: Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

**People: And so we come,
leaving behind all else to which we cling,
to worship and serve God with joy.
Amen.**

* Stand as you are able

***Opening Song** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Please note

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess, O God,
that we breathe the proud spirit of the world,
the spirit which scorns the way of weakness,
boasts of its own cleverness,
clings to knowledge as a means of power,
and seeks to prove its worth by belittling others.
Lord, have mercy on us.
Holy God, we ask you to reveal yourself to us,
to bring us wisdom to unsettle our values
and to compel our love.
So fill us with the desire to search for your Spirit of truth
that, being content to be fools for Christ's sake,
we may transform the world. 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 66:8–20 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of praise be heard;
The one who grants us life
will not allow our feet to slip.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: For you, O God, have proved us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.
You brought us into the snare;
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips
and spoke with my mouth in distress.
I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Leader: Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what God has done for me.
I called out with my mouth,
and praise was on my tongue.
If I had found evil in my heart
God would not have heard me;
But in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the voice of my prayer.
Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld love from me.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **We walk through fire and water while you lead us into life.**

Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22–31. (New Testament, page 129)

Sermon “A Church, Not a Shrine” Hardy H. Kim

Responding to the Word

Musical Reflection

Prayers of the People

Leader: God who made the world,

People: you receive our prayers.

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 “Throw It Away” Abbey Lincoln

***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 "Lord, We Thank Thee for the Table" *Herbert H. Booth*

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (*unison*)

Hidden God, we rejoice that we can know you in Jesus Christ,
who by eating with the outcast broke down barriers,
by touching the leper brought wholeness,
and by welcoming those society scorned proclaimed forgiveness.
We give thanks that he also accepted a drink of water from a Samaritan woman,
gained strength from a Roman soldier's faith,
and received help from a stranger who carried his cross.
Because of his example prejudice no longer binds us,
and fear of the world around us has lost its power.
We bring our offerings to you, acknowledging that all your gifts
are given for our own growth and for the service of humankind.
Receive them and our worship.
Accept us and show us the gifts we do not know we have to offer.
In the name and wisdom of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song.** “You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
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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A Light in the City

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News and Opportunities

Worship

This Friday a service in the style of Taizé, held on the fourth Friday of each month, will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This candlelit service of song, prayer, and reflection will be preceded by opportunity to walk the labyrinth in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on Monday and 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.

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.

Daily devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); in the literature racks; and at [@facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and www.fourthchurch.org

News and Resources

Today is Dedication Commemoration Sunday at Fourth Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. On May 10, 1914, our congregation worshiped in this sanctuary for the first time.

As we give thanks today for the legacy given us by those who built this church, we remember that we too are caretakers of that legacy, charged with passing it on to those who follow. For information about including Fourth Church in your planned giving and estate plans, contact Katy Frey Bever (312.981.3380; kbever@fourthchurch.org).

We have a job opening for an individual who will cultivate relationships with donors, encourage stewardship connections, and support planned giving. Details about our new Major and Planned Giving Officer position are online: www.fourthchurch.org/about/employment.html

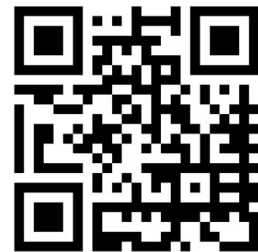
A congregational meeting has been called by Session for Sunday, June 4 following the 11:00 a.m. service of worship. At that time the congregation will elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to work to identify a candidate to serve Fourth Church as Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Small Group Ministry.

The Senior Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates for the Senior Associate Pastor for Leadership Development and Adult Education position. As they seek to narrow the list of applicants they are considering, please continue to keep the committee and their discernment work in your prayers.

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

Will you be traveling in the weeks ahead?

We hope you'll stay connected with us while away: to see the latest Fourth Church news; thought-provoking quotes from sermons, prayers, and devotions; and photos of church life, "Like" the Fourth Church page on Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch). And why not tell a friend about Fourth Church by sharing one of our posts!



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Congratulations to Hardy Kim, who has been 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*

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to both learn more about Fourth Church as well as explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets on Sunday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. Class attendees are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

If you are away over the summer, it is easy to make pledge contributions online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving (or by clicking on the "To Make a Gift" button at the top left of the Fourth Church website: www.fourthchurch.org).

Bookmark the Fourth Church website—www.fourthchurch.org—for easy access to the Fourth Church calendar, information about upcoming events, photos, and more.

Follow Fourth Church on Twitter: @FourthChicago

Children, Youth, and Family

There is no Sunday School next Sunday, May 28. Summer Sunday School, with classes meeting at 9:30 a.m. only, will begin on Sunday, June 4.

Two Day School summer weeks are being offered for children ages three to five: June 6–9 and June 19–23, both from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. To sign up for one or both weeks or for information about the openings in the Day School preschool program here at the church for the 2017–18 school year, contact Kathy Hager (312.640.2579; khager@fourthchurch.org).

Enrichment

Weekly Seeds, a Sunday Bible study for women, meets at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5H.

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.

Decluttering, or "editing," your home is the topic of a gathering, featuring Claudia McLaughlin of CMF Transitional Organization and hosted by Women at Fourth, on Thursday, May 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Page Smith Room.

The Japanese Lover by Isabel Allende will be the topic of discussion at the Tuesday, June 13 monthly gathering of Books by Women at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

"Don't Believe Everything You Think: Get out of Your Mind and into Your life," a one-day conference hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, will be Saturday, June 10 in Buchanan Chapel. For details or to register call 312.787.8425.

Mission and Outreach

Knitting and Crocheting meets this Tuesday afternoon, May 23 between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m. in Room 4F for a time of fellowship, to drop off items made for those in need, and to pick up materials.

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

To sign up for organic produce deliveries from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm visit 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

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

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

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).

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

Andy Shaw on “Good Government in Illinois” will be the program at the Friday, June 2 dinner hosted by Cornerstones at 6:00 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Register at www.bit.ly/cfpc0517 by May 31.

For ways to connect with the community of Fourth Church, visit www.fourthchurch.org/community

Music and the Arts

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

This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert features Fourth Church Organist and Director of Music John Sherer playing an organ recital at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

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

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

The six ceiling canvases that were removed from the South Balcony when a sound opening was cut for the organ chamber in 2015 have been restored and are now on permanent display in the Gignilliat Commons. Painted by Frederic Clay Bartlett in 1914, when the Sanctuary was dedicated, they were replaced with replicas printed on sound-transferable mesh.

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.

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 Sunday, June 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, July 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, August 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 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 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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