



4:00 Order of Worship 10.1.17

World Communion Sunday

Gathering

Gathering Music "Speak Low" Ogden Nash and Kurt Weil
"I Love to Tell the Story" Catherine Hankey and William Fischer

Greeting

***Opening Responses**

Leader: Throughout God's world this day, Christian churches celebrate the Lord's Supper as one family dining together in one room, under one roof.

**People: Our siblings in all lands and countries
join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of salvation.**

Leader: In Christ's love there is no east, no west, no north, no south, but only one Spirit of hope, love, and peace for all.

People: May Christ bless the worldwide communion of the church this day!

* Stand as you are able

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth 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.

***Opening Song** “I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

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Silent Prayer of Confession

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 25:1–9 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Leader: To you, O God, I set my hope in you; my God, I put my trust in you;
let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.
Let none who look to you be put to shame;
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.
Show me your ways, O God, and teach me your paths.
Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Leader: Remember, O God,
your compassion and love, for they are everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions;
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O God.
Gracious and upright is God, who teaches sinners the way,
who teaches the humble in doing right, and teaches the way to the lowly.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Let me know your ways; lead me in your truth;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

Scripture Reading

2 Corinthians 5:11–21 (New Testament, page 170)

1 Peter 2:9–10 (New Testament, page 219)

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner



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 “Love One Another” Sister Germaine Habjean

***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 "Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed" . . *French and Welsh melody; Josiah Conder*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

**O God, through this bread and cup
you have made us one with you and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table be a gift
that we carry out into your suffering and divided world.
Help us find strength in knowing that you, the God of peace,
will always be with us. Amen.**



Sending

*Closing Song. “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Nanette Sawyer	Minister for Congregational Life
Clark Costen	Lay Liturgist
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 Resources

“Called to Be a Church Alive,” our 2018 Annual Appeal, is underway! Information has been mailed to members highlighting the ways in which your pledges are vital to supporting the life-giving mission, ministry, and outreach efforts of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights. Pledges can be submitted online at www.bit.ly/fpcclpledge or by using the forms in the pew rack. Please plan to submit your pledge by October 29, when we will celebrate what it means to be a loving, serving church alive!

A congregational meeting has been called by Session for Sunday, October 22 in the Sanctuary following the 11:00 a.m. service. At that time, the Senior Associate Pastor Nominating Committee will present, for congregational vote, their recommended candidate for Senior Associate Pastor.

A Stephen Minister is a trained lay person who walks alongside an individual experiencing life challenges. The next fifty-hour training course for new Stephen Ministers will begin February 3, after which those trained will make a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, pick up a brochure from the literature racks.

Save the date! Our 25th-anniversary Gala of Hope will be held Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel.

Worship

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available for walking this week on both Monday and Tuesday between 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Wednesday between 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., and Saturday between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Sacred Pause 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.

We gather for worship each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. (with Communion), 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and, for Jazz at Four with Communion, at 4:00 p.m.

A Blessing of the Animals service will be held Saturday, October 14 at 10:00 a.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard.

The next candlelit Taizé service will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel on Friday, October 27.

Our Communion table cloth contains painted handprints from members of this worshiping community. The handprints are different shades of green—the liturgical color of the Season of Ordinary Time—symbolizing growth and change.

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

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

Our 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 of the PCUSA as it addresses systems of injustice here and across the world in places such as South Sudan.

Learn more at www.fourthchurch.org/mission

Music and the Arts

“Palestine: Unlimited,” a photo exhibition that will be in the Loggia beginning this Friday, October 6, will be the topic of a program next Sunday, October 8 in Borwell Dining Room following 11:00 a.m. worship.

This week’s free Friday Noonday Concert will be presented by pianist Esther Nyberg at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A workshop on how to make fabric art will be led by Vicky Curtiss on Sunday, October 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. No experience is needed. Register by Friday, October 6 at www.bit.ly/artfabric

Fellowship

Young Adults are discussing prayer during their weekly Sunday Gathering time at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their Bible study meets on Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

Carol Moseley Braun will speak on “Christianity and Capitalism” at a Cornerstones event cohosted with the Academy for Faith and Life this Friday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This program is free and open to the public; no RSVP necessary. Prior to the presentation, Cornerstones, a group of those fifty and older, will host their monthly dinner in Borwell Dining Room. Prepaid reservations for the dinner are required by October 4: contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Men’s Breakfast will meet next Saturday, October 14 at 8:00 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room. The guest speaker will be Daniel J. Olsen, Director of the Office for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the Archdiocese of Chicago.

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

Enrichment

Two adult education classes meet on Sundays:

“Martin Luther and the World He Lived In,” taught by Claudia Boatright and Laura Sterkel, at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5G, and “Apocalyptic Literature and the Apocalypse of John,” taught by Stephen Hall, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5E.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, October 3 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth’s Horizons Bible study meets on Wednesday, October 11 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 5H.

Christian Century Study Group will meet Wednesday, October 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Books by Women will discuss *The Lab Girl* by Hope Jahren on Tuesday, October 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

“Introduction to Systemic Racism,” a one-day workshop, will be offered on Saturday, October 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For fee details and to register, email Anne Ellis at aellis@fourthchurch.org by October 13.

Linda Loving will talk about her new book, *A New Song to Sing*, which is written for women with breast cancer, at a reception in Anderson Hall on Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Inquirers’ Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, meets next Sunday, October 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 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.

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being will meet on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room, starting this Tuesday, October 3, with a suggested donation of \$10 per session.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Tutors to work with students of the Chicago Lights Tutoring program one evening a week at the church

Men's clothing, especially in sizes L, XL, XXL, or XXXL, for the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Snacks (5,000 a month) for Meals Ministry and the Social Service Center

Shopping bags—large-size, from grocery or department stores—for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Donations can be left at the reception desk. To sign up—or for additional volunteer opportunities—contact Robert Crouch, Director of Volunteer Ministry, at 312.981.3382 (rcrouch@fourthchurch.org).

Children, Youth, and Family

Sunday School children will join us in worship next Sunday, October 8 at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. They will sit with their parents until just prior to the sermon, when they will leave with their teachers for their Sunday School classrooms.

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

Sunday School classes meet at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Youth groups and Confirmation meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m., with a weekly time for fellowship beforehand at 10:30 a.m.

Choirs for children and youth meet on Sundays in Room 4F: Cherub Choir (age 3–grade 1) at 9:00 a.m., Youth Choir (grades 6–12) at 10:00 a.m., and Children's Choir (grades 2–5) at 10:30 a.m.

Mission and Outreach

To join a team of volunteers assisting areas affected by recent hurricanes, contact Vicky Curtiss at vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org

Chicago Lights Tutoring begins its fifty-third 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.

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.

On this World Communion Sunday, we invite you to learn about our 2018 mission trips to Cuba with the First Presbyterian Church of Havana, to Mexico to build rain cisterns, and to Washington, D.C., with the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism to learn about the history of oppression. Details are available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips and in the literature racks.

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

Produce from the Chicago Lights Urban Farm is available at their Farmstand (444 W. Chicago) on Saturdays (10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.).

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 (ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

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.

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. Attend Sundays, October 8, November 12, or December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon in the Page Smith Room. We invite you to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. the day you attend the class. For details or membership information, contact Alex Wirth (awirth@fourthchurch.org) 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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@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 22.

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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