



Gathering

Gathering Music “Nigerian Marketplace” *Oscar Peterson*
“Fall” *Wayne Shorter*

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

God, we come for a new direction:

a way forward,

a way back,

a way up,

a way out.

The way to the center of your grace.

Let us find a new direction here in this place.

* 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** “When Peace like a River (It Is Well with My Soul)”

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Litany of Confession

On the sound advice of the risen Christ, God closed the Bank of Salvation.
All our debts are erased. We come to confession with a clean slate
and only grace at the bottom line and so we pray confidently together:

Giving God, we have this gift from you.

We have your forgiveness and grace, your attention and love, but we don't trust it.

How can something freely given have any value to us?

You give us a chance to live outside our lives as customers, and we reject it.

How can something be good if we haven't earned it?

We cheapen your grace by trying to grab at it.

Help us live into this gift we have from you.

Let our lives be a response to your grace.

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, hear this good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world.

***Passing of the Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

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

Minute for Discipleship

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 23:1–6 (*unison*)

ANTIPHON (*sung in unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;
he restores my soul.
He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord
my whole life long.

ANTIPHON (*sung in unison*) **I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Scripture Reading

Romans 3:21–25 (*New Testament, page 144*)

Sermon "The Direction God Goes" *Alex Wirth*

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 "Instant Karma" *John Lennon*

***Doxology** *Lucy Smith*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Sanctus *Lucy Smith*

The Communion

Communion Music "Blessed Assurance" *Fanny J. Crosby and Phoebe P. Knapp*

Closing Prayer *(unison)*

Gracious and giving God,

move us in a new way.

From this table of mystery and memory,

may our lives be shaped in response to this feast.

Let us be freed from the strictures of "not good enough"

and live faithful lives loved and centered around

the gift of grace we have in Christ.

Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song.** "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Alex Wirth	Minister for Evangelism
Summer Zhao	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Tom Vaitsas, piano

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by David C. Nelson on behalf of "Called to Be a Church Alive," the 2018 Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

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

News and Resources

A congregational meeting has been called by Session for next 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 for Leadership Development and Adult Education.

Individuals experiencing life challenges can benefit from being paired with a Stephen Minister, who walks alongside them as a listening presence. The next fifty-hour training course for those interested in becoming Stephen Ministers begins February 3, after which those trained will make a two-year commitment to this ministry of caring. More information is available in the literature racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/caring/stephen-ministry.html

A Shannon Kershner podcast with the *Sun-Times*. An ABC7 profile of one of our Chicago Lights Marathon Team runners. An update on our friend Tom and his dog, Hurkles—all that and more you will have seen recently if you follow Fourth Church on Facebook: facebook.com/fourthchurch

Inquirers' Class offers opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class, which is also a prerequisite for membership, next meets Sunday, November 12 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.

Worship

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

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. There will also be a hosted "All Connected" labyrinth walk Saturday from 10:00 to 11:30 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.

Our Communion table cloth contains painted handprints from members of this worshipping 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

Called to Be a Church Alive: Our 2018 Annual Appeal

is underway! Thanks to the generosity of many, we are already 45 percent of the way to our goal! If you have not yet submitted your pledge, please do so by Commitment Sunday, October 29 when we will recommit ourselves to actively participating in God's re-creating and reconciling work in this world. Pledge cards are in the pew racks and at www.fourthchurch.org/giving/appeal



Music and the Arts

"Palestine: Unlimited," a photo exhibition, is on display in the Loggia.

Soprano Penelope Shumate and pianist Jeffrey Brown will present this week's free Friday Noonday Concert.

John Rutter's *Requiem* will be sung by the Morning Choir during a special All Saints' Sunday Communion service of remembrance at 6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on November 5.

Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Bach's *Magnificat*, and Handel's *Zadok the Priest* will be performed by the Fourth Church Choral Society and the orchestra Camerata Chicago on Friday, November 10 at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Tickets are available at www.cameratachicago.org (use code FPCC for a 50 percent discount).

Children, Youth, and Family

Our annual "Pumpkin-Decorating" Family Night will be Friday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. A shared meal will be followed by time for crafts as well as pumpkin painting.

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.

Enrichment

Two adult education classes meet on Sundays at 11:00 a.m.: "The Protestant Reformation," taught by David Nelson in Room 5D, and "Apocalyptic Literature and the Apocalypse of John," taught by Stephen Hall in Room 5E.

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, October 17 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Christian Century Study Group meets this Wednesday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. To RSVP, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

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 this Thursday, October 19 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. This event is cohosted by Women at Fourth, the Pastoral Care Council, and the Replogle Center.

"Introduction to Systemic Racism," a one-day workshop, will be offered Saturday, October 21. To register, call Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

Men's Book Club will discuss *A Legacy of Spies* by John Le Carré on Monday, October 23 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Reflections on the spiritual pilgrimage to Iona in July and information about plans for a pilgrimage to Ghost Ranch in 2018 will be shared on Sunday, October 29 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room.

The Center for Life and Learning, which offers academic and wellness classes and fellowship opportunities for adults sixty and over, turns fifty-two this Thursday. Learn more about the CLL at www.fourthchurch.org/cll

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

A new Grief Group will begin Monday evening, November 6. For details, contact the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425.

Mission and Outreach

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.

Information about 2018 mission trips to Cuba; to Mexico to build rain cisterns; and to Washington, D.C., with the Interfaith Coalition Against Racism to learn about the history of oppression and resistance is available at www.fourthchurch.org/mission/trips and also in brochures 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.).

Our Sunlight Project will host a Selah Freedom Volunteer Connect Meeting this Saturday, October 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the Manse to learn how to make a difference in the lives of survivors of sex trafficking. RSVP to volunteer@selahfreedom.com

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).

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

Volunteers/Donations Needed

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

Men's pants for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

Individuals to staff the Book Nook during the 12:00 noon Sunday Coffee Hour

Greeters for the weekly Jazz at Four service and the fourth Friday Taizé service

Volunteers to join teams assisting areas affected by recent natural disasters

Individuals to work with the Social Service Center

Large shopping bags for guests of the Social Service Center Share Shop and Food Pantry

Single-serving snack items (5,000 per month) for Fourth Church Meals Ministry bag lunches and the Social Service Center emergency snack packs

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).

Fellowship

Young Adults, a group for those in their twenties and thirties, meets for their weekly Sunday Gathering—a time to discuss a different topic each week—at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A. Their small group meets Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Manse.

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

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, 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; 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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