



Gathering

Gathering Music "Keep Your Eyes on the Prize" Alice Wine
"Alabama" John Coltrane

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

A voice calls our name
and we have a choice:
to stay asleep,
or to say here I am.
To clench our eyes closed,
or open them up to God's call.
To stay the same,
or start a whole new journey.
The Word of the Lord is rare these days.
Let us be the ones who hear it, who see it.
Let us worship the God that calls us by name.

* 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.

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of the song, we seek to lift up all those voices long silenced
just because their skin wasn't white.
We like the sound of earth and heaven ringing with harmonious liberty for all,
but liking liberty only gets us so far.
Those of us with no skin in the game get uncomfortable and want to go slow.
Those of us with privilege want to make sure we aren't offending anyone
by extending freedom to everyone.
Light a rejoicing fire of the equity that could become real among us, O God.
Spur us on ever-more quickly until victory is won,
for those of us who have been marching to a steady beat,
waiting with not weary feet, have waited long enough.
Gracious God, you call us and the time for equality is now. Let it be so!

Assurance of Pardon

Friends, believe the good news.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

***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

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 139:1–18 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Leader: God, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeying and my resting and are acquainted with all my ways.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips but you, O God, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is a mystery I cannot fathom.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Leader: For you created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I thank you because I am wonderfully and fearfully made;
your works are wonderful. I know it well.
My body was not hidden from you while I was made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Your eyes beheld my limbs, unfinished in the womb; they were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day when as yet there was none of them.
How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!
I count them, but they number like sand;
my life span would need to be like yours to count them.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **I praise you for I am wonderfully made, I praise you for I am fearfully made.**

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 3:1–10 (Old Testament, page 236)

John 1:43–51 (New Testament, page 87)

Sermon “Here I Am: Who Am I?” 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, pledges, and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

Offertory Music “Pride (In the Name of Love)” U2

***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 "Keep on Pushing" *Curtis Mayfield*

Closing Prayer (*unison*)

We are called and we are fed.

We see and we believe.

We will see greater things than these.

We must see greater things than these.

We work toward greater things than these.

We live in hope of greater things than these.

Amen.



Sending

***Closing Song** "I Shall Not Be Moved"

***Benediction**

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Worship Leaders

Alex Wirth	Minister for Evangelism
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Barbara Norman	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Michael Caskey, drums Bryan Doherty, bass 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

Worship

Morning Prayer is held on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Buchanan Chapel as a time to join staff in prayer for Fourth Church members and those in need.

A candlelit Taizé service is held on the fourth Friday of each month (January 26) at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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

Sacred Pause meditation is offered on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. in Stone Chapel.

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

Enrichment

The deadline for the Ghost Ranch spiritual pilgrimage (April 6–13) is this Monday, January 15. The application is online at www.bit.ly/ghostranch18

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, January 16 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Two Sunday morning adult education classes meet next Sunday, January 21: "Reading Paul with the Protestant Reformers," led by Stephen Chester at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D, and "Protestant and Roman Catholic Perspectives on Luther's *The Freedom of a Christian*," which is a one-session adult education class offered at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room and led by Robin Lovin and Susan Ross.

"Women of God's Story" will be the theme of this year's Women's Retreat on Saturday, January 27 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Fourth Church. For details, email Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

The weekly "Path of Discipleship" Lenten series begins Tuesday evening, February 20 and will include a shared meal, a presentation by one of the pastors, group discussion, and closing worship. Details are available in the literature racks; registration, which is due by Tuesday, February 6, can be completed at www.bit.ly/fpcpod2018

"Fifteen Days of Free Liberal Arts Education" describes the January Series of one-hour lectures offered by Calvin College, a series shown via live video feed at Fourth Church. This series continues on weekdays January 16–23 at 11:30 a.m. in the Page Smith Room: www.calvin.edu/january

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room.

Tickets for the 2018 Gala of Hope Are Here!

To make reservations for what promises to be another fun and festive Gala of Hope, visit www.bit.ly/gala-2018—where you will also find details about this 25th annual gala, which will be held on Friday, March 2 at Radisson Blu Aqua. This event supports our outreach work through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.



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This coming Friday, January 19 Stephen Minister applications are due for those interested in joining our next fifty-hour Stephen Minister training course. Details are online at www.bit.ly/2yOeff0

A new Grief Group begins Monday, February 5. To sign up (*required*), call the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.8425.

“How the Constant Use of Technology Is Changing Us” will be the topic of a one-day conference hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Saturday, February 24 at the church. For details or to register, call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

Music and the Arts

Violist David Pedraza will present this week’s free Friday Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

The Fourth Church Handbell Choir will present a concert on Friday, February 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A new exhibition of art by members and friends of Fourth Church is on display this month in the Loggia Gallery.

Children, Youth, and Family

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

Youth gather for fellowship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Bumpus Room, followed by youth group meetings at 11:00 a.m.

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

Tunes for Tots, for parents and children up to two years old, meets on Sundays at 9:00 a.m. in Day School Classroom B. **Registration for youth mission trips** is due on January 21: www.bit.ly/youthtrips2018

Our annual family ice skating outing will take place next Sunday, January 21 at 12:30 p.m. at the Maggie Daley Skating Ribbon (337 E. Randolph).

Fellowship

The Young Adults group, for individuals and couples in their twenties and thirties, meets weekly for their Sunday Gathering at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A.

Men’s Book Club will discuss *Life 3.0* by Max Tegmark on Monday, January 22 at 7:30 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room.

Women at Fourth will have their monthly time of fellowship followed by a program on Thursday, January 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room. This month’s topic will be “Women and Friendship.”

Mission and Outreach

The Interfaith Coalition Against Racism is offering “Confronting the Moral Crisis of Mass Incarceration” on Thursdays, January 25 to February 15 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Chrysostom’s (1424 N. Dearborn). Details are available online at saintc.org/justice

The Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children.

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).

The 2018 Chicago Marathon team for Chicago Lights is recruiting runners. Slots are available on a first-come, first-served. To sign up, contact Lauren Suppes (lsuppes@fourthchurch.org; 312.981.3383).

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Greeters for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship

Social Service Center volunteers; the next orientation will be this Thursday, January 18 at 3:00 p.m.

Leaders for 2018 youth mission trips; details and a sign-up form (*due January 21*) are online at www.bit.ly/youthtrips2018

Single-serving snack items for Fourth Church Meals Ministry (*5,000 items are needed each month*)

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

Men’s clothing (*all sizes*) for guests of the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Share Shop

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).

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, February 11, March 11, or April 8 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 January 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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