



Gathering

Gathering Music "Higher Ground" Stevie Wonder
"Fly Like an Eagle" Steve Miller

Greeting

*Opening Responses

(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Let us sing.

Praise be to God!

Who dared to take on human flesh and dwell among us.

Praise be to God!

Who did not turn back in the face of evil and death.

Praise be to God!

Who continues to dance through our lives even now.

Let all that have breath sing praise to God!

* 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** “Come! Live in the Light!”

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God,
we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection
but are caught in the worries of the world.
We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life
but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious.
Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News.
Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain
than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ.
Call us back to your ways, O God,
to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace.
In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray.

(Please hold silence.)

Assurance of Pardon

We have seen Christ bring new life and second chances through every helping hand,
in every heartfelt gift, in every choice to restore life in this world.
We are called to this new life, a life of forgiveness and reconciliation.
Hear and trust this 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 147:1–12 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!
How pleasant to sing glorious praise.
God rebuilds Jerusalem
 and gathers the exiles of Israel.
God heals the brokenhearted
 and binds up their wounds.
God counts the number of stars
 and calls them all by names.
Great is our God and mighty in power;
 there is no limit to God's wisdom.
God lifts up the lowly
 but casts the wicked to the ground.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Jehovah with immeasurable wisdom calls each star by name.**

Sing to God with thanksgiving;
 make music on the harp to our God,
 who covers the heavens with clouds
 and prepares rain for the earth,
 who makes grass grow upon the mountains
 and green plants to serve humanity,
 who provides food for flocks and herds
 and for young ravens when they cry.
God is not impressed by the might of horses
 and does not value the strength of people.
God has pleasure in those who fear him,
 in those who await gracious favor.
Worship God, O Jerusalem;
 praise your God, O Zion;
For God has strengthened the bars of your gates
 and has blessed your children within you.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **Jehovah with immeasurable wisdom calls each star by name.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 1:29–39 (New Testament, page 33)

Sermon Nanette Sawyer



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 “In the Garden” C. Austin Miles

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

Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

Holy God, you offer us new life each time you feed us at this table.

Open our hearts to receive your love and nourishment.

Open our hands to share your blessings with the world.

Open our ears and eyes to see you at work everywhere throughout the world.

Amen.

Sending

***Closing Song**

"I Love to Tell
the Story"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer	Associate Pastor
Alex Wirth	Minister for Evangelism
Cathy Flaa	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 Opportunities

Worship

Sacred Pause meditation 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 join staff in prayer for Fourth Church members and those in need.

The labyrinth in Buchanan Chapel is available to walk this week on Mon. (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.), Tues. (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.), Wed. (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.), and Sat. (8:00 to 10:00 a.m.).

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

The next candlelit Taizé service—a contemplative time of meditative song, prayer, and silent reflection—will be held during Lent, on Friday, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Lent

The “Path of Discipleship” Lenten series, with weekly presentations by the pastors on spiritual practices, begins Tuesday, February 20. Details are available in the literature racks; registration, which can be completed online (www.bit.ly/fpcpod2018), is due by this Tuesday, February 6.

To receive Lenten devotions daily via email sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions

Ash Wednesday services with Communion and imposition of ashes will be held at 12:10 and 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, February 14.

Enrichment

“Conversations on Ministry,” a time for informal dialogue with Fourth Church ministers to explore the topic of God’s call to ministry and Christian discipleship, continues next Sunday, February 11 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 5G with Vicky Curtiss and Matt Helms.

“Christian Spirituality: What It Is and Why It Matters,” a new adult education class taught by Carol Allen, former Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at Fourth Church, begins next Sunday, February 11 at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

Men’s Bible Study meets this Tuesday, February 6 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Christian Century Discussion Group meets this Wednesday, February 7 at 6:00 p.m. in the Randolph Room. RSVP to Anne Ellis (aellis@fourthchurch.org).

Women at Fourth’s Horizons Bible study meets Wednesday noon, February 14 in 5H.

Books by Women will discuss *Girl in Disguise* by Greer Macallister on Tuesday, February 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Help Score a Victory in the Souper Bowl of Caring!

Today we are collecting cans of soup, other nonperishable food items, and monetary donations to contribute to the annual Souper Bowl of Caring, a national effort to alleviate hunger.

These gifts, which can be left at the reception desk, will be used to support the outreach of Fourth Church Meals Ministry and the Chicago Lights Elam Davies Social Service Center Food Pantry.



News and Resources

This is Alex Wirth's last Sunday as our Minister for Evangelism. As you see Alex, please take a moment to thank him for his ministry among us and wish him and his family well as they move to California, where they have been called to serve churches in the Presbytery of San Diego.

A new Grief Group begins this Monday, February 5. To sign up (*required*), call the Replogle Center at 312.787.8425.

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held next Sunday, February 11 at 12:00 noon and will include the election of new officers.

A congregational lunch for all ages will follow the Annual Meeting next Sunday, February 11 and will be held in Borwell Dining Room. RSVP online at www.bit.ly/lunch021118

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn more about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which is a prerequisite for membership—will be offered next Sunday, February 11 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.

A meditation group hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. Those who would like to stay for a time of discussion afterwards are invited to do so.

"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 Fourth Church. To register, call the Center at 312.787.8425.

Children, Youth, and Family

Families with young children are invited to the Fourth Church Day School's 50th anniversary celebration this Saturday, February 10 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the church. There will be a bouncy house, balloon artist, carnival games, face painting, refreshments, and a performance by annual favorite Joel Frankel.

Youth will lead our 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services of worship next Sunday, February 11.

Sunday School children will be joining us in worship next Sunday, February 11 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 classrooms.

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

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.

Fellowship

The Young Adults group for those in their twenties and thirties gathers for small-group discussion on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse.

Men's Breakfast will be held this Saturday, February 10 at 8:00 a.m. in Parish House Dining Room. Myron McCoy, pastor of the First United Methodist Church at the Chicago Temple, will present the program.

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

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Tutors to work one-to-one with Chicago Lights Tutoring students one evening a week at the church; more tutors are needed so we can partner with additional students from the South Side

Greeters for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship

Volunteer to help an older member (*who lives near the church*) get to and from Sunday morning worship services

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

Large paper shopping bags for use by guests of the 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).

Music and the Arts

An exhibition of art by members and friends is on display in the Loggia Gallery. There will be opportunity to meet the artists after 11:00 worship on Sunday, February 18.

Associate Organist Thom Gouwens will present this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Mission and Outreach

Tickets for the 2018 Gala of Hope are available online (www.bit.ly/gala-2018), where you can also enter the Gala drawing (*winner need not be present at the Gala*) or make a donation to support our outreach work through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being. This Friday, March 2 benefit will again be held at the Radisson Blu Aqua.

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

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 (312.981.3383; lsuppes@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 Nancy Davis (ndavis@fourthchurch.org; 312.274.3815) 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 February 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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