



First Sunday in Lent

Gathering

Gathering Music "Footprints" Wayne Shorter
"Time for Love" Paul Francis Webster and Johnny Mandel

Greeting

***Opening Responses**
(The congregational responses are in boldface type)

Wanderers, gatherers, homemakers, travelers.

We come to God.

Questioners, adventurers, believers, doubters.

We come to God.

Workers, menders, seekers, dreamers.

We come to God.

Let us worship.

* 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 to Me, O Weary Traveler”

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Those of us who walk along this road do so reluctantly.
Lent is not our favorite time of year.
We don't always know what to do with pioussness and prayer.
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think, time to be honest with ourselves.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future knowing our past.
Perhaps we think we have no future knowing our present.
Give us the courage, O God, to hear your word and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven,
and give us the faith to take up our lives and walk. Amen.**

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

***Kyrie** “Blues Kyrie”

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** "Sign Me Up" *Kevin Yancy and Jerome Metcalf*

Welcome

Hearing and Proclaiming the Word

Psalter Psalm 19:1–10 (*the congregation sings the antiphon*)

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the skies are the work of God's hands.
One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language
and their voices are not heard,
their sound has gone out into all lands
and their message to the ends of the world.
In the deep God has set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

The law of God is perfect and renews life;
the testimony of God is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of God are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of God is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of God is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of God are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

ANTIPHON (*unison*) **The heavens proclaim the glory of God, the skies are the work of God's hands.**

Scripture Reading

Mark 10:17–31 (*New Testament, page 43*)

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus through the Gospel of Mark

“The Rich One” *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, pledges, and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.*)

Offertory Music “With a Little Help from My Friends” *John Lennon and Paul McCartney*

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

Closing Prayer

God of justice, we have received so much from you.

As we move from this table, this service, this time of prayer and praise,

to go back out into your world, remind us to do justice for all people;

to seek after mercy in all things; and to walk humbly with you all our days.

We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.



Sending

*Closing Song. "I Will Come to You"

*Benediction

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Clyde Yancy	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

Lent

A candlelit Lenten Taizé service will be held this Friday evening, February 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. This contemplative service of prayer, meditative song, and silent reflection will be preceded by a hosted labyrinth walk in Anderson Hall between 6:00 and 7:15 p.m.

Lenten devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available via email (sign up online at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions); daily at facebook.com/fourthchurch, Twitter (@FourthChicago), as well as fourthchurch.org; and in printed booklets in the literature racks.

A contemplative Lenten retreat will be held at Fourth Church on Saturday, March 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall. Cosponsored by Urban Village Church, the retreat will be facilitated by Teresa Pasquale Mateus of Mystic Soul Project. Register online at www.bit.ly/lentretreat18

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 Monday and Tuesday (7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.) and Wednesday (10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.).

Mission and Outreach

Tickets for the March 2 Gala of Hope are available online at www.bit.ly/gala-2018, where you can also enter the Gala drawing (*winner need not be present at the Gala*). All proceeds support our community outreach work through Chicago Lights and the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being.

The Benevolent Guild meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5B to create taggies and stuffed animals for hospitalized children. (*No sewing experience necessary.*)

Knitting and Crocheting has its next monthly gathering next Tuesday, February 27 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 yarn. Completed items are donated to children and families in shelters, hospitals, and nursing homes.

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

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).

How the Constant Use of Technology Is Changing Us

This Saturday, February 24 explore how reliance on technology—from our texting and social networking to video games and constant Internet access—is affecting our brains, sense of self, and relationships with others. Join the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being for this one-day workshop in Buchanan Chapel beginning at 8:30 a.m. Register at www.bit.ly/rccw2018



Enrichment

Men's Bible Study meets this Tuesday, February 20 in the Loop at 7:30 a.m. To RSVP (*required*), contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369; aellis@fourthchurch.org).

A meditation group offering "silence in community" is hosted by the Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being and meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 to 7:45 p.m. in the Boyle Conference Room. A time of discussion follows for those interested.

"Christian Spirituality: What It Is and Why It Matters," an adult education class taught by Carol Allen, former Associate Pastor for Congregational Care at Fourth Church, meets on Sunday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in Room 5D.

"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, concludes next Sunday, February 25 at 11:00 a.m. in Borwell Dining Room with Matt Helms and Nanette Sawyer.

Men's Book Club will discuss *Republic Lost* by Lawrence Lessig next Monday, February 26 at 7:30 a.m. in the Parish House Dining Room.

Books by Women will discuss *Becoming Nicole: The Transformation of an American Family* by Amy Ellis Nutton on Tuesday, March 13 at 6:00 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Holy Week and Easter

Remember loved ones by contributing to the purchase of Easter flowers for the Sanctuary. A list of those honored will be printed in the Easter bulletin. Donations must be received by Sunday, March 18 in order for the names to appear in the bulletin. Contributions can be made online at www.bit.ly/FPCgifts, by using the cards available in the literature racks, or by calling Andrea Miller (312.640.2576).

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.

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 meets weekly on Mondays at 6:00 p.m. in the Manse for small-group discussion and on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. in Room 5A for a time of discussion and fellowship.

Women at Fourth's monthly gathering will be this Thursday evening, February 22 at 5:30 p.m. in the Bumpus Room.

Coffee Hour Chats will take place next Sunday, February 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., offering time to discuss sermon themes.

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

Music and the Arts

An exhibition of art by members and friends is on display in the Loggia Gallery through Tuesday, February 27.

Fourth Church organist John Sherer will present this Friday's free Noonday Concert at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

Volunteers/Donations Needed

Greeters for 4:00 p.m. Sunday worship

Shower Ministry greeters (*men*) for rotating Tuesday schedule (1:15–4:00 p.m.)

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

Individually packaged snack items for Meals Ministry
Bag Lunches and Sunday and Monday Night Suppers

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).

News and Resources

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church. This one-session class—which will next be offered on Sunday, March 11 and is a prerequisite for membership—meets from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Page Smith Room. Those attending the class are encouraged to worship with us at 8:00 a.m. or 4:00 p.m. that day.

Those interested in being a Lay Liturgist and reading scripture during worship are invited to a brief training session next Sunday, February 25 in the Sanctuary following 11:00 worship. No experience needed. For details, contact Shawn Fiedler (sfiedler@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" or "T-coil" 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, 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, March 11, April 8, or May 13 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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