
A special word of welcome to all who are worshiping with us this morning! For more information about Fourth Presbyterian Church, please contact Nancy Davis (312.274.3815; ndavis@fourthchurch.org).

Following this service at the beach, all are invited to the Randolph Room at Fourth Church (on Michigan Avenue, between Chestnut and Delaware) for a continental breakfast. Please enter the glass doors at 126 E. Chestnut, a half-block west of Michigan Avenue.

We invite you to worship with us often!

Sundays

8:00 a.m. Communion

9:30 and 11:00 a.m. (*on Easter Sunday, 11:30 a.m.*)

4:00 p.m. Jazz Service with Communion

Fourth Friday of the Month

7:30 p.m. Prayer service in the style of Taizé

Opportunity to walk the labyrinth is available prior to Taizé, between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Participating in this Service

ABBI HEIMACH-SNIPES, *Pastoral Resident*

JUDITH L. WATT, *Associate Pastor*

ROBERT CROUCH, *Lay Liturgist*

KAT EVANS, *Lay Liturgist*

MEMBERS OF TOWER BRASS, *Fourth Church's brass ensemble*

COLE SEATON, *Vocalist*

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PRELUDE

Canzona per sonare IV *Giovanni Gabrieli; arr. Robert King*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Stones of fear are rolled away! Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Doubts are affirmed. Questions are allowed! Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Gone ahead of us, Christ calls us on the path of liberation!
Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

Leader: Against all odds, we practice hope for life over death!
Christ is risen!

All: **Christ is risen, indeed!**

HYMN “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

1. Jesus Christ is risen today—Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day—Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross—Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
2. Hymns of praise then let us sing—Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King—Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave—Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!
3. But the pains which he endured—Alleluia!
our salvation have procured. Alleluia!
Now above the sky he’s King—Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!
4. Sing we to our God above—Alleluia!
praise eternal as God’s love. Alleluia!
Praise our God, ye heavenly host—Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

PRAYER CONFESSION

God of new awakenings,
we confess that most days
we would rather remain unchanged.
We are afraid to hope and have our hopes shattered.
Break us open like the tomb so that new life may pour forth.
Let us live as people of your resurrection,
affirming that Christ has risen from the grave,
that Christ brings us out of the shadow of death,
that Christ frees us from fear,
that Christ liberates us into the newness of life.
This is good news indeed. Thanks be to God. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you all!

All: **And also with you!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 16:1–8

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ABBI HEIMACH-SNIPES

HYMN "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna!
Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder:
all creation is amazed.
In the desert all-surrounding,
see, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding
bring a taste of love unknown.
2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits
from the caverns of despair.
Walk with gladness in the morning.
See what love can do and dare.
Drink the wine of resurrection,
not a servant, but a friend.
Jesus is our strong companion.
Joy and peace shall never end.
3. Christ is risen! Earth and heaven
nevermore shall be the same.
Break the bread of new creation
where the world is still in pain.
Tell its grim, demonic chorus:
"Christ is risen! Get you gone!"
God the First and Last is with us.
Sing Hosanna everyone!

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION AND THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise. . . .

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

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.

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Thank you, O God, for giving us communion
with our risen and glorious Lord.

Now send us out to be a sign

of the new life that has come into the world;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

HYMN **“Christ Is Alive!”**

1. Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
 The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring.
 Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
2. Christ is alive! No longer bound
 to distant years in Palestine,
 but saving, healing, here and now,
 and touching every place and time.
3. In every insult, rift, and war
 where color, scorn, or wealth divide,
 Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
 and lives, where even hope has died.
4. Women and men, in age and youth,
 can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
 and find the way, the life, the truth,
 revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring
 good news to this and every age,
 till earth and sky and ocean ring
 with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Rigaudon” *André Campra; arr. R. King*

Upcoming Events at Fourth Presbyterian Church

A Blue Bows Prayer Service will be held Thursday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m.

Afterwards volunteers will tie blue bows outside the church as part of our Child Abuse Prevention Awareness efforts. To volunteer, contact Anne Ellis (312.573.3369).

Those interested in singing with the Fourth Church Choral Society for their spring concert featuring Baroque music from the Bolivian rainforest are invited to Thursday evening rehearsals, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., beginning April 5.

Inquirers' Class provides opportunity to learn about Fourth Church as well as Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class—also a prerequisite for membership—will be offered next Sunday, April 8 at 9:00 a.m. Participants will also worship together at 11:00 a.m. that day.

Used bicycles will be collected on Saturday, April 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the church. The bicycles will be repaired by Working Bikes and sent to those in need.

The congregational pancake breakfast to raise funds for the youth's 2018 mission trips to Cuba, Detroit, and Missouri as well as their Montreat Youth Conference will be Sunday, April 15 between 9:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets will be available at the door that day as well as in Coffee Hour next Sunday.

"Analyzing and Understanding Systemic Racism" training will be offered May 24–26 here at the church. For details about the training or the Saturday, June 2 GospelRun to support anti-racism training, contact Vicky Curtiss (vcurtiss@fourthchurch.org).

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

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