

FORT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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Fort Washington Collegiate Church
May 21st, 2017 | 11:00 AM | Sixth Sunday of Easter



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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE EASTER OR PASCHAL CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

Come to worship, people of God, with praises on your lips.

We glorify the One who holds our hands when we slip.

Come into the presence of the One who calls us into this sacred space.

Where the doors to grace are thrown open so all may enter.

Come and hear the stories of the One who loves you.

**We will tell of the joy and of the love,
of the peace and of the hope which is ours.**

HYMN: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Red Hymnal #45

Nettleton

PRAYER OF THE DAY

When it doesn't seem
to do any good, Creator God,
we dare to be your people,
to love those the world
would have us reject;
**to be just in the face
of every reason to mistreat;
to be unafraid
of whatever awaits us.**

When all the odds seem
stacked against, Jesus our Savior,
we dare to live as
your sisters and brothers,
**servicing others
with our hands and hearts;
sharing in the burdens**

**of our world;
refusing to leave justice
orphaned with no hope.**

When the wind seems to be
knocked out of us
by the blows of life, Eternal Companion,
**we dare to breathe
joy upon those
caught in the net of hopelessness;
peace into all
the broken places around us;
wonder for all those
who have lost sight of you.**

In you, we dare to live and breathe and be,
God in Community. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

The Solid Rock

Mote

Verse 1

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' love and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name**

Verse 3

**His oath, His covenant, His love
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay**

Chorus

**On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand**

Verse 4

**When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne**

Verse 2

**When darkness veils His lovely face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil**

Not Afraid

**Through the rain, through the clouds
Through the test and the trials
You hold me
In the highs, in the lows, in the midst of
the storms
Your hands won't let go, you won't let
go**

Lopez

**My rock, my shield
My help, my strength
My hope
My god will make a way
My rock, my shield
My help, my strength
My hope
My god will make a way**

**And I will, not be afraid
For I know, who holds my tomorrow
And I will, not be afraid
For I know, you'll make a way
You'll make a way, yes you will**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

What is our hope? Simply put, it is that God does not give up on us. With such good news, we can dare to bring our prayers to the One who will not cast aside our words or our hearts. Please join me as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We admit, Knowing God, that from plastic cards to websites, from handheld devices to stock options, we are surrounded by a variety of gods who demand our worship. We can all too easily believe that work is our life, that wealth is the reason for our being, and that success is the very air we breathe.

Forgive us, God of mercy. You are not found in a computer chip, but in the child who holds our hand. You are not a simple tweet, but the Word that can transform our very lives. You are not a disembodied, constantly recalculating voice, but the One who calls us to life, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Brief silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Despite everything we do, God loves us. This grace is why we can dare to hope.

We will witness to this hope in every word we speak to every person we meet. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sarah Schranz-Oliveira, Alice Dryden Bailey

PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Please greet one another with the words – **The peace of Christ is with you!** Response – **And also with you!** (Children will join their teachers for worship and learning activities.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 17:22-31

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "What Is Inscribed on Your Altar?"

Mia McClain, Seminary Intern

HYMN: May the Words of My Mouth

Hughes

Verse 1

**May the words of my mouth
And the thoughts of my heart
Bless Your name
Bless Your name Jesus
And the deeds of the day
And the truth in my way
Speak of You speak of You Jesus**

Verse 2

**Lord will You be my vision
Lord will You be my Guide
Be my hope be my life and the Way
And I'll look not for riches
Nor praises on the earth
Only You'll be the first of my heart**

Chorus

**For this is what I'm glad to do
It's time to live a life of love that
pleases You
And I will give my all to You
Surrender everything I have and
follow You
I'll follow You**

Bridge

**I will follow
I will follow You
I will follow
I will follow You**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(from the Book of Common Prayer)*

**Our [God] in heaven
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. AMEN.**

INVITATION TO SHARE

Today we call upon you as Children of God
to share in the love and work of Jesus.

We, as the gathered Church, the Body of Christ,
continue in our day to witness and work on behalf of our Lord,
returning our gifts, tithes and offerings. Today we call upon you as Children of God
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OFFERTORY: Lead Us Back
Travon Anderson, *Soloist*

Gilles

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

In thanksgiving for what has been shared, we sing as one body:

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, all heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abandoned by hope, forsaken by others, left behind by those who said they loved them - there are orphans all around us, Holy God. May the gifts we offer be a home, a family, a rest, a respite for them and all the others around us. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

HYMN: Take My Life and Let it Be Consecrated
Red Hymnal #568

Havergal

SENDING

Go from this place, speaking of what God has done.

We will remind everyone that, despite everything, God loves us.

Go from this place, singing of what God is doing.

**We will rejoice that God has not left us orphaned,
but makes us one with everyone around us.**

Go from this place, imagining what God will do.

**We will witness to that hope which seems so distant,
yet is as close to us as our hearts.**

POSTLUDE

***The Easter or Paschal Candle**

The Easter or Paschal candle is a symbol with a liturgy in the Western Church that can be traced back at least to the seventh century. It signifies the resurrection and is lit for services throughout the Easter season until Pentecost.

Welcome to Fort Washington Collegiate Church; a place of diversity, hospitality and grace. We open our doors to everyone! We welcome all people regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, social or economic status. As a church family we celebrate our diversity and our connection to God. We seek to follow Christ's example and exemplify the love of Christ; therefore, as a faith community, we value grace over judgment. Although we represent many cultures and points of view, our diversity does not drive us apart, but gives us the opportunity to be enriched by the gifts and leadership of all. Together, by word and deed, we proclaim the good news that there is new life in Christ.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP AT FORT WASHINGTON CHURCH

Parent/Guardian Reminder: *All children 8 years old and under, require parent escort throughout the building. Please help us keep your children safe by accompanying them to rehearsals, Godly Play and other activities in the building and on church grounds.*

Nursery Care: The nursery is open and care is available for infants and toddlers between ages 0-3 in the nursery just behind the Sanctuary. Care is available before and during worship (10:30am - 12:15pm)

Godly Play®: After the Children's Time and during the Passing of the Peace, children 4 years of age through 4th grade are invited to the Second Floor for Godly Play® in Classroom #209. **Caregivers and parents are invited to pick up their children after service.**

Children's Choir: All children who love to sing are invited to rehearse with Eric Alderfer in the Second Floor Meeting Room #205 from 10:00am-10:45 am.

Sunday School: All youth (grades 5th - High School) are invited to join the Associate Minister Bridget Kelso Anthony in The North Room on the main floor after the Passing of the Peace.

Playgroup: All children and caregivers are welcome on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11:30am for songs, games and time to play in Fellowship Hall or in the yard (weather permitting). Crawlers are invited to a time of play on the jigsaw mat set up in the atrium as Mr. Eric accompanies on the keyboard.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sonia Alston
Anna Svahn
Faught Family
Brenda Jon
Sonia Ashmeade
Sandra Catena
Louise Tatum
Rosalyn Cuzco
Evelyn Day
Sylvia Rodriguez
Joe Tigner

Margarita Vince- Allen
Barbara Marin
Alderfer Famiy
Angela Espinal
Gwen Wood
Jane Wai
Violetta Proano
Mesina Family
Branco Family
Vaughn Family
Jorge Mantorell

Marco Antonio & Marilyn
Calderon
Joan Bovers
Tobin Smith
Carolyn Bray
Porfirio Figueroa
Katie Long
Pamela Payne
Julie Aldefer

Our prayer partner today is: a member of the Congregational Care Team

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a prayer concern please contact Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake at skenefake@fortwashingtonchurch.org or Bridget Anthony at banthony@fortwashingtonchurch.org or call (212) 568-4014

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need nursery volunteers willing to help with childcare in both the morning and evening service.

NOON PRAYER

Noon prayer will meet on Wednesdays in the North Room, led by Devora Jones

INFORMATION & PRAYER CARDS IN PEWS

If you would like to share your information with us or share a prayer request; please fill out the white information card or the green prayer cards.

GOD TALK

Join us Wednesday nights (bi-weekly) for dinner and a lively discussion. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm, followed by a Scripture reading and discussion at 7pm. The full schedule for 2016-2017 is on our website. Next meeting is on May 24th

SHARE YOUR MUSIC, ART, AND DANCE

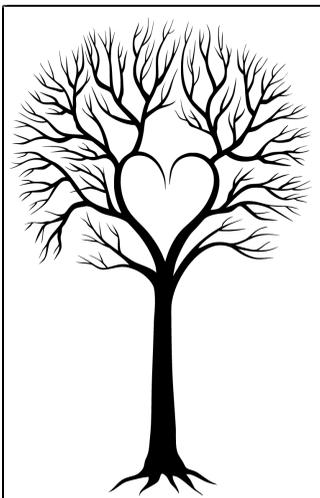
Interested in the arts? We want you! Now is a great time to join our Sunday morning choir, the Joyful Voices (rehearses Thursdays at 7:30). All ages and experience levels are welcome. Do you play an instrument, love to dance, read poetry, act, paint, draw, program C++? Reach out and get plugged in! Email Chris Whittaker at cwhittaker@fortwashingtonchurch.org

CONSISTORY MINUTES ONLINE

Minutes of monthly Fort Washington **Consistory Minutes* and bi-monthly ***Collegiate Church Consistory Minutes* can be found on our website: www.fortwashingtonchurch.org

HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!

We need your volunteer and financial support to keep all of our excellent community, fellowship, and educational programs healthy and strong. If you have any questions regarding volunteering or making a financial gift, please speak with Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake, or Associate Minister Bridget Anthony. We thank you for your support!



NEW GIVING KIOSK

You can now give digitally with our new Giving Kiosk located in the Pavilion.

2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pledges for 2017 are now being received. Have we received yours? Electronic Pledge Cards and on-line giving can be found on our website at:

<https://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/pledge>

Paper copies are available in the entrance to the sanctuary (vestibule).

DONATE

Your generosity helps to ensure our church remains a vital and robust part of our uptown community. Make a donation to Fort Washington Collegiate Church today.

You can make a one-time gift or set up reoccurring contributions on our website

Sunday, <https://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/give/>

THE DEACON'S FUND

On the first Sunday of every month we take two offerings at the 11 am service: one for our regular gifts and offerings for the ongoing support of the mission and ministry of the church and another to support emergency needs (primarily food and clothing) of people in our community (the Deacon's Fund). Please give generously!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU TO REV. DR. SCOTT KENEFAKE!

We will be saying goodbye to Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, our Interim Senior Minister with a celebration of his time with us on Sunday, May 21st, 2017. We will have a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the worship service. There will be tributes and words of gratitude for his service. Please join us for this special time with Scott and Gail. Scott's last Sunday with us will be May 28th, 2017.

"Communion Preparers" needed for Sunday, June 4th, July 2nd, & August 6th, 11 am Service

FWCC needs two volunteers for each of the above listed Sundays to prepare the communion elements (bread/wafers, juice, and serving trays) in the kitchen at 10 am and to bring them into the sanctuary via a cart on the elevator. If interested/available, please call or email the church office--or talk to one of the Pastors. Thank you!



NEW ADULT STUDY – *World Religions*

Sunday evenings, 6:30-7:15 pm, Fellowship Hall, April 23rd – May 28th

Led by Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Judaism, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Indigenous Sacred Ways

We'll explore similarities and differences with mainstream Christianity

EVENSONG ON HIATUS FOR SUMMER

June 1st through Labor Day

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm; Reflector, Genevieve Tatum

Sunday, May 28th Seventh Sunday of Easter/Ascension, 11 am

Acts 1:6-14, "*Commissioned to Serve*"

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Preaching

Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm; Reflector, Porfirio Figueroa

Today's Baptisms

Adult Baptism: Sarah Schranz-Oliveira

Infant Baptism: Alice Dryden Bailey

Parents: Jason Timothy Bailey & Rebekah Alice Dryden

Grandparents: Catherine and John Jenkinson, her aunt and uncle: Alex Dryden and Pia Aliperti,

Godparents are: John Demous and Gair Morris, Big Sister: Lucille Dryden Bailey

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Interim Senior Pastor • **Bridget Kelso Anthony**, Associate Minister • **Eric Alderfer**, Director of Children's Ministry • **Chris Whittaker**, Director of Music • **Laurinda Hatcher**, Treasurer • **Diana Morales**, Administrative and Operations Manager • **Mary Lora**, Parish Administrator • **Lazaro Rodríguez**, Sexton • **Amable Morales**, Evening Receptionist • **Wilfredo Serrano**, Sexton

CONSISTORY

Elders: • Victoria Dillard • Beverley Sheares

Deacons: • Lorenzo M. Alsberry • Brian Plane • Zoe Reyes

Intersections Ministry Deacons: Anna Svahn

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