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May 7th, 2017 | 11:00 AM | Fourth Sunday of Easter

Holy Communion

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PRELUDE

LIGHTING OF THE EASTER OR PASCHAL CANDLE

OPENING PRAYER

In the laughter of children,
we hear the voice of the Gate of the Way,
and find our way home.

**In the lap of a parent,
God's compassion cradles us
in the still waters of love.**

The Shepherd of our lives
leads us through that door
into life with him forever.

**We are baptized with living waters
which refresh us, restoring us
to follow Jesus all our days.**

The Holy Spirit, Keeper of truth,
is the Light which guides us
through every shadowed moment.

**The Breath of life stills our worries
and fears, as we are lead to that
peaceful place of God's heart.**

HYMN: Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Red Hymnal #522

Bradbury

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Buoyed by your living waters,
we are at peace in seas
of stress and success;
**detoured onto those walkways
leading to your joy,
we find our way out of mazes
of meetings and deadlines;**
nourished at your picnic
in that garden of grace,
our shredded souls
are anointed by your healing;

**you slow us down just enough,
as we try to escape
the very lives we think we want,
so goodness and mercy
can catch up with us
and carry us into your heart.**

God in Community, Holy in One.
may you always be with us on our journey.
Amen.

HYMN: Dwell in Unity

Davis

**Behold how good and pleasant it is
for all of us to dwell in unity!
Behold how good and pleasant it is
for all of us to dwell in unity!**

Refrain:

**Good, so good! For fellowship, it's good.
Good, so good! For all of us to dwell in unity.**

**Let us come share the fruit of the Spirit,
As God has given you and me,
With love, joy, peace, and gentleness,
we'll walk hand in hand in unity.**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Day by day, God would lead us to the places of hope and healing, while moment by moment, we continue to follow distractions down all the wrong paths. Let us confess our lives, as we draw near to the One who would restore us to wholeness. Join me as we pray together, saying,

PRAAYER OF CONFESION

The wrong paths to foolish lives and repeated mistakes? We know all too well where they are, Gate of our lives. Stirring up the waters with trouble comes all too easy to us, we confess. And locking the doors of our hearts so we don't have to love others is second nature to us.

Forgive us, our Goodness and Mercy. May our hearts overflow with hope for others, as you anoint us with healing oil. May we share from our abundance with all who hunger for life. May we follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to the places of service and life with you forever.

Brief silence ...

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Our Comforter leads us to that place where God's Table is spread with forgiveness and overflowing with grace. Here, we are called to life and love.

We will live as God's people: forgiven to serve, blessed to share, loved so we might care. Thanks be to God. Amen.

HYMN: As the Deer

Nystrom

Verse 1

**As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You**

Chorus

**You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You**

Verse 2

**You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything**

Verse 3

**I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joygiver
And the apple of my eye**

CHILDREN'S TIME

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 READINGS: John 10:1-10, Acts 2:42-47

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

SERMON: "Sharing is Caring"

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

HYMN: O Jesus, You Were Born to Be (Tune of "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gate")

Gillette

**O Jesus, you were born to be
God's gift to save humanity;
And one great day we're moving toward,
All life will bow and call you Lord!**

**You taught the people every day
As Rabbi, Teacher of the Way;
O Master, may we learn from you
To love both God and neighbor, too.**

**You are the Bread that satisfies,
The Light that guides us through our lives,
The Gate that leads us safely home,
The Shepherd calling to your own.**

**You are Messiah, you are Christ,
Anointed One, God's sacrifice.
In you, God's mercy is revealed:
We're saved from sin, forgiven, healed.**

**O Jesus, you're the living Way,
The Resurrection, God's new Day.
You give us hope and make us new;
How wondrous is our life in you!**

INVITATION TO SHARE

Good Shepherd of the Sheep,
you have opened the door to new life for us
through your dedication and your sacrifice.
May we reflect your love for us
by opening the doors of our hearts to you and your church
in the act of giving our tithes and offerings.

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OFFERTORY: Bread of Heaven

Kee

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.

PRAAYER OF DEDICATION

Thank you, Risen Christ,
for moving the hearts of the people to give of themselves.
May our offerings of service and financial support
give voice to your work for justice and peace in this world.
May we grow more mindful of you through our giving and our living. Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN: Let Us Break Bread Together

Smith

Red Hymnal #776

THE INVITATION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May the God of gates be with you!

And also with you!

God calls us to open our hearts to others,

for they are filled to overflowing with grace.

Every day, let us rejoice in the Restorer of our lives.

We sing glad songs to the One who leads us.

You watched over creation,

God of patience,

as it emerged out of nothingness:

meadows where sheep could rest,

still pools of water teeming with tadpoles,

paths worn smooth by mountain goats.
You shaped us in your divine likeness,
anointing us with Spirit's breath of life,
so we could wander the garden by your side.
But seductive voices,
climbed into Eden by another way,
and we followed these strangers' voices.
Day by day, you sent prophets to us,
who challenged us to lead God-centered lives,
but we devoted ourselves to that life
which is empty and bitter.
So then you sent Jesus,
shaped in human likeness, to us,
so we would know you are with us.

With those who walk your paths,
with those who long to find their way,
we offer glad and generous hearts to you:

**Holy, holy, holy are you, Guardian of our souls.
All creation praises you day after day after day.
Hosanna in the highest!**

**Blessed is the One who trusted in you alone.
Hosanna in the highest!**

You alone are holy, Gate of the Way,
and Jesus Christ, your Child, is Shepherd of life.
He kept to the path of righteousness,
so we might learn how
to walk in his footsteps.
Knowing our voices, he followed us
to the gate of death,
where the keeper let him in,
locking the gate behind him.
But you came another way
and, knowing your voice,
Jesus followed you
out of the tomb,
receiving life, abundantly,
for all your children.

As we gather in prayer and worship,
as we seek to devote ourselves to following Jesus,
we sing of that mystery known as faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ's Spirit renews our lives.

You lead us to this Table
where we want for nothing,
for your Spirit transforms
everyday foods into a sacred feast.
Your bread and cup comfort us,
nourishing us so we might be together
in everything with our sisters and brothers.
The broken bread strengthens us
to provide clean, still waters to all;
to build shelter for those who sleep rough;
to feed those who are hungry.
Your grace overflows into us so we may offer
companionship to those who
wander shadowed valleys;
an open gate to those
longing for a community;
voices of compassion
and hope to the oppressed.
When we follow goodness and mercy
to the end of time, we will find you
coming out of the kitchen,
setting dish upon dish of peace and hope
on that great table prepared for all your children,
and we will join our hearts and hands
as we sing praise and wonder to you,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Loving God, you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of the Bread and Cup. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING

Day by day, God will lead us:
**to those pools of peace where we can
gather with our friends and strangers.**

Day by day, Jesus will call us:
**to give ourselves in service,
to anoint others with hope.**

Day by day, the Spirit shows us:
**the people we might be,
the community we might become.**

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 #208. **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
Brando Family
Vaughn Family
Jorge Mantorell
Marco Antonio & Marilin Calderon
Joan Bovers
Tobin Smith
Carolyn Bray
Porfirio Figueroa

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.

EVENSONG SPEAKER (REFLECTORS)

Needed for Sunday for June

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 10th

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

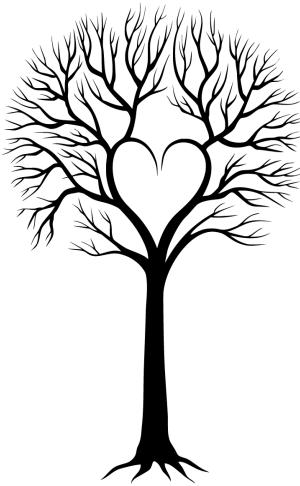
Minutes of monthly Fort Washington *Consistory Minutes and bi-monthly **Collegiate Church Consistory Minutes can be found on our website: www.fortwashingtonchurch.org

FW COMMUNITY CHOIR CONCERT

Our Spring Fort Washington Community Choir concert is this coming Tuesday, May 9th at 8:00pm. Hear our fabulous choir perform works by Schubert, Whitacre, Handel, Copland & more! Free (\$10 suggested donation)

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.

Pride Month (June!) Planning Meeting

Join Dr. Kenefake, Associate Minister, Bridget Anthony, and Seminary Intern, Mia McClain, for breakfast at 9:30 am, on Sunday, May 14th, in Fellowship Hall to brainstorm FWCC's contribution to the Collegiate Church "Pride Month" activities/festivities. All are welcome. See you there!

"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!



AT THE COMMUNION TABLE TOGETHER

AN INVITATION TO ALL...

At Fort Washington Collegiate Church, we believe that the Communion celebration is a time to unite the body of Christ, and therefore, all are welcome to share in this meal, as one body, all people, adults and children together.

HOW WE SHARE TOGETHER...

Here at FWCC, this Christian sacrament, also known as the Eucharist or the Lord's Supper, is blessed by the minister and served by the ordained consistory members of our church. The communion elements are received by walking up the center aisle and taking, first, the bread, and then the juice, before returning to one's seat by the side aisles. So that everyone may have time and space to reflect and pray while receiving the sacrament, communion is a quiet and respectful time in our service.

We try to ensure that this sacrament is open to all who wish to receive it, and therefore, we always use juice instead of wine and offer gluten-free wafers on the glass platter. A member of our consistory will circulate with the communion elements throughout the sanctuary, so that anyone who is unable to come forward to the table can receive the sacrament at their seat.

FOR FAMILIES...

Parents who are taking communion together with their children are encouraged to accompany their children and receive the sacrament together. Children are very welcome to receive communion. To help children understand the sacrament at a fundamental level, we teach about communion and what it means to us at Fort Washington twice a year in all our Sunday school classes. We also offer additional, optional, classes about communion throughout the year for children and families who want to explore more fully the understanding of the sacrament of communion.

For families where children are not taking communion, either because of personal family traditions, or the choice to wait and have children take communion after baptism or attending the additional classes, we offer a blessing for children when they come forward with their parents. This allows parents to take communion and creates a special place for your children until they are ready to share in the sacrament.

COMMUNION SUNDAYS

As we are fed spiritually on communion Sundays, we ask that you remember the hungry and bring an offering of food for our food pantry. Offerings may be placed in the blue bins located in the sanctuary

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

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 7th, Fourth Sunday of Easter/Holy Communion, 11 am
Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm; Reflector, James Bonilas

Sunday, May 14th, Fifth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day, 11 am
Acts 7:55-60, "*The Myth of Redemptive Violence*"
Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Preaching
Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm; Reflector, Jana LaSorte

Sunday, May 21st, Sixth of Sunday of Easter, 11 am
Mia McClain, FWCC Seminary Intern, Preaching
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

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 • **Laurrinda Hatcher**, Treasurer • **Diana Morales**, Administrative and Operations Manager • **Mary Lora**, Parish Administrator • **Lazaro Rodríguez**, Sexton • **Amable Morales**, Evening Receptionist • **Wilfredo Serrano**, Sexton

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