



# **FORT WASHINGTON** COLLEGIATE CHURCH

*Evensong & Communion*

**Creating Community | Connecting to God | Committed to the City**

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Welcome. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones. We are aware that many people who attend this worship service come from other churches and faith traditions. The typical mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we cherish. We are glad you are here.

## **Prelude**

*Please stand at the sounding of the chime.*

## **Opening**

*“God created every human being to be free. The ability to choose whether to live free or enslaved, right or wrong, happy or in fear is something called freewill. Every person was born with freewill. Some people use it, and some people use any excuse not to. Nobody can turn you into a slave unless you allow them. Nobody can make you afraid of anything, unless you allow them. Nobody can tell you to do something wrong, unless you allow them. God never created you to be a slave, people did. God never created division or set up any borders between brothers and sisters, people did. God never told you hurt or kill another, people did. And in the end, when God asks you: “Who told you to kill one of my children?”*

*And you tell him, “My leader.”*

*God will then ask you, “And are THEY your GOD?”*

— **Suzy Kassem, Rise Up and Salute the Sun: The Writings of Suzy Kassem**

## **Opening Hymn: Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round**

Spiritual

Aint gonna let nobody\*  
Turn me 'round  
Turn me 'round  
Aint gonna let nobody  
Turn me round  
I'm gonna keep on walkin'  
Keep on talkin  
Marchin into freedom land

*2. No trial 3. No failure*

*Please be seated.*

## Entry into Reflection & Meditation

In the presence.  
In the peace.  
In the power, of God.

Let us celebrate the richness and diversity of life.

*The Community Candle is lit.*

We light this flame to honor our past.  
We light this flame to endorse our present as a community.  
We light this flame to symbolize our future.

## Opening sentences

We have gathered in this sacred place, again.

May we continue to create here a circle of love,  
ever expanding,  
ever growing.  
A place of wisdom.  
A place of connection.  
A place of hope.

**Amen.**

## The Reading

*Reader*

*A reading from the Gospel according to John*

*John 10:1-10*

“Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup>So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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

*A minute of silence is observed after the reading...*

## **Reflection**

James Bonilas

*Two minutes of silence is observed after the reflection ...*

## **Music for Meditation**

### **Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

Liturgist: There is a moment when noise ceases.  
When the busy world is quiet  
and the day's work is done.

In that moment... in this silence...  
may we know God's present-ness and God's peace.  
*(Silence)*

For our community gathered here,  
for the spirit that called us together and drew us to this place:  
**Let us give thanks.**

For moments we have shared with others;  
for times when we have reached out across barriers of distance and fear;  
for times when others have reached out to us:  
**Let us again give thanks.**

For our weaving together out of many separate selves  
this hour of celebration and reflection:  
**We give thanks this day.**

*(Silence)*

We are people of all ages who enter this space  
bringing our joys and concerns.  
*Joys and concerns may be shared aloud.*

In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be ever mindful  
of the present-ness of the sacred among us,  
and to see the new possibilities of the now.

In caring for one another

**May we be untiring.**

In sheltering one another

**May we be strong.**

In holding one another

**May we be tender**

May we consider all that is - the beautiful,  
and that which we don't want to read of and think about.

May the joys and the concerns of this present day  
move and jolt us to our greater selves  
and our greater thoughts.

**May it be so. Amen.**

### **Music for Meditation**

*During the instrumental music and hymn, and at anytime hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. Tapers and votives are on the table in front of the piano. Please feel free to light a candle.*

**Hymn:** Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us  
*Red Hymnal #522*

Thrupp

### **The Grace**

This is a house of God. A place of peace.  
A place where we befriend one another.

### **The Peace**

Let us take a moment to celebrate each other.  
May a heart of peace rest with you.  
**And also with you.**

*The ministers and people greet one another, in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the peace, please be seated.*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **The Offering and Offertory (*Give online at: [www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/give/](http://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/give/)*)**

*Offerings at Evensong go to support the Deacon's Fund which addresses emergency needs of people in our community.*

*Offering plates are not passed through the congregation at this service. For your offerings, offering plates are located on a stand in the center aisle.*

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Eucharistic Prayer** (please stand).

*Celebrant and People responsively:*

For the gift of the universe in all its vastness:

**For the enormous, for the tiny,**

**For refreshment, for a challenge,**

**For gentle beauty, for fierce beauty,**

**For all the variety of place and season... we give thanks.**

For the inheritance in our world, from generations past:

**For landscape,**

**For craft and skill,**

**For breed and variety in livestock and crops,**

**For wildlife untamed,**

**For fertility maintained... we give thanks.**

#### **Sanctus**

Lathbury



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts!\_ Heav'n and earth are



full of Thee! Heav'n and earth are prais - ing Thee, O Lord most high!

*The celebrant continues:*

For our existence in this fragile, green planet:

**For air,**

**For space,  
For moisture,  
For food... we give thanks.**

For those who represent us all in caring for this planet:

**For gardeners,  
For foresters,  
For scientists,  
For farmers... we give thanks.**

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ's Spirit renews our lives.**

For the breaking of bread,  
For the filling of the cup,  
For the presence of the sacred in earthly things...  
All **We give thanks and praise.**

# The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant*

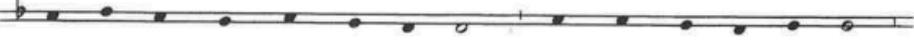


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

*Celebrant and People*



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



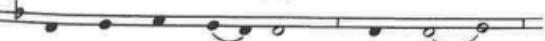
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

*(Bread is broken)*

## Lamb of God



Je - sus Lamb of God, Je - sus Lamb of God, have mer - cy on us.  
Grant us peace

*Celebrant*

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

***You are welcome to be seated** until you come forward to receive. When you tear off a piece of bread from the loaf, touch a tip of the bread in the juice in the cup (intinct) and then consume. If you would like prayers for healing, proceed to the area behind the communion table. If the healing ministers are already praying with others, please wait your turn patiently until one of them is available.*

### **Music during Communion**

**After Communion** (Please stand)

*Celebrant:*

**Hymn:** I Surrender All

*Read Hymnal #579*

Van DeVenter

### **Parting Words**

As we prepare to leave this sacred space  
where we have worshipped together,  
let us return to our work enlivened and renewed...

*The community candle is extinguished*

**We extinguish this candle,  
knowing the light of The Human One is within us,  
and we carry it forth from this place.**

**Blessing words**

May God the heart of life be deep within us,  
God the Christ be present in our history,  
and God the Spirit empower us  
to sing and dance and celebrate.

**Amen! May it be so!**

*Please be seated.*

**Music for Meditation****Postlude**

*Please feel free to depart during the Postlude, as you wish. Prayers for healing will continue at the communion table, so we ask you to leave quietly. Please come back often.*

*Following the Service*

*Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the service. If you would like to know more about this church and how you can connect, we would love to tell you. As a start, please fill out one of the visitor's cards in the bulletin, and drop it in one of the offering plates at the entrance doors. And, of course, call or email us anytime.*

*Reflector, James Bonilas*

*Celebrant, Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Interim Senior Minister*

*Liturgist, Bridget Anthony, Associate Minister*

*Instrumentalist, Chris Whittaker, Director of Music*

**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 grad 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 10am-10:45 am.

**Sunday School:** All youth (grades 5th - High School) are invited to join the Associate Minister Bridget Kelso Anthony upstairs in Room #209 after the Passing of the Peace.

**Playgroup:** All children and caregivers are welcome on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11:30 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.

**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](mailto:skenefake@fortwashingtonchurch.org) or Bridget Anthony at [banthony@fortwashingtonchurch.org](mailto:banthony@fortwashingtonchurch.org) or call (212) 568-4014**

### **EVENSONG SPEAKERS (REFLECTORS) NEEDED FOR SUNDAYS IN JUNE**

Each week at the *Evensong & Communion Service* at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary, we have *guest* speakers (reflectors) who offer a *five minute or less* reflection on *where I'm experiencing God in my life now*. Interested in volunteering? Please talk to one of the ministry staff or contact the church.

### 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

### JOIN THE NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR

Come enjoy a time of beautiful singing and fellowship with congregants and neighbors.

Enroll at

[www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/choir](http://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/choir)

### 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 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.

### 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](http://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org)

### 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](mailto:cwhittaker@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!

### THE DEACONS FUND

On the first Sunday of every month we take **two offerings** at the 11 am service; **one** 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. Please give generously!



**NEW ADULT STUDY – *World Religions***

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

Led by Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

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

*We'll explore similarities and differences with mainstream Christianity*

## MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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

### 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 14<sup>th</sup>, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, & August 6<sup>th</sup>, 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!

### 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 • **Mia McClain**, Seminary Intern • **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**: Jay Godfrey • Anna Svahn

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