

FORT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

From the moment we open our eyes each morning,
 until we close them at night, God is with us.

There is no one like you, our God!

In times when we are surrounded with struggles,
 in all the surprising places we find hope, Jesus is with us.

There is no one like you, our Brother!

When we feel orphaned by the world,
 when we are welcomed into faith's family,
 the Holy Spirit is with us.

There is no one like you, Witnessing Spirit!

HYMN: There's Not a Friend like the Lowly Jesus

Oatman

**1 There's not a friend like the lowly
 Jesus,
 No, not one! No, not one!
 None else could heal all our soul's
 diseases,
 No, not one! No, not one!**

Chorus:

**Jesus knows all about our struggles;
 He will guide till the day is done.
 There's not a friend like the lowly Jesus,
 No, not one! No, not one!**

**2 No friend like Him is so high and holy,
 No, not one! No, not one!
 And yet no friend is so meek and lowly,
 No, not one! No, not one! [Chorus]**

**3 There's not an hour that He is not near us,
 No, not one! No, not one!
 No night so dark but His love can cheer us,
 No, not one! No, not one! [Chorus]**

**4 Did ever saint find this friend forsake him?
 No, not one! No, not one!
 Or sinner find that He would not take him?
 No, not one! No, not one! [Chorus]**

**5 Was ever a gift like the Savior given?
 No, not one! No, not one!
 Will He refuse us a home in heaven?
 No, not one! No, not one! [Chorus]**

OPENING PRAYER

You we praise, Steadfast Friend,
for your presence never abandons us,
but is at our side in all of life.
There is no cobwebbed corner
that is not claimed by your grace.

You we praise, Teller of parables.
Your words challenge us in moments of
doubt,
as well as in our times of great faith.
When we run around in circles
chasing our worries and fears
like a dog after its tail,
you whisper hope to us.

You we praise, Spirit who calls to our hearts.
Your voice is that gentle whisper
in a world filled with angry shouts;
your joy is that refreshing shower
when despair parches our souls;
your wonder opens our eyes and ears
to the gifts which surround our lives.

You we praise, God in Community, Holy in
One. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

For the Beauty of the Earth
Red Hymnal #353

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Hands and Feet

Gungor

Verse 1

**For all the strives we've made
For all our blessings
We've fallen far away from truth
Turning our face away
From this hurting race
We've turned our face away from
You**

**We wanna be Your hands, Your feet
Without words we'll let our actions
speak**

Chorus

**So here we are
Words can only go so far
Draw us closer Your heart
Bring us back to You, bring us back
to You.**

Verse 2

**For every broken heart
For every widow
For those without shelter from the rain
We lift our eyes to You
Looking for answers
When we have been called to ease the pain**

**We wanna be Your hands, Your feet
Without words we'll let our actions speak**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

When we fail to live as God's people, we are like flowers which give way to weeds. But God seeks us out, not to condemn us, but forgive us over and over. Let us stop playing hide-and-seek with our God, as we confess our sins together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Insolently we turn against you, God of truth. When we follow those desires that control us; when we live for ourselves, shutting off the gifts of those around us; when we think we do not need to share love, hope, peace with others, we show how we have joined those who ignore your way of life.

Yet, you have chosen to adopt us as your children, God-who-stands-with-us, forgiving us and making us inheritors with Jesus of your grace and joy. So lead us by the Spirit, that we might follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into creation which groans for love and healing.

Silent reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In sorrow so deep we cannot find our way out,
God cradles us in comfort;
in moments so shadowed we trip over our fears,
God lights the way for us;
in joy which cascades into our souls,
God fills us with healing.

Even when we cannot see it, God's hope is all around us, surrounding us with peace and healing. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven ! Amen.

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: Genesis 32:22-31

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

SERMON: "Forgiveness, Part Two"

Bridget Kelso Anthony

SELECTION: I Won't Let Go
Mia McClain, *Soloist*

Miller

INVITATION TO SHARE

Our worldly lives, we give to you today.
We give away to God because we love God, as God loved us.

**Here is our gratitude in treasure.
Here is our treasure in gratitude.**

Bless our gifts with spirit and with power.

**Give online at www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/give
Pledge at www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/pledge**

OFFERTORY: Better is One Day

Redman

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

Your steadfast love is but one of the many gifts you pour into us. Our offerings are but a part of the ways in which we can serve you and your people. Bless them, and bless us, to ministries of healing and hope. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S 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.**

**I am free
 Praise the Lord, I'm free!
 No longer bound
 No more chains holding me
 My soul is resting
 And it's just another blessing
 Praise the Lord,
 Hallelujah, I'm free!**

SENDING

It is God who has formed us as a community of faith.
Now, we will go to find and serve our sisters and brothers.
 It is Jesus who has knit us together as partners in grace.
Now, we will go to bear the burdens of those around us.
 It is the Spirit who gives us the words we need.
Now, we will go to speak for justice and hope for all.

POSTLUDE

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 and **Sunday School** will be on hiatus until after Labor Day. Children ages 4-4th grade are welcome to go to the Fellowship Hall after the Passing of the Peace for art projects and other activities.

EvenSong and the **Wednesday Morning Play Group** for toddlers will be on hiatus during July and August.

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sonia Alston
Faight Family
Brenda Jon
Sonia Ashmeade
Rosalyn Cuzco
Evelyn Day
Sylvia Rodriguez
Joe Tigner
Margarita Vince-Allen
Gwen Wood

Jane Wai
Violetta Proano
Mesina Family
Branco Family
Marco Antonio & Marilyn Calderon
Joan Bovers
Tobin Smith
Porfirio Figueroa
Alderfer Family
Pamela Payne

Barbara Brown
The Caylor Family
Iris Andries
Heather Godfrey
Barbara Woytowicz
Angela Espinal
Barbara Marin
The Long Family
Louise Tatum

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 Bridget Anthony at banthony@fortwashingtonchurch.org or call (212) 568-4014

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need nursery volunteers willing to help with childcare during the morning service.

NOON PRAYER

Noon prayer will resume in August 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. *We will be on hiatus until August.*

SHARE YOUR MUSIC, ART, AND DANCE

Interested in the arts? We want you! Join our Sunday morning choir, the Joyful Voices (rehearses Thursday nights starting again in September). 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

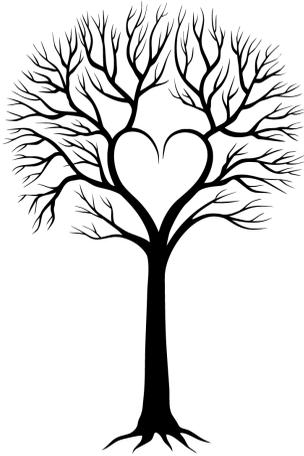
Minutes of monthly Fort Washington **Consistory Minutes* and bi-monthly ***Collegiate Church Consistory Minutes* can be found on our website: www.fortwashingtonchurch.org

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 Associate Minister Bridget Anthony. We thank you for your support!

Communion Preparers needed for Sunday August 6th, 11 am Service

FWCC needs two volunteers 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 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/>

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, July 30th, Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, 11am
Guest Preacher, Rev. Dr. Shari Brink, President and CEO, Blanton-Peale Institute and Counseling Center

August 6th, Ninth Sunday After Pentecost, 11am
Welcome our new Senior Minister, **Rev. Damaris Whittaker**

EVENSONG ON HIATUS FOR SUMMER - June 1st through Labor Day

CHURCH STAFF

Damaris Whittaker, Senior Minister (starting August 1st) • **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

CONSISTORY

Elders: • Victoria Dillard • Beverley Sheares
Deacons: • Lorenzo M. Alsberry • Brian Plane • Zoe Reyes
Intersections Ministry Deacon: Anna Svahn

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