



FORT WASHINGTON
COLLEGIATE CHURCH



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Today is a day that is held in tension.

We are surrounded by the past yet looking toward the future.

A past that reminds us of the blessings and presence of God with us in joys as well as in sorrow.

And a future filled with promises.

Today we worship the one who was, is and is to come.

Let us worship in word, song and service.

—Based on Revelation 21:1-6a.

HYMN: A Mighty Fortress is Our God
Red Hymnal #43

Luther

OPENING PRAYER

Waken our hearts, O God; make them ever watchful to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of your glorious kingdom; when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown.

In Jesus' name we pray, **Amen.**

--Adapted from the prayers of Martin Luther; 2cherish2commend.com, Retrieved March 9, 2017.

HYMN: Open the Eyes of My Heart

Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart Lord

Abre mis ojos oh Cristo

Open the eyes of my heart

Abre mis ojos Señor

I want to see You

Yo quiero verte

I want to see You

yo quiero verte

To see You high and lifted up

Yo quiero verte enaltecido oh Dios

Shining in the light of Your glory

Radiante en toda Tu gloria

Pour out Your power and love

Derrama hoy Tu poder

As we sing holy holy holy

Sobre Tu pueblo Padre santo

Holy holy holy

Santo santo santo

Holy holy holy

Santo santo santo

Holy holy holy

Santo santo santo

I want to see You

Yo quiero verte

REFORMATION SUNDAY PRAYER

Behold, Lord, an empty vessel that needs to be filled.

My Lord, fill it.

I am weak in the faith; **strengthen me.**

I am cold in love; **warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

I do not have a strong and firm faith; **at times I doubt and am unable to trust you altogether.**

O Lord, help me. **Strengthen my faith and trust in you.**

In you I have sealed the treasure of all I have.

I am poor; **you are rich and came to be merciful to the poor.**

I am a sinner; **you are upright.**

With me, there is an abundance of sin; **in you is the fullness of righteousness.**

Therefore, I will remain with you of whom I can receive, **but to whom I may not give.**

Amen.

--Martin Luther (1483-1546).

Silent reflection

HYMN: Kyrie Eleison, Have Mercy

Getty/Townsend

Chorus

Kyrie Eleison, have mercy

Christe Eleison, have mercy

Verse 1

**As we come before You with the
needs of our world**

We confess our failures and our sin

For our words are many yet

our deeds have been few

Fan the fire of compassion once again

Verse 2

**When the cries of victims go
unheard in the land**

And the scars of war refuse to heal

**Will we stand for justice to
empower the weak**

Till their bonds of oppression are no more

Verse 3

If we love our God

With all our heart mind and strength

And we love our neighbors as ourselves

**Then this law of love will heal the
nations of earth**

And the glory of Christ will be revealed

Verse 4

**Lord renew our vision to be Christ
where we live**

**To reach out in mercy to the lost
For each cup of kindness to the least**

in our midst

Is an offering of worship to the throne

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 READING: John 8:31-36

SERMON: "*Re-formation: It's all about Freedom*"

Rev. Dr. Damaris D. Whittaker

HYMN: The Potter's Hand

Zschech

Verse 1

**Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior
I know for sure all of my days are
Held in Your hand, crafted into
Your perfect plan**

Pre-Chorus

**I'm captured by Your holy calling
Set me apart I know You're drawing
Me to Yourself
Lead me Lord I pray**

Verse 2

**You gently call me into Your presence
Guiding me by Your Holy Spirit
Teach me dear Lord to live all of my life
Through Your eyes**

Chorus

**Take me mold me
Use me fill me
I give my life
To the Potter's hand
Call me guide me
Lead me walk beside me
I give my life
To the Potter's hand**

INVITATION TO SHARE

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

OFFERTORY: A New Hallelujah

Smith

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

New life in Christ opens our hearts, and opens our minds to a world inside ourselves and beyond ourselves. Let it be, loving God, that this new life is manifest in what we give, that new life might be possible for others. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANSGIVING

May God be with you

And also with you!

Lift your hearts

We lift them up to God!

Let us give thanks to God most high.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God, we thank you for this meal
and for all of the ways you nourish us.**

Grow in us that we may nourish others.

Sustain us as we press toward the goal of your call in Christ Jesus. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

We invite you to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language in which you are most comfortable.

HYMN: I am Free

Spiritual

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 a blessing

Praise the Lord! Hallelujah, I'm free.

SENDING

God calls us
to be thankful for the Word of truth we have received.
God calls us into the world
to witness in truth to the reign of Christ.
God calls us to let the Gospel of Christ work through us,
to bless the world.

Let us go forth as leaders into this troubled world
—honest, courageous and hope-filled—
To love and serve our God.

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, Upper Room 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)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sonia Alston
Faught 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
Porfirio Figueroa
Alderfer Family
Pamela Payne

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

A member of the Congregational Care Team is always available to pray with you after service. If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a prayer concern please contact Associate Minister Bridget Anthony at banthony@fortwashingtonchurch.org or call the church at (212) 568-4014.

INFORMATION & PRAYER CARDS IN PEWS

If you would like to share your information with us or make a prayer request, please fill out the new information cards located on the pew backs.

ACOLYTES TRAINING

Children from 7 years of age and up love participating in the service as acolytes. Our Acolyte Shepherds, Lisa Kline and Florence Gayagoy, would like to invite all current acolytes and children interested in becoming acolytes to an acolyte training immediately following Service TODAY, November 5th.

Jazz Sunday and Youth Service Day

Join us next Sunday, Nov. 12th! All young people 4th grade and up are invited to participate in leading the morning jazz music worship service. Please see Associate Minister Bridget Kelso Anthony immediately after today's service for more information.

INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Join members of our community at 3pm on Sunday, November 19th, 2017, for an interfaith meal at the Hebrew Tabernacle (551 Fort Washington, at 185th St.). **Please see the insert for more information.**

SPANISH PLAYGROUP FOR SPANISH HERITAGE SPEAKER

This bimonthly guided group gives participants the opportunity to use their heritage language to play. The group is open to the Washington Heights community but space is limited. The group meets from 9:30am - 10:30am on Sundays every other week and is appropriate for children ages 6-10. For more information, please contact Inés González at igonzaleznyc@gmail.com.

Este grupo facilitado bimensualmente ofrece a los participantes la oportunidad de utilizar su lengua de herencia para jugar. El grupo está abierto a la comunidad de Washington Heights, pero el espacio es limitado. El grupo se reúne de 9:30 am a las 10:30am los Domingos cada dos semanas y es apropiado para niños de edades 6-10. Para mas información, favor de comunicarse con Inés González escribiendo al igonzaleznyc@gmail.com.

“GETTING CHURCHY WITH THE PASTORS”

If you would like to learn more about the Fort Washington Collegiate Church, or how to become a member, come to “Getting Churchy with the Pastors” in the North Room. Starting the Second Sunday of each month on November 12th!

NOVEMBER WORSHIP AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

- 10 Fri** Office closed for Veterans Day
- 12 Sun** 11:00am Worship: Rev. Dr. Damaris D. Whittaker, Senior Minister, preaching
“*The Art of Waiting*” Matthew 25:1-13
Youth Service and Jazz Sunday
12:15pm Getting Churchy with the Pastors, North Room
- 15 Wed** 6:30pm God Talk
- 19 Sun** 11:00am Worship: Rev. Dr. Damaris D. Whittaker, Senior Minister, preaching
“*The God We See*” Matthew 25:14-30
3:00pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration at Hebrew Tabernacle
- 23/24** Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
- 26 Sun** 11:00am Worship: Bridget Kelso Anthony, Associate Minister, preaching
Dance Ministry presentation
- 29 Wed** 6:30pm God Talk

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Damaris D. Whittaker, Senior Minister • **Bridget Kelso Anthony**, Associate Minister
Eric Alderfer, Director of Children’s Ministry • **Chris Whittaker**, Director of Music
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