

FORT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are we who are called to love
We are called to love genuinely
 Blessed are we who are called to live in peace
We are called to live in peace with one another
 Blessed are we who are called to rejoice
We are called to praise God for joy and peace and love

HYMN: Santo, santo, santo mi Corazon / Holy, Holy, Holy My Heart Spanish Traditional
Green Hymnal #19

OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we are gathered today to say thank you
 We know that you hear our prayers, because you always hear us,
 We know that you see us in all of our struggles
 Because we are always in the midst of your presence,
 And we rejoice knowing that we are loved beyond measure.
 Open our hearts, restore our tired spirits
 Fill us with your love, now and forever. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Lord, You Are Good		Houghton
Lord You are good	<i>Bridge</i>	
And Your mercy endureth forever	You are good all the time	
(2x)	All the time You are good	
People from every nation and tongue		
From generation to generation		

Chorus
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You
Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good

Here I am to Worship

Verse 1

**Light of the world
You stepped down into darkness
Opened my eyes let me see
Beauty that made
This heart adore You
Hope of a life spent with You**

Verse 2

**King of all days
Oh so highly exalted
Glorious in heaven above
Humbly You came
To the earth You created
All for love's sake became poor**

Chorus

**So here I am to worship
Here I am to bow down
Here I am to say that You're my God
And You're altogether lovely
Altogether worthy
Altogether wonderful to me**

Bridge

**And I'll never know how much it cost
To see Your love upon that cross**

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

We are called to recognize our faults, even as we are assured of God's forgiveness. Let us confront our weaknesses as we pray together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we stand ready to repent,
Ready to serve your Kin-dom
Ready to show kindness to the stranger
Ready to show love to our enemies
Ready to greet each new day as an opportunity to do better
We are grateful for another chance
Guide us when we falter, and give us strength for the journey.**

Silent reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Nothing can separate us from the love of God. As members of one body, as children of a the God of grace, we know that we are forgiven and loved beyond measure.

HYMN: One More Day

Douroux

**One more day, one more day, I thank God just for one more day,
One more day, the Lord has made a way, I thank God just for one more day.**

**One more chance, one more chance, I thank God just for one more chance.
One more chance to do the best I can, I thank God just for one more chance.**

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: Romans 12:9-21

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

Thanks be to God.

SERMON: "Another Chance"

Bridget Kelso Anthony

MEDITATION: Feelin' Good

Mia McClain, *Soloist*

Nina Simone

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

WELCOME AND RECEPTION

Let us, members of Fort Washington Collegiate Church, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the communion life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

GREETINGS OF CHRISTIAN LOVE

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

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

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

We offer our gifts to you, Steadfast Love, not because you need them, but so others might be as blessed as we are by your presence, your power, and your peace. Amen.

HYMN: Higher Ground

Oatman

**1. I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining every day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher
ground."**

Refrain:

**Lord, lift me up and let me stand,
By faith, on Heaven's tableland,
A higher plane than I have found;
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.**

**2. My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where those abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground.**

**3. I want to live above the world,
Though trouble's darts at me are hurled;
For faith has caught the joyful sound,
The song of saints on higher ground.**

**4. I want to scale the utmost height
And catch a gleam of glory bright;
But still I'll pray till heav'n I've found,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground"**

SENDING

Go out in love. Walk in peace. Rest in the assurance of God's love.

We will follow the way that Jesus showed us.

Go out knowing you are blessed, and be a blessing to others.

POSTLUDE

Acolytes: Jalyne Robinson and Anne-Louise Plane

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)

IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

Sonia Alston	Jane Wai	Barbara Brown
Faught Family	Violetta Proano	The Caylor Family
Brenda Jon	Mesina Family	Iris Andries
Sonia Ashmeade	Branco Family	Heather Godfrey
Rosalyn Cuzco	Marco Antonio & Marilyn Calderon	Barbara Woytowicz
Evelyn Day	Joan Bovers	Angela Espinal
Sylvia Rodriguez	Tobin Smith	Barbara Marin
Joe Tigner	Porfirio Figueroa	The Long Family
Margarita Vince-Allen	Alderfer Family	Louise Tatum
Gwen Wood	Pamela Payne	The Bonilla Family

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 in both the morning and evening service.

NOON PRAYER

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

GOD TALK IS BACK !!!

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.

The next meeting will be this Wednesday, September 20th.

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.

SHARE YOUR MUSIC, ART, AND DANCE

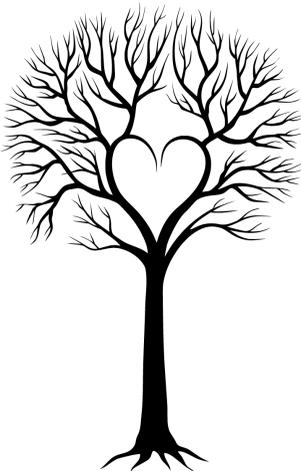
Interested in the arts? We want you! Now is a great time to join our Sunday morning choir, the Joyful Voices (rehearses Thursdays at 7:30). All ages and experience levels are welcome. Do you play an instrument, love to dance, read poetry, act, paint, draw, program C++? Reach out and get plugged in! Email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

CONSISTORY UPDATES

Minutes of monthly Fort Washington **Consistory updates* 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!



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/>

SEPTEMBER Worship Schedule and Upcoming Events

- 17 sun** 11:00am Worship & Reception of New Members
Bridget Kelso Anthony, preaching: “Another Chance” Romans 12:9-21
5:30pm **Even Song & Communion resumes**
- 19 tue** 7:30pm Community Choir resumes
- 20 wed** 6:30pm **God Talk**
- 23 sat** Stop & Swap, 12noon-3pm, more info at grownyc.org/swap
- 24 sun** 11:00am Worship: Rev. Dr. Damaris Whittaker, Senior Minister
preaching: “Favor in the Wilderness” Exodus 16:2-15
12:15pm Ministry Leaders meeting with Rev. Dr. Damaris Whittaker
5:30pm Even Song & Communion

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Damaris Whittaker, Senior Minister • **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
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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