

FORT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, with gratitude we come to this place of hallowed ground.
Here we have come to be comforted after national disasters and personal losses.

Here we have come to celebrate the joy of love, and the blessing of our children.
We have come to hear your Word as we worship together.

How grateful we are for what this sacred space has been.
We gather for worship with the prayer that it shall always be. Amen.

HYMN: Will You Come and Follow Me?

Bell

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
 Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
 Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
 Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
 Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
 Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
 Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
 Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
 And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
 Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
 Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
 Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?**

**Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
 Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
 In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

OPENING PRAYER

God, you are made known to us through the difficulties of this world,
In the face of the good, in the deep of the unknown.
We meet you here. We accept your greeting. We welcome your inspiration.
We await the change you have in store for us.
Draw us in to you. Inhabit our spirits. Focus our attention.
Bring us to you – you who are already with us.
Help us to be as you would have us be.
Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
Here and everywhere, now and always. **Amen.**

SONGS OF PRAISE AND WORSHIP

Cantemos al Señor / O Sing unto the Lord
Green Hymnal #40

Rosas

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

Pollard

**1 Have thine own way, Lord! Have thine
own way!**

3 Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter, I am the clay.

Wounded and weary, help me I pray!

**Mold me and make me after thy will,
while I am waiting, yielded and still.**

Power, all power, surely is thine!

Touch me and heal me, Savior divine!

2 Have thine own way, Lord!

4 Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Have thine own way!

Search me and try me, Savior today!

Hold o'er my being absolute sway.

Wash me just now, Lord,

Fill with thy Spirit till all shall see

wash me just now,

Christ only, always, living in me!

as in thy presence humbly I bow.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

In this time of confession, God invites us to examine our hearts. Confident of God's love for us,
let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess that:

our love isn't always genuine
we see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it
we forget to consider more ways to serve you
we turn our back on strangers who could benefit from our hospitality
we do not pray enough for our enemies
we associate with our own kind, fearing the "other"
we relish in fantasies of revenge.

For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God,

We seek your forgiveness.

Have mercy on us and hear our prayers.

Silent reflection

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's mercy extends beyond the bounds of even our collective imagination.

God's love seeps through any wall we could ever put up.

God's goodness holds more power than the sum of all sin.

It is because of that extensive, seeping, powerful and bold love

I declare to you in the name of the blessed and holy Trinity:

That God forgives us all our sins.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Take a Moment

Reagan

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: Matthew 16: 21-28

SERMON: The Colonized Jesus

Rev. Dr. Damaris Whittaker

HYMN: Knowing You

Kendrick

Verse 1

**All I once held dear built my life upon
All this world reveres and wars to own
All I once thought gain
I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now
compared to this**

Chorus

**Knowing You Jesus knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord love You Lord**

Verse 2

**Now my heart's desire is to know You more
To be found in You and known as Yours
To possess by faith what I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness**

Verse 3

**Oh to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You in Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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

Let us give out of gratitude and not self-satisfaction. Let us give out of love, and rejoice that quietly and faithfully we are able to help another.

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OFFERTORY: The Upside-Down Kingdom

Bangera

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

In response to your great love for us, gracious God, we joyfully and gratefully offer the fruits of our labor and our lives in these gifts. Bless and multiply them, we pray, that the transformative power of your love will be a reality in our neighborhood and community. **Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to our God.

Let us give thanks to our good God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

By eating this bread and drinking this wine

We become one in hope.

COMMUNION HYMN: I Need You to Survive

Walker

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AFTER COMMUNION

**Gracious God, you have once again shown us your love
by bringing us to this meal.**

**We go from here renewed in faith,
renewed in courage,
and strengthened by your presence.**

Thank you for loving us so tenderly.

Thank you for challenging us

to know you better and to receive you more fully. Amen.

**Praise the Source of all creation, giving life throughout the Earth,
Blessing every love relation, filling all with sacred worth.
Celebrate all forms and colors, varied beauty everywhere,
Streams of goodness overflowing, wondrous gifts for all to share.**

**Many genders, many races, all reflect Divinity;
Many gifts and many graces help us be all we can be.
Partners on this path of freedom, taking down each stifling wall,
We will open doors of welcome, bringing hope and joy to all.**

**Long have many been excluded, judged and scorned by custom's norms;
Everyone will be included as we work to bring reforms.
Let us end abuse and violence, bringing justice everywhere,
Joining Holy Wisdom's mission, helping all be free and fair.**

**Equal marriage, healing, freeing, nurtures body, mind and soul,
reaffirming every being, all created good and whole.
Come, rejoice and sing together, celebrating life and love;
Praise the great Creative Spirit, living in us and above.**

SENDING

The blessing of the Almighty God:
Source, Word and Spirit, One,
Be with us now and always. **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Acolytes: Emilie Miranda and Anna-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)

Godly Play and **Sunday School** will be on hiatus from June 11th until after Labor Day. Children ages 4-4th grade are welcome to go to Room 209 after the Passing of the Peace for art projects and other activities.

Evensong, God Talk and the **Wednesday Morning Play Group** for toddlers will be on hiatus during August.

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 & Marilin

Calderon

Joan Bovers

Tobin Smith

Porfirio Figueroa

Alderfer Family

Pamela Payne

Barbara Brown

Iris Andries

Heather Godfrey

Barbara Woytowicz

Angela Espinal

Barbara Marin

The Long Family

Louise Tatum

Carmen Padilla

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

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.

JOYFUL VOICES, SUNDAY AM CHOIR, STARTS SEPT 7TH!

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!

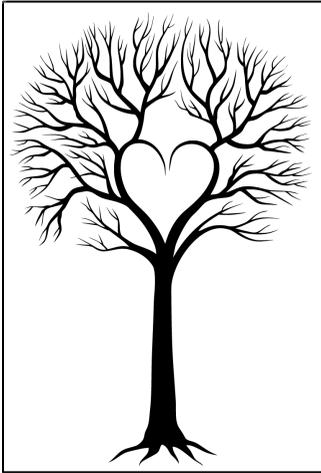
Email Chris Whittaker at cwhittaker@fortwashingtonchurch.org

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

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/>

Upcoming Events

September

- 7** 7:00pm Joyful Voices (Sunday AM Choir) resumes (*W.A. Room*)
- 10** 9:00am Membership Inquirers' Class (*North Room*)
11:00am Worship: Home Coming Sunday followed by Church Picnic
Godly Play & Sunday School resume
- 13** 9:00am Community Playgroup resumes
- 17** 11:00am Worship & Reception of New Members
5:30pm Evensong & Communion resumes for the Fall
- 19** 7:30pm Community Choir resumes

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

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