



FORT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Evensong & Communion

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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

I had a veteran friend once tell me, "The biggest lie I have ever been told is that violence is evil, except in war." He went on, "My government told me that. My Church told me that. My family told me that. ... I came back from war and told them the truth — 'Violence is not evil, except in war. ... Violence is evil — period.'"

Shane Claiborne, The Myth of Redemptive Violence

Opening Hymn: Jesus Lover of My Soul #461

Wesley

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.

Our light may seem small and flickering, but
it bears the flame to another and another,
just as the flame of love is passed
from person to person.

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 14: 1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going.” ⁵Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” ⁶Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” ⁸Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” ⁹Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Reader
People

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

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

Reflection

Jana LaSorte

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

Music for Meditation

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Liturgist: We are people of all ages who enter this space
bringing our joys and our concerns.

All **We come together in hope.**

Joys and concerns may be said aloud or silently here ...

We greet each other warmly with our voices and our smiles.

All **We come together in peace.**

We share our growth and our aspirations.

All **We come together in wonder.**

We share our losses and our disappointments.

All **We come together in sorrow.**

Silence ...

We share our concern and our compassion.

All **We come together in love.**

Silence ...

We sing and pray and listen.

We speak and read and dream.

We think and ponder and reflect.

We cry and laugh and reflect.

We mourn and celebrate and meditate.

We strive for justice and for mercy.

All **We come together to worship God.**

Remembering our Common Humanity...

We remember and honor the justice imperative
that is the biblical heritage:
justice is not belief but action,
not silence but voice,
not tolerance but compassion.

The call to follow justice is easy to issue,
but the resolve to follow justice is difficult to muster.
Together, let us be a community
that not only issues the word but follows the dictate.

May our community be one that holds
the strength of compassion and the resolve to act.
May we be a people who unites our words with our deeds.
**All For the dignity of life and the hope of humanity,
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: It Is Well With My Soul #519

Ville Du Havre

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/*)

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:

L: May the God of every way be with you.

P: And also with you.

L: Lift your hearts to the One who is the Truth
for God's own people.

P: We offer them to the One who warms them with love.

L: Sing praises to God, who is our Life.

**P: Glad songs are offered to the One
who provides shelter for us.**

You made a way through chaos,
Constructing God,
the Word echoing on mountaintops
and whispering in valleys;
the Spirit teaching songs to the stars,
and breathing life into those created
in your image as your precious children.
You longed to cradle us in your lap,
breastfeeding us with grace and hope,
but we slipped out of your grasp,
covering our ears as you called us
to come back home to you.
Prophets came to remind us that
you would not put us to shame,
psalmists sang to us of your longing
to cut the net of waywardness and set us free,
but , together, we rushed
into the open arms of temptation.
Then you sent Jesus, so that
in knowing and believing in him,
we would know and believe in you.

With those who have nothing
and with those who give everything away,
we lift our voices to you:

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:

You shape a safe place for us, Imaginative God,
and send your Child, Jesus, to show us the Way.
Born a tiny baby as we are,
he shows us how to grow into your people.
The cornerstone of your kingdom,
he uses us to build a spiritual home for all.
Committing his spirit to you,
he entered the emptiness of death,
so we might stand on the solid ground
of the resurrected life.

Even as we celebrate the Life which was his,
as we claim the Truth that all are one with you,
we take refuge in that mystery called faith:

Christ has died; Christ has risen; Christ's Spirit brings new life.

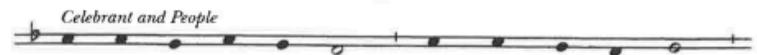
Once, we were nobodies, alone and hopeless,
but by your mercy, Living God,
we are now a family,
gathered in your love around this Table,
where the Spirit sanctifies the bread and cup.
You lean over to serve us the bread,
enveloping us in your grace
so we might go to be your people.
You offer to us the cup of hope,
which can heal our troubled hearts
and strengthen us to serve our world.

And when the Way leads us home to you,
when your Life gathers us with our sisters and brothers
around the Table which is prepared by your Truth,
we will sing glad songs of praise to you forever,
God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

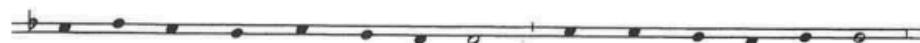
The Lord's Prayer



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



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.



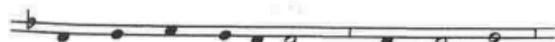
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



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



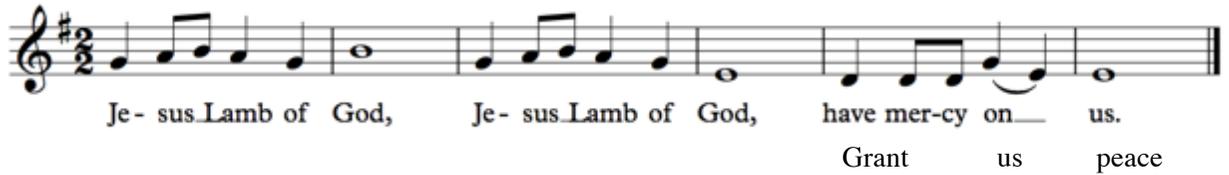
For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

(Bread is broken)

Lamb of God



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)

All: Loving God, you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of the Bread and Cup. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn: Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

St. Francis

1 Make me a channel of your peace.

**Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

2 Make me a channel of your peace.

**Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
and where there's sadness, ever joy. [Refrain]**

Refrain:

**O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.**

3 Make me a channel of your peace.

**It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
in giving to all people, we receive, and in dying
that we're born to eternal life. [Refrain]**

Parting Words

Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.
As we do, may we embrace the challenges of our lives and our world...

The community candle is extinguished

Go in peace.
Hold in your heart the certainty that the spirit of life is with you always.
All **When our hearts are torn asunder or when we soar with sweet joy,
we are never alone, never apart,
from the spirit that resides within us
and cherishes us always.**

Take comfort.
All **Blessed be.**

Blessing words

Go in courage and celebration!

And may all the faces of the Holy God
be turned towards you in love,
the earth itself speak to you of its creativity,
and who we are, each and all,
be honored in our authentic journeys.
All **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, Jana LaSorte
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 or Bridget Anthony at 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

**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 24th.

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

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

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 you 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 23rd – May 28th

Led by Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Judaism, Islam, Sikhism, Hinduism, Buddhism, Indigenous Sacred Ways
We'll explore similarities and differences with mainstream Christianity

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.

LOCAL CONSISTORY MEETING

Monday, May 15th, 6:00 pm, (dinner at 5:30 pm)

FALL ART SHOW MEETING

Join us on Wednesday evening, May 17th, 6:30-8:00 pm in the "North" Room, to continue our planning for this Fall church fundraiser.

"Communion Preparers" needed for Sunday, June 4th, July 2nd, & August 6th, 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!

WHCO Season Finale, Saturday May 20th, 3pm

Washington Heights Chamber Orchestra's final concert of the season features Young Artists Competition winner, 16 year-old violinist Coco Mi, playing Jean Sibelius's Violin Concerto in D minor. The concert opens with a world premiere by Music Director, Chris Whittaker and closes with Mendelssohn's joyful and exuberant "Italian" Symphony No. 4. Reception to follow for Friends of WHCO. Learn more at whco.nyc

MAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 14th, Fifth Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day
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

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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