

Order of Worship
10 A.M.
March 19, 2023- Fourth Sunday in Lent

Welcome to the Church-in-the-Gardens...

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

**We invite you to place your name and contact information on a Visitor Card in the pew rack. Please place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter.*

**Please be sure to get a parking pass from a greeter if you have parked a car that does not already have a decal or parking pass displayed.*

**Please silence your cell phone*

God bless you as together we experience God's life-giving word.

Prelude

Announcements

- **Journeying with Jesus—A Lenten Bible Study for Our Times-** Led by Rev. Fred
Wednesday Evening March 22 at 7 p.m.
Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82817596323>

•**Gifts of food** are urgently needed for MONKWORX, our Ridgewood neighbor. Families are hungry, and food stamps, now called “SNAP,” have just been cut. Bring canned goods and non-perishable donations every Sunday to the basket at the sanctuary entrance. Checks made payable to “The Church in the Gardens,” with MONKWORX on the memo line, are also very welcome. Thank you.

Please pray:

For healing: Phylia Banks; Hanna Bassous; Karin Del Greco; Millicent Fairhurst; Constance Radut; Adele Rystrand; Anne Sandager; Dora Shia. Alicia Montalvo who is in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Long Island Jewish Hospital in New Hyde Park as she recuperates from major surgeries.

Hanna Bassous has moved to Madison York Assisted Living Community, 112-14 Corona Avenue, Room 609, Corona, New York 11368. Room phone is 929-699-0414. Visiting hours are 9 am - 8 pm. Front desk phone is 718-699 4100. Cards, calls and visits would be appreciated.

Gathering Song: “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me” v. 1

I want Jesus to walk with me (2x)

All along my pilgrim journey

I want Jesus to walk with me.

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**

One: Answer me when I call, O God.

All: There are many who say, “O that we might see some good!”

One: Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!”

All: Put gladness on our hearts

*** Opening Hymn** PH 7 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

***Prayer of Confession**

One: God of surprises, we know that we do not perceive the world as you do.

All: We are attracted to what we know.

One: And overlook or shun what we don't.

All: Heal us. Make us whole. Fill us with your grace.

One: Be with us in the brief time of silent reflection...

***Sung Response:** Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. (2x)
Cast me not away from your presence, O Lord,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of your salvation
and renew a right spirit within me.

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

First Lesson Ephesians 5:8-14 pg. 190, red bible, pg. 237, black bible

Gospel Lesson John 9:1-12, 35-41 pg.102, red bible, pg.125, black bible

Sermon ”Live as Children of Light” Reverend Fred Weidmann

***Hymn** PH 348 My Faith Looks Up to Thee vv. 1-3

***Pastoral Prayer**

Lord's Prayer

Sung Response:

O Lord, hear my prayer (2x)

When I call answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer (2x)

Come and listen to me.

Offering
Invitation
Offertory

***Doxology (Traditional)**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Rob MacKay

***Closing Hymn** SING! 77 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

***Benediction**

Postlude

**All who are able, please rise*

Children (and parents) are welcome to go downstairs to **Sunday School** for fun, learning, and activities—we leave worship following the Scripture Readings and before the Sermon.

There is a **Cradle Room** available downstairs for parents and infants/toddlers.

Please join us for a **time of Coffee and Fellowship** following the service.

There are 4 ways you can **make a contribution to The Church-in-the-Gardens**:

1. Send a check to the church (50 Ascan Avenue Forest Hills, NY 11375)
2. Set up a "bill payment" through your bank to have checks mailed to the church.
3. Through Zelle. Our name is listed as Church in the Gardens, Forest Hills, NY; use email treasurer@thecitg.org
4. Collection plate at the back of the sanctuary



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We are launching into a fascinating excursion with Jesus as he meets three extraordinary people: Nicodemus, the unnamed woman at the well, and Martha. How do they challenge Jesus? How does Jesus challenge them? How are they like us? How might these stories inform our faith and life? Join the discussion.

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Our Church Covenant

“We covenant and agree with each other to unite as a Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, for Christian fellowship, for public worship and for the advancement of God’s kingdom in the world. We agree to maintain the institutions of the gospel, to promote the peace and prosperity of the Church, to walk together in brotherly love.”

Adopted by this congregation in 1913

