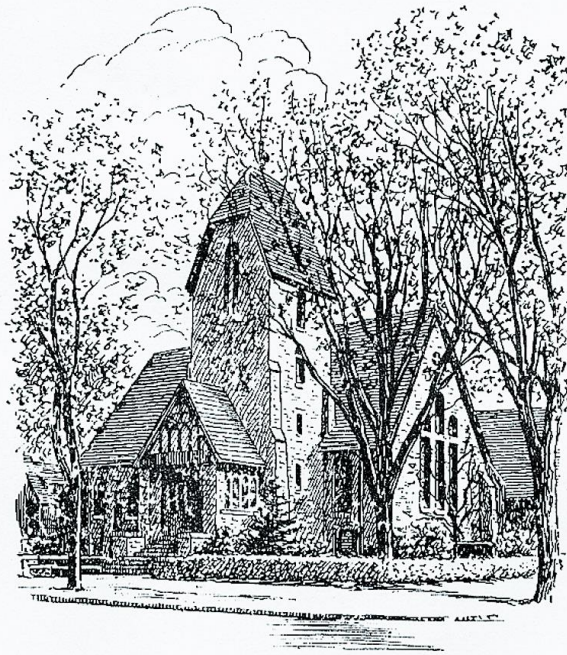


**The Church-in-the-Gardens  
A Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ  
Forest Hills Gardens, New York**

**Order of Worship – 10 A.M.  
May 28, 2023 - Pentecost Sunday**



**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

***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**

Upcoming Bible Study Series:

**What the Bible Does and Doesn’t Say about Open and Affirming  
Saturday Mornings June 3, 10, 17 at 10 a.m. in the Lounge  
Facilitated by Rev. Fred and accompanied by coffee and donuts**

As our texts, we will be using

A) the Bible (please bring your own bible, paper or electronic, if you can); and  
B) Colby Martin, *Unclobber: Rethinking Our Misuse of the Bible On Homosexuality* (WJKP 2022).

NOTE that due to the generous gift of an anonymous donor, the church is able to provide copies of *Unclobber* at no cost. Please contact the church office (718-288-6704; admin@thecitg.org) or Rev. Fred (revfred@thecitg.org) for your copy (please limit your request to one per household).

Mark your calendars now for this important opportunity for bible study, fellowship, and discussion about Open and Affirming.

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. Thank you.

**Please pray:**

**For healing:** Phylia Banks; Karin Del Greco; Millicent Fairhurst; Noriko Iwamoto; Jeanne Martin; Constance Radut;; Anne Sandager; Dora Shia.

**For all those mourning:** for Carl Havens and his family on the deaths of his niece, Daneille, and grand nieces Journey and Kelsey, in the recent fire in Brooklyn.

**Prayers for those in residential care:** Hanna Bassous; Adele Rystrand

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Come to be renewed and refreshed;

**All: Come to be comforted.**

One: Come to hear God’s word, Come to be moved by God’s Holy Spirit;

**All: Come to be challenged**

One: We call out: Come Holy Spirit, come...

**All: Come into our lives.**

**\* Opening Hymn** PH 241 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers vv. 1-4

**\*Prayer of Confession**

One: O God, your Holy Spirit calls us to your life-sustaining ways.

**All: But so often we shut ourselves off from you.**

One: Where we have done wrong

**All: Forgive us.**

One: Where we have failed to do right.

**All: Forgive us.**

One: By the power of your Holy Spirit,

**All: Renew us.**

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

**\*Sung Response: SING! 58**

Children from your vast creation, gather here for guidance, Lord;

We of every tongue and nation yearn to see your earth restored.

You have shown that your intention wills a world kept free from strife.

Open us to love’s dimension, filled with true abundant life.

**\*Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

**And also with you!**

**First Lesson** 1 Corinthians 12:4-13 pg.174, red bible, pg.212, black bible

**“The Pentecost Story (see insert)”**

**Sermon** “In the One Spirit” Reverend Fred Weidmann

**\*Hymn** SING! 166 Gracious Spirit vv. 1,3,5

**\*Pastoral Prayer**

**Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

**Sung Response:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, amen. (2x)

**Offering**

**Invitation**

**Offertory**

Kerja Buat Tuhan (Working for the Lord)

Indonesian Hymn

Novi Suhero, Soloist/Song Leader

**\*Doxology** (with Alleluias)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God the source of all our gifts,

Praise Jesus Christ whose pow’r uplifts,

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit, Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*Prayer of Dedication** Glenda Maurer

**\*Closing Hymn** SING! 161 I’m Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing

**\*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

Minister: Reverend Dr. Frederick Weidmann

Music Director: Dr. Sunny Knable

Liturgist: Glenda Maurer

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### **The Pentecost Story Acts 2:1-18, 43**

*Through the power of the Holy Spirit our spiritual ancestors were able to share the Good News in a multitude of languages. In honor of that and of Asian American & Pacific Islander heritage month, the Pentecost story will be read in several Asian & Pacific Island languages and dialects.*

#### Readers (and languages/dialects)

Yang Hwang	Korean	Wendy Wang	Chinese (Mandarin)
Susan Ko	Korean	Nelson Zhang	Chinese (Mandarin)
Rick Tatenuma	Japanese	Jackie Stewart	Hawaiian
Wei Liu	Chinese (Taiwanese)	Novi Suhero	Indonesian
Jerry Han	Chinese (Cantonese)		

#### English translation

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone because many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.