

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



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

**Order of Worship- 10 A.M.
January 28, 2024 (Fourth Sunday after Epiphany and Boy Scout Sunday)**

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

- Ash Wednesday falls on Valentine’s Day this year: February 14. Members and friends of the Church-in-the-Gardens are invited to one or both of two services—10:30 a.m. at Grace Lutheran Church in Forest Hills or 7:30 p.m. here at the CITG. Rev. Fred and Rev. Kerstin Weidmann will share in the leadership of both services, and Sunny Knable will accompany both.
- Gifts of food are urgently needed for MONKWORKS, our Ridgewood neighbor. Please bring canned goods and non-perishable donations every Sunday to the basket at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you.

Please Pray: Marcelina Astonitas (mother of Carlos Pesantes); Phylia Banks; Christopher Craig; Karin Del Greco; Millicent Fairhurst; Noriko Iwamoto; Patrick Lazar; Jeanne Martin; Constance Radut; Anne Sandager; Dora Shia; Jackie Stuart; Jac Tortoroli

For all who are grieving or suffering loss of any kind

Prayers for those in residential care: Hanna Bassous, Millicent Fairhurst

Opening Prayer

Scout Processional

Scout Oath

Scout Law

Pledge of Allegiance

A Word from the Scouts—Troop Chaplain’s Aide Luca DiCicco

A Word from the Scouts— Senior Patrol Leader Julian Hayes-Diaz

Daniel Paniz

All: The Lord is near. Call upon God in truth.

All: Let us worship together.

*** Prayer of Confession (adap. *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)**

All: Lord, have mercy

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***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!

Choir Anthem Psalm 138 Sunny Knable

First Lesson	Jonah 3:1-5, 10, 4:1	pew bible, 1054	David Rosario, Jr.
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Gospel Lesson	Mark 1:21-28 pew bible, 42	Lucian Rodriguez
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Sermon Yoda, Luke Skywalker, Jesus, AND You Reverend Frederick Weidmann

NCH 1 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise vv. 1-2

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

Offertory

***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

Matias Salazar-Hoyos

***Closing Hymn SING! 277 The Servant Song vv. 1,2,3 and repeat 1**

***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, at the CITG Sanctuary Steps (weather permitting) or Lounge.

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

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