

The Church-in-the-Gardens

Forest Hills, New York

An Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ



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 1913)

Our Open & Affirming Covenant Statement

We affirm the worth and dignity of each individual. We welcome everyone into the full life and ministry of the church including persons of all sexual orientations, gender identity and expression, mental and physical ability, marital status, family structure, age, race, ethnicity, nationality, and any other way that people self-identify. As our clear expression of Christian love, we are open and affirming of all people. (Adopted 2024)

Order of Worship – 10 A.M.

June 9, 2024 - Third Sunday after Pentecost and Celebrations of Holy Baptism

Prelude

Announcements

Looking Ahead: Sunday Afternoon June 30 4 p.m. Church's Got Talent. Sign-up sheet is on the back table. What's your talent? Sign up and take part.
A NEW MEMBERS CLASS IS FORMING- Please contact Rev. Fred (revfred@thecityg.org) or the church office ASAP if you are interested in learning more about our church and would like to explore becoming a member. Become a part of our growing family.
Gifts of food are urgently needed for MONKWORX, our Ridgewood neighbor. Please bring canned goods and non-perishable donations every Sunday to the basket at the sanctuary entrance. Thank you.

Please pray for: Marcelina Astonitas (mother of Carlos Pesantes); Phylia Banks; Dawn Burrowes; Amelia Everett; Patricia Faas; Karin Del Greco; Millicent Fairhurst; Noriko Iwamoto; Karen Lanegran (mother of Katie); Allen Maurer; Cheryl Mowatt (mother of Andrew); Constance Radut; Sharon Roth; Nancy Russo; Anne Sandager; Bette Sheets; Dora Shia; Jackie Stuart

For all who are grieving or suffering loss of any kind: Jack Quinn and all mourning the loss of his father, John P. Quinn.

Prayers for those in residential care: Hanna Bassous

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 145)

One: The eyes of all look to you, O God,

All: And you give them their food in due season.

One: You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

All: You hear the cries of your people,

One: And raise up those who are bowed down.

All: Your justice is for everybody.

* Opening Hymn SING! 43 Lord, Be Glorified

***Affirmation of Baptism**

One: Praise to God who gives us life, calls us to life and life abundant, forgives our sins, and ...

All: Sets us free.

One: In you, O God, we find joy.

All: In you, O God, we know truth.

One: And now I ask all of us present...,

In response to God's saving grace,

do you renounce the forces of evil and recommit your lives to Christ?

All: We do and ask for God's help.

One: Do you intend, in the covenant of holy baptism:

to be in community with your siblings in Christ,

to join in worship and meditate on God's word,

to share God's love and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

All: We do and ask for God's help.

One: O God who makes us whole,

All: Rekindle in us your gifts of Faith, Hope, and Love. AMEN.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you!

Baptism of Hugh Christopher Olson and

Henry Burns Measel

Revs. Bonnie McDougall Olson and

Fred Weidmann

Prayer (in unison)

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of your children, Hugh and Henry.

We pray that they would ever know your steadfast love and healing power, and the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

Bless them, their families, and our whole church family as we experience and share your love. AMEN.

Sung Response NCH 283

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Reading Psalm 130 black bible, pg. 705

Second Reading 1 Samuel 8:4-8, 10-12, 17, 19-20 and 11:14-15 black bible, pg. 311

Sermon "Hope in the Lord"

***Hymn Sing! 264** When a Prophet Sings of Justice 1,3,4

***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

Offertory Take Me to the Water -African-American Spiritual

***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 Novi Suhero

***Closing Hymn PH 391** Be Thou My Vision

***Benediction**

Postlude

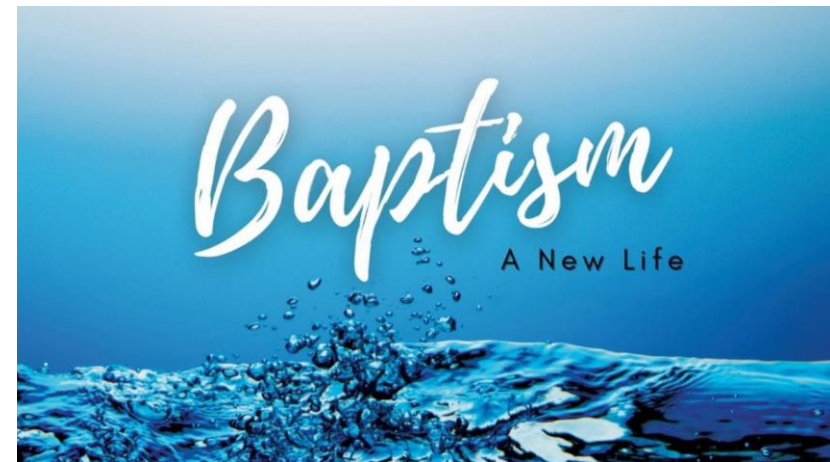
**All who are able, please rise*

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 in the 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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