

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 30, 2024 – 6th Sunday after Pentecost and Receiving New Members

Prelude

Announcements

***CHURCH'S GOT TALENT**, today at 4 p.m. at the CITG Community House, 15 Borage Pl. (around the block). Don't miss it!

***OFFICE** - As announced last week, the **Parish Hall, including the Church Office, will be physically closed and unavailable from July 1 thru July 19** due to necessary asbestos abatement work. **The work of the church office continues--we will be checking voicemail and email regularly.** Again, the work of the church continues--please continue to reach out via email or phone.

***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; Terri van Ryn; Anne Sandager; 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; Nafees Watkins

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 130)

One: We wait for the Divine One; our soul waits.

All: In God's Word we hope.

One: With the Holy One there is steadfast love;

All: With God there is great power to redeem.

* Opening Hymn SING! 172 Faith Begins by Letting Go

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

One: O God of love, you created us in your image of love.

For those times we fall short of that love, toward you each other and all of creation

All: We ask your forgiveness, O God.

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

Sung Response NCH 283 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Assurance of Pardon

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

Receiving New Members and Affirming Our Life Together

Congregational Response: We welcome you with joy. We covenant to walk with you in Christ, and together to do deeds of faithful ministry in the world.

Sung Response PH 272 Blest Be the Tie that Binds v.1

Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.

First Reading Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24

Second Reading Lamentations 3:22-23 black bible, pg. 937

Gospel Reading Mark 5:25-34 black bible, pg. 47

Sermon Faith and Faithfulness Reverend Frederick Weidmann

***Hymn** **NCH 175** O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come vv. 1 and 4
Alternate Tune: Tallis' Canon (NCH 100)

***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 Out of the Depths (Psalm 130) -Sunny Knable

***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 Tom Webb

***Closing Hymn SING! 185** On Eagle's Wings

***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

Welcome
New Members

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