

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.
July 28, 2024 Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Prelude

Announcements

***Emergency Blood Drive- Sunday, August 4**, from 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. in The Community House Gym (Hof Hall)

***OFFICE-** The Parish Hall, including the Church Office, is again open. However due to ongoing work please email (admin@thecitg.org) or call (718 -268-6704) ahead if you are planning to stop by.

***GIFTS OF FOOD** are urgently needed for distribution through our central Queens partners. 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; Patricia Faas; Karin Del Greco; Jessica Faas; Millicent Fairhurst; Noriko Iwamoto; Karen Lanegran (mother of Katie); Allen Maurer; Cheryl Mowatt (mother of Andrew); Constance Radut; Sharon Roth; Nancy Russo; Anne Sandager; Dora Shia; Jackie Stuart

For all who are grieving or suffering loss of any kind

Prayers for those in residential care: Hanna Bassous; Nafees Watkins

Prayers of Thanks for the birth of Clementine Coryell Wenzel, the daughter of Katy Olson and Craig Wenzel, and granddaughter of Rev. Bonne McDougall and Dan Olson

Opening Prayer

*Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 145)

One: The eyes of all look upon you, O Lord

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

One: You open your hand,

All: And satisfy the desire of every living thing.

One: Praise and thanks to the God

All: Who creates and upholds all.

*** Opening Hymn SING! 177 O Christ, the Great Foundation**

Prayer of Confession and Renewal

One: God of Power, God of Love

Because of our transgressions and bad choices,

All: Have mercy on us.

One: God of Comfort, Renewer of Life

Take away every burden that crushes us;

Form in us a new creation.

All: Fill us with your Love.

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

Sung Response NCH 283

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me (Repeat)

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!

First Reading Ephesians 3:16-21 black bible, pg. 235

Gospel Reading John 6:1-21 black bible, pg. 118

Sermon "...Filled with all the Fulness of God" Reverend Frederick Weidmann

***Hymn** NCH 300 Jesus Shall Regin vv.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 Psalm 145 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 Novi Suhero

***Closing Hymn** NCH 52 There Is a Name I love to Hear (O How I Love Jesus)

*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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