

**Order of Worship – 10 a.m.
July 13, 2025 Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Rev. Dr. Nancy Kraft, Preaching**

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 and Prayer Requests- see final page

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**

One: We come, O God, tired, confused, anxious.

All: Comfort us.

One: We come, O God, to hear your Word of Life.

All: Speak to us.

One: We come, O God, to be renewed.

All: Restore us. Make us whole.

***Opening Hymn NCH 42** O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*** Prayer of Confession and Renewal**

One: God of Power, O God of Love,

Because of our transgressions and bad choices,

All: Have mercy on us.

One: O God of Comfort, Renewer of Life,

Take away every burden that crushes us;

Form in us a new creation.

All: Renew us and make us whole.

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

***Sung Response NCH 283**

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!

And also with you!

Gospel Reading Luke 10:38-42 pew bibles, pg. 87

Sermon Are You a Mary or a Martha? Reverend Dr. Nancy Kraft

***Hymn NCH 480** Jesus, Priceless Treasure vv. 1-3

***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 Who May Dwell (Psalm 15)

Sunny Knable

Offertory

Doxology

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 Laura Jett

***Closing Hymn SING! 191** God Has Smiled on Me

***Benediction**

Postlude

**All who are able, please rise*

There is a Cradle Room available downstairs for parents and children, and coloring books and activities available at the back of the church.

Please join us for a time of Coffee and Fellowship following the service 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 at the back of the sanctuary

Announcements and Prayer Requests

****Today-** Wellness Exercise Class led by Suad Khalil from 11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. after coffee hour in the lounge. All are welcome.

Summer Office Hours- Starting July 1-August 29, the office will be open Monday-Friday from 9 am – 3 pm. As always, if you wish to meet with Jacqui Russell, Office Administrator (admin@thecitg.org) or Rev. Fred (revfred@thecitg.org) it is recommended that you schedule an appointment ahead of time to assure that they are available. Church office phone number: 718-268-6704.

****Blood Drive-** Sunday, August 3, in the Community House Gym (Hof Hall) from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

****The Volunteer Fair 2025,** will take place on Sunday, September 21 in the Community House gymnasium. Please see the Weekly Word for more information AND for ways that you can help right away to make this a great event.

****Help Wanted: Part-time Custodial Work -Weekends & Occasional Evenings as available** (This is a short version of what is in the Weekly Word). Our church’s calendar is filled with music, weddings, and other interesting activities. Join us as a part-time staffer to keep our special home clean, organized, and humming. Training provided. Student candidates welcome. Please send a letter of interest, including past work experience to our office email: admin@thecitg.org. (Phone 718-268-6704).

****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 CHECK EXPIRATION DATES BEFORE DONATING—Expired food cannot be distributed.

Please pray for: Marcellina Astonitas (Carlos Pesantes’ mom); Dawn Burrowes; Ben Cruz; Patricia Faas; Karin Del Greco; Jessica Faas; Cynthia Faria; Christopher Henderson; Noriko Iwamoto; Karen Lanegran (Katie’s mom); the Mains family; Allen Maurer; Constance Radut; Sharon Roth; Anne Sandage; Dora Shia; Jackie Stuart; F.S. Wang

For all who are grieving or suffering loss of any kind: Gloria and Tom Webb and all mourning the loss of Gloria's mom, Fabiola Trujillo.

Prayers for those in residential care: Millicent Fairhurst; Nafees Watkins

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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)

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Liturgist: Laura Jett

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)