

All Saints Sunday & Holy Communion
November 1, 2026

Welcome to the Church-in-the-Gardens.

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey, you are welcome here.

*Visitor Card: Please fill out and place in the offering plate or give it to a Greeter.

*Parking pass: Do get one from a Greeter if you’re parked outside the church.

*Please silence your cell phone

God bless you as together we experience God’s life-giving word.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Prayer

***Call to Worship**

One: God of Ages, your saints who lived in faithful service
surround your throne. May we join their voices...

All: And proclaim your love, justice and peace.

Opening Hymn| NCH 299: For All the Saints (vv. 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Responsive Prayer of Remembering & The Calling out of Names

One: In Christ we are saints *and* sinners.
Imperfect, yet called to live God’s truth.

All: Called to lead lives of compassion, justice, and hope.

One: We remember and honor those who have gone before us
and inspire us: The martyrs who sacrificed all, and...

All: The faithful who day after day show God’s love and care.

One: We call out the names of those we remember and honor,
those who have loved, cared for and encouraged us;
who have shown us the way.

Please call out the names of those who you have lost...

[CALLING OUT OF NAMES]

One: For all whose names have been called out or held in silence, O God,

All: We give thanks.

One: For all who mourn, for all who yearn for a better day, O God,

All: Fill our souls with hope.

One: Fill us, and hold us, in the joy that is ours in you.

All: AMEN.

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Choral Anthem: Grace

Mark Hayes

First Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17

Second Lesson: Psalm 43 (adapted)

One: Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause against faithless people.
Rescue me from those who are deceitful and unjust.

All: You are my God; my refuge and strength.

One: Send forth your light and your truth to lead me.
I shall ever praise you, O God...

All: My delight and my joy.

Gospel Lesson: Matthew 5:1-12

Reflection: Blessing & Delight (In the Present Future or the Future Present)

***Second Hymn | SING 247:** Table of Plenty (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

Offertory: Put Your Hope in God (Psalm 43)

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 (Liturgist)

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Sanctus

One: We joyfully praise you and say:
**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, Lord God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Breaking of Bread | We Receive

Prayer after Communion

One: O God, you have gathered us and fed us. As with all your saints,
Increase in us our faith, hope, and love.
All: Make us one in You. AMEN.

***Closing Hymn | NCH 584: I Am the Light of the World**

Benediction

Postlude

Announcements & Upcoming Events: Please see insert

- **Cradle Room:** Available downstairs for parents with young children.
- **Kids Activity Pages:** Coloring & activity pages available back of the church.
- **Sunday School:** Children 5 yrs and up excused after sermon for lessons in Parish House.
- **Coffee and Fellowship:** Join us following the service in the lounge!

Contribute to The Church-in-the-Gardens (in addition to the offering plate):

1. Mail check to the church: 50 Ascan Avenue, Forest Hills, NY 11375
2. Bill Payment: Set up with your bank to have checks mailed to the church.
3. Zelle Payment: Our name is listed as, “Church in the Gardens, Forest Hills, NY”.
Use email: treasurer@thecitg.org

Please Pray For:

Phylia Banks; Dawn Burrowes; Richard Corson; Joe Dujmic, Sr.; Jessica Faas; Cynthia Faria;
Gayla Grzegorzcyk (Niece of Leah Fink); Christopher Henderson; Noriko Iwamoto;
Ethan Paxton LaBue; David Lanegran (father of Katie); Allen Maurer; Constance Radut;
Anne Sandager; Dora Shia; Luis Vazquez, Sr.

For all who are grieving or suffering loss of any kind:

For Carla De Ycaza Montero & family, our church family & all grieving
the loss of Jeanne De Ycaza. For all grieving the loss of Yuying Zhai (Mother of Wendy Wang).
And for all grieving the loss of Peter Steiner.

For those in residential care: Millicent Fairhurst; Nafees Watkins; Jackie Stuart

***The Church-in-the-Gardens**
A Congregational Church of the United Church of Christ
Minister: Reverend Dr. Fred Weidmann
Music Director: Dr. Sunny Knable
Liturgist: Tom Webb*

The Church-in-the-Gardens
An Open & Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ
Forest Hills, 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 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)