

*Anita & Antonio Gotto Lecture Series presents*

# ELIZA T. GRISWOLD

## Circle of Hope



7 pm • Thursday, March 6, 2025

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church  
708 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10019

## *Program*

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## Welcome

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*

## Circle of Hope

*Eliza T. Griswold*

## Q & A



*Scan this QR code before the Q&A segment begins to submit your question.*

*Circle of Hope is available for purchase in the Narthex.*

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**Thursday, March 27 • 7 pm, Sanctuary**

## **Good Soil: The Education of an Accidental Farmhand**

*The Rev. Jeff Chu & Austin Channing Brown*

Join us for an evening with the Rev. Jeff Chu in conversation with Austin Channing Brown as they discuss his new book, *Good Soil*. After leaving journalism for Princeton Seminary's "Farminary," Jeff learned how the rhythms of the land—growth, decay, and renewal—mirror our spiritual and personal journeys. Through rich storytelling, he introduces the unexpected teachers he met, from worms to egrets to overlooked vegetables, and reflects on belonging, community, and the sacredness of our bond with the earth. Perfect for nature lovers, foodies, and seekers alike, *Good Soil* invites us to slow down, listen, and discover what the land can teach us about life and love. **Books will be available for purchase.**



**Jeff Chu** is a journalist, author, and preacher whose work explores faith, identity, and belonging. He is the co-curator of *Evolving Faith* and the author of *Does Jesus Really Love Me?* and *Good Soil*, which reflects on his time at Princeton Seminary's "Farminary" and the spiritual lessons found in the land. A gifted storyteller, Jeff weaves theology with lived experience, inviting readers to wrestle with doubt, hope, and the sacred connections between people and place.



**Austin Channing Brown** is a speaker, writer, and media producer providing inspired leadership on racial justice in America. She is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *I'm Still Here: Black Dignity in a World Made for Whiteness* and the executive producer of the web series *The Next Question*. Her writing and work have been featured by outlets such as *On Being*, *Chicago Tribune*, *Christianity Today*, *Sojourners*, *Shondaland*, and WNYC.

**Register at [fapc.org/goodsoil](https://fapc.org/goodsoil).**

## About the Anita & Antonio Gotto Lecture Series

The Anita and Antonio Gotto Lecture Series offers compelling talks and presentations by renowned theologians and preachers, writers, and scholars, across a range of faith traditions and academic disciplines.

Inaugurated in October 2018, the Gotto Lecture Series is made possible through a generous contribution from Anita and Antonio Gotto, longtime members of the congregation.

Anita and Antonio Gotto are natives of Nashville, Tennessee, and attended Vanderbilt University. They lived in Houston for twenty-five years, where they raised their family. Tony Gotto was chair of internal medicine at the Baylor College of Medicine. Anita, a former teacher, served on a number of community boards. The Gottos moved to New York in 1997 when Tony became the dean of Weill Cornell Medical College. They joined Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in 1998, where Tony has served on the Board of Trustees and Anita on the Session.

The Gotto Lecture Series builds on the success of Fifth Avenue's visiting authors program, created by Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston in 2010. This program has featured such acclaimed writers as James Carroll, Thomas Long, Marilynne Robinson, Barbara Brown Taylor, and Christian Wiman.

### Building Hours

Monday,  
Wednesday – Friday  
9 am – 6 pm

Tuesday  
9 am – 9 pm

Saturday  
8 am – 1 pm

Sunday  
8 am – 2:30 pm



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