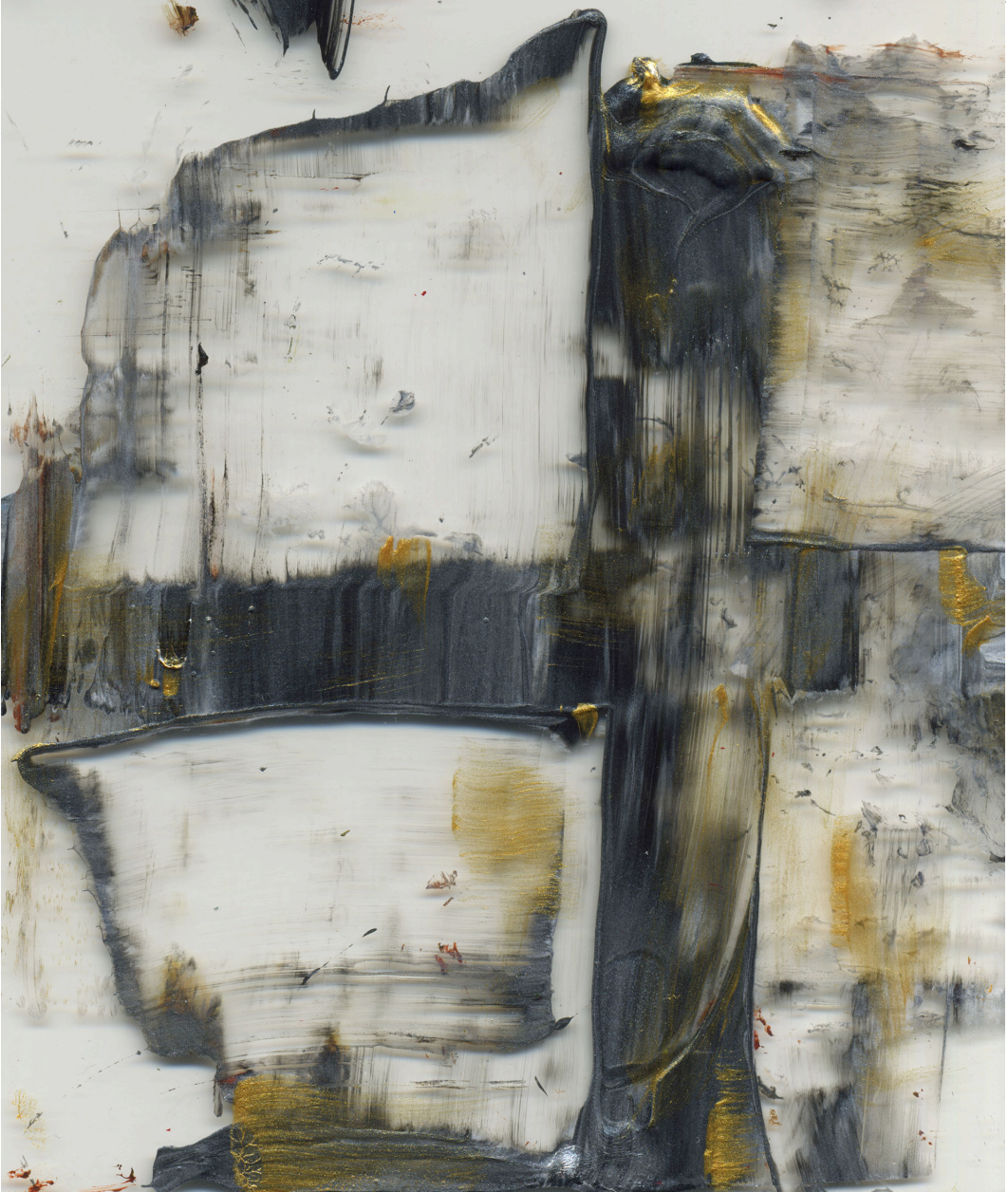




# FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY  
FEBRUARY 14, 2018



Jan Richardson, *Blessing the Dust*

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THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we prepare for worship.  
Please **silence all electronic devices** and **do not take flash photos** during the service.*

# PRELUDE

*O Mensch, beweine dein Sünde groß*  
 ("O Mankind, Mourn Your Great Sins"), BWV 622  
*J.S. Bach (1685–1750)*

## \* INVITATION TO AN OBSERVANCE OF LENT

*The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston*    One:  
(12 pm)  
*The Rev. Werner Ramirez*  
(6:30 pm)

Gracious God,  
you breathed into your creature of dust  
the breath of life;  
you create us in your image  
to live in communion with you  
and with one another.

Call forth our prayers and devotion,  
bless us by your Holy Spirit  
that we may turn with confidence in your mercy  
and follow Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in whose name we pray.

**All: Amen.**

\* HYMN 166

## Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

# THE PSALTER

Psalm 51:1-18

(Cantor sings the verses; the congregation joins in singing the Refrain.)



The sac - ri-fice you ac-cept, O God, is a hum - ble spir-it.

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
In your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness,  
And cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my offenses,  
And my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight;  
So you are justified when you speak and right in your judgment.

**Refrain**

Indeed, I was born steeped in wickedness,  
A sinner from my mother's womb.

Indeed, you delight in truth deep within me,  
And would have me know wisdom deep within.

Remove my sins with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
Wash me, and I shall be purer than snow. **Refrain**

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Let me hear joy and gladness;  
That the body you have broken may rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
And blot out all my wickedness.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit within me. **Refrain**  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
And sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
Let me teach your ways to offenders,  
And sinners shall be restored to you.  
Rescue me from bloodshed, O God of my salvation,  
And my tongue shall sing of your righteousness. **Refrain**  
O Lord, open my lips,  
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
For you take no delight in sacrifice, or I would give it.  
You are not pleased with burnt offering.  
The sacrifice of God is a troubled spirit;  
A troubled and broken heart, O God, you will not despise. **Refrain**

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 8:1-11

Then each of them went home, while Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him and he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery; and making her stand before all of them, they said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law Moses commanded us to stone such women. Now what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She said, "No one, sir." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again."

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Silent Reflection and Confession*

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SOLO

I Will Lift Mine Eyes, from *Ten Biblical Songs*  
*Antonín Dvořák (1841–1904)*

I will lift mine eyes up to the mountains  
Whence cometh my help.  
My help cometh from God  
Who hath made the earth and the heavens.  
  
He will not suffer thy feet to be moved  
Nor thy steps to stumble.  
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.  
Behold, the keeper of Israel  
Is he that slumbers not nor sleeps.

HOMILY

*The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell*

**“What Do We Know... About Sin?”**

SOLO

Hear My Prayer and God Is My Shepherd, from *Ten Biblical Songs*  
*Antonín Dvořák*

Hear my prayer, O Lord, my God!  
Oh, hide not thy face from my petition.  
Bow thine ear to me and hearken unto the voice of my mourning.  
Pained sore is my heart within,  
And trembling hath fallen upon me,  
The fear of death overwhelms me.  
Hear my sighing!  
  
Oh, had I but eagle's pinions,  
Had I wings like the silver dove!  
Far away would I wander,  
I would hide me in the wilderness.  
On wings I would hasten to hide from the storm,  
The storm and fearful tempest.  
  
God is my shepherd,  
I want for nothing.  
My rest is in the pleasant meadows.  
He leadeth me where quiet waters flow.  
My fainting soul doth he restore  
And guideth me in the ways of peace,  
To glorify his name.  
  
And though in death's dark valley my steps must wander,  
My spirit shall not fear, for thou art by me still.  
Thy rod and staff are with me,  
And they shall comfort me.

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.

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The musical score is written for two voices, Treble and Bass, in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the lyrics 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' repeated twice. The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system ends with a double bar line.

## LITANY OF INTERCESSION

- One: Jesus remember us,  
when you come into your kingdom.
- All: Hear our prayers.**
- One: For your Church around the world,
- All: we ask new life.**
- One: For all who carry out ministries in your Church,
- All: we ask grace and wisdom.**
- One: For those who have accepted disciplines of piety,
- All: we ask inspired discipleship.**
- One: For Christians of every land,
- All: we ask new unity in your name.**
- One: For Jews and Muslims and people of other faiths,
- All: we ask your blessing.**
- One: For those who cannot believe,
- All: we ask your faithful love.**
- One: For rulers in this and every land,
- All: we ask your guidance.**
- One: For those who suffer and know sorrow,
- All: we ask your peace.**

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\* DISMISSAL AND BLESSING

*Silence is kept*

*The imposition of ashes is made available for all who wish to participate in this act of prayer, the sign of repentance at the start of the Lenten season. The rite is not given or intended as a show of piety, but rather as a form of corporate prayer in bodily form and act.*

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The ministry of music this afternoon and evening is offered by:  
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*  
Claire Myers McCormick, *Soprano*



## LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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We invite you to join us for our Lenten sermon series, *That Love May Overflow: Sifting the Real from the Fake in Life & Faith*. Sunday worship is at 9:30 am in Kirkland Chapel and 11 am in the Sanctuary.

### **What Do We Know... About Miracles?**

First Sunday in Lent • February 18

Mark 8:22-26 • The Rev. Kate Dunn

### **What Do We Know... About Reason?**

Second Sunday in Lent • February 25

Proverbs 30:1-4 • The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

### **What Do We Know... About Demons?**

Third Sunday in Lent • March 4

Mark 5:1-20 • The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

### **What Don't We Know... About God?**

Fourth Sunday in Lent • March 11

Romans 11:33-36, Psalm 139

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

### **What Do We Know... About Happiness?**

Fifth Sunday in Lent • March 18

Ecclesiastes 3:9-22 • The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell

### **What Do We Know... About Power?**

Palm Sunday • March 25

Mark 11:1-11 • The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

### **What Do We Know... About Love?**

Maundy Thursday • March 29

John 13:1-17; 34-35 • The Rev. Werner Ramirez

7 pm, Sanctuary

### **What Do We Know... About Death?**

Good Friday • March 30

Sacred Music & Reflection • 12–3 pm, Sanctuary

### **What Do We Know... About Life?**

Easter Sunday • April 1

Luke 24:1-12 • The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

9:30 am & 11:15 am, Sanctuary

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## THE LENTEN CONCERT

### **Rachmaninoff Vespers**

Friday, March 23 • 7 pm, Kirkland Chapel

The FAPC Chamber Choir, directed by Ryan Jackson, presents a seldom-heard, complete performance of the All-Night Vigil (Vespers) by Sergei Rachmaninoff. Tickets on sale at the church on Sunday mornings beginning March 4, and at [fapc.org/tickets](http://fapc.org/tickets).

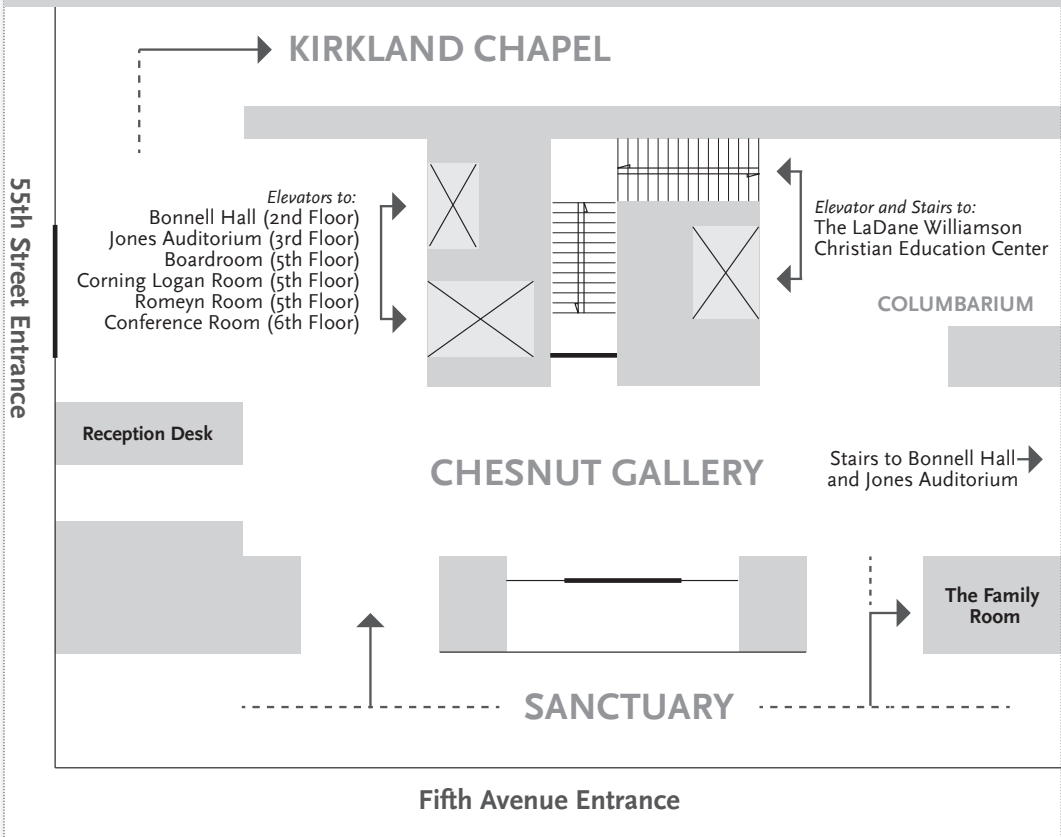
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## 2018 Lenten Devotional

We invite you to take a copy of our Lenten Devotional, which is available at the back of the Chapel and in the lobby. The Devotional features Scripture, a personal reflection or story of faith, and words of prayer for each day of the Lenten season.

These daily devotionals also are available on our website at [fapc.org/pray](http://fapc.org/pray).  
To receive the daily devotionals in your email, write to us at [fapc@fapc.org](mailto:fapc@fapc.org).



## Building Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday: 8 am to 6 pm • Tuesday: 8 am to 9 pm  
Saturday: 8 am to 1 pm • Sunday: 8 am to 2:30 pm



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