



FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY
MARCH 6, 2019



Rassouli, *Infinite Journey*, 1998

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 deine 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

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Joel 2:12-14

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain offering and a drink offering for the Lord, your God?

THE PSALTER

Psalm 51:1-18

(Cantor sings the verses; the congregation sings 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**

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**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 6:7-9

He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics.

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

SOLO

Deep River • *Traditional Spiritual, arr. Moses Hogan (1957–2003)*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan.
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.
Oh, don't you want to go, to that gospel feast,
That promised land where all is peace?
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.

HOMILY

The Rev. Kate Dunn

“Prepare for the Journey”

SOLO

Give Me Jesus • *Traditional Spiritual, arranged by Moses Hogan*

In the mornin' when I rise,
In the mornin' when I rise,
In the mornin' when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Dark midnight was my cry,
Give me Jesus.

Oh, when I comes to die,
Oh, when I comes to die,
Oh, when I comes to die,
Give me Jesus.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

The musical score for 'Imposition of Ashes' is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: 'Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when you come in - to your king - dom.' The first system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots. The second system also ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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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.

* 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.

The ministry of music this afternoon and evening is offered by:
Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist* • Clayton Brown, *Baritone*

ABOUT THE COVER

Rassouli, *Infinite Journey*, 1998. Used with permission. Rassouli is a California-based visionary artist and writer known for his unique style of Fusionart. Although he practiced architecture for a time, painting ultimately became his overpowering passion and his profession. Rassouli has created hundreds of canvases that invite the viewer into the creative power of the heart, and the wonder and beauty of the soul. Visit his work at Rassouli.com and connect with him on Instagram [@rassouliart](https://www.instagram.com/rassouliart).

LENT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We invite you to join us for our Lenten sermon series, *God Maps: Life En Route to the Sacred*. Sunday worship is at 9:30 am in Kirkland Chapel and 11 am in the Sanctuary.

START in the desert.

First Sunday in Lent | March 10

Luke 4:1-13 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

ROW into deep water.

Second Sunday in Lent | March 17

Luke 5:1-11 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

MIDWEEK Lenten Service

Wednesday, March 20 | 6:30 pm | Kirkland Chapel

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

READ the map like Jesus.

Third Sunday in Lent | March 24

Luke 10:25-37 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

MAKE a U-turn!

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 31

Luke 15:11-42 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

KEEP ON keepin' on.

Fifth Sunday in Lent | April 7

Luke 18:1-8 | The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell

SHOUT and cry.

Palm Sunday | April 14

Luke 19:28-42 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

REMEMBER what is sacred.

Maundy Thursday | April 18 | 6:30 pm | Sanctuary

John 13:1-17; 31b-35 | The Rev. Kellie Picallo

WALK UP Golgotha.

Good Friday | April 19 | 12–3 pm | Sanctuary

Sacred Music & Reflection

WHERE ARE YOU?

Easter Sunday | April 21 | 9:30 & 11:15 am | Sanctuary

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

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LENTEN SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

We invite you to join us for a series of classes to enrich your Lenten Journey. All classes are free of charge, but RSVPs are requested to Jaime Staehle (jstaehle@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3003).

Writing Our Stories: A Spiritual Discipline

Sunday, March 10

12:30 pm | Corning Logan Room

Singing Our Faith: The Spirituality of Chanting

Tuesday, March 12

6:30 pm | Kirkland Chapel

The Labyrinth: Navigating Your Prayer Life

Tuesday, March 19

6:30 pm | Jones Auditorium

Sacred Silence

Tuesday, March 26

6:30 pm | Kirkland Chapel

Writing to God: A New Way to Pray

Tuesday, April 2

6:30 pm | Kirkland Chapel

Fasting and Feasting

Tuesday, April 9

6:30 pm | Bonnell Hall

***Lectio Divina*: An Immersive Experience of God's Word**

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 pm | Kirkland Chapel

THE LENTEN CONCERT

Brahms: A German Requiem

Thursday, April 11 & Friday, April 12 | 7 pm, Kirkland Chapel

Experience the majestic scope of Brahms' *A German Requiem* with the directness of chamber music. Critically acclaimed concert pianists Anna Shelest and Dmitri Shelest join the Chamber Choir of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church to create the rich, Romantic sound of this year's Lenten Concert. Tickets available at fapc.org/tickets.

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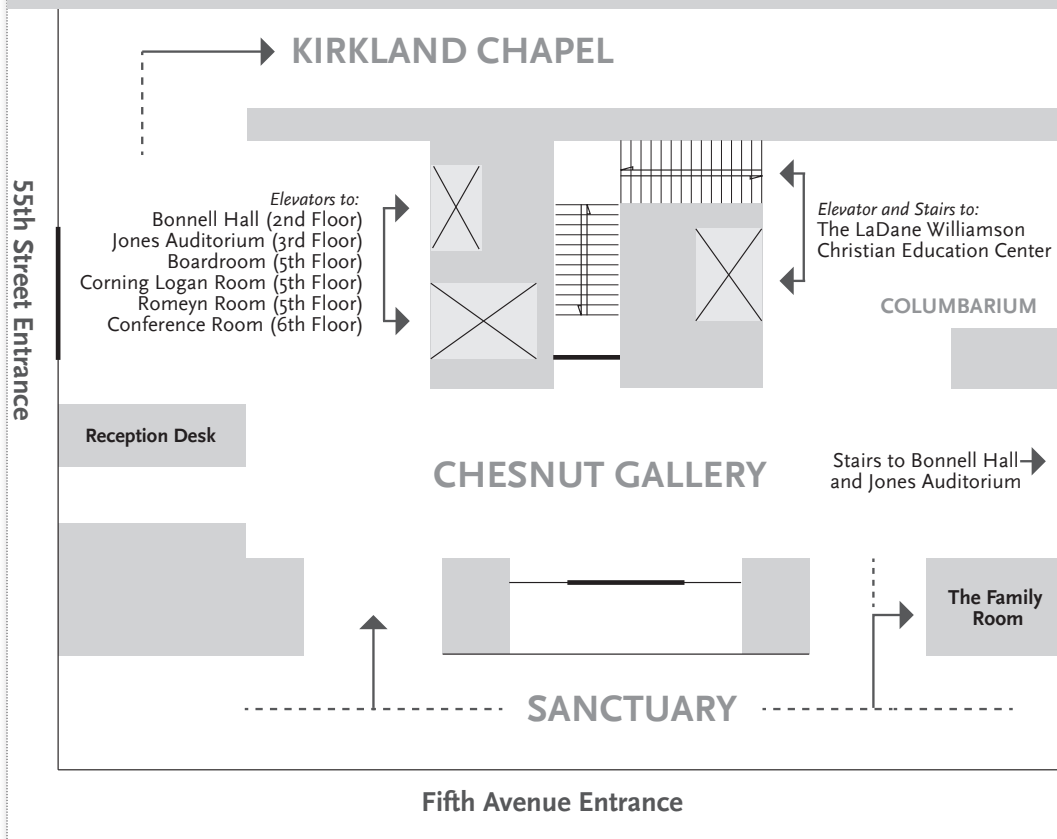
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2019 Lenten Devotional

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/lent.
To receive the daily devotionals in your email, write to us at 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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