



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 15, 2022 • 11:00 AM



Marc Chagall, *Burning Bush*, 1966

This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This Is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God *knows* we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy or someone at our Welcome Table. We have tons of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Scott Black Johnston
Senior Pastor

Welcome

We’d love to connect! Please scan the QR code or fill out a Connect Card that you will find in your pew. You can fill it out online, or place the card into an offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance.) The folks at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries and programs. Our Sanctuary Doors open at 10 am every Sunday.

These May Help During the Service

If you would like a large-print bulletin please ask an usher.

Welcoming Children

Children are always welcome in worship! Families are welcome to sit anywhere in the Sanctuary, but you may want to take advantage of the first 10 rows on the far north side, which we have equipped for families with young children. You will find children’s Bibles and children’s worship bulletins in the pews, as well as easy access to our Family Room, located just outside the Sanctuary. We also provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9 am until 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center. Learn more about our Family Ministries at fapc.org.

Worship Resources Online

Head to fapc.org for information about future worship services. Our weekly video service, Light, Leaven & Salt, is available throughout the week at fapc.org/worship. This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at fapc.org/pray.

Parking

We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park for up to three hours, seven days a week. Ask for discount coupons at the 55th Street reception desk.

In response to Covid-19, Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church recommends that **all in-person worshippers be fully vaccinated and boosted. If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, we ask you to “love your neighbors” by staying at home and worshipping via Livestream.**



We provide mask-required and mask-optional areas in our Sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you have any questions.

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

Symphony no. 5 in F minor: *Adagio* • C.M. Widor (1844–1937)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Kathleen Murray

One: We gather to worship
as people who belong to Easter,
All: as people who know Life is stronger than death.
One: We gather to worship as children of God,
All: as children loved and claimed by the risen Lord.
One: We gather to worship as the body of Christ,
All: as the church called out for service in the world.
One: Easter people, Christ is risen!
All: Christ is risen indeed!

* HYMN 409

God Is Here!

* CALL TO CONFESSION

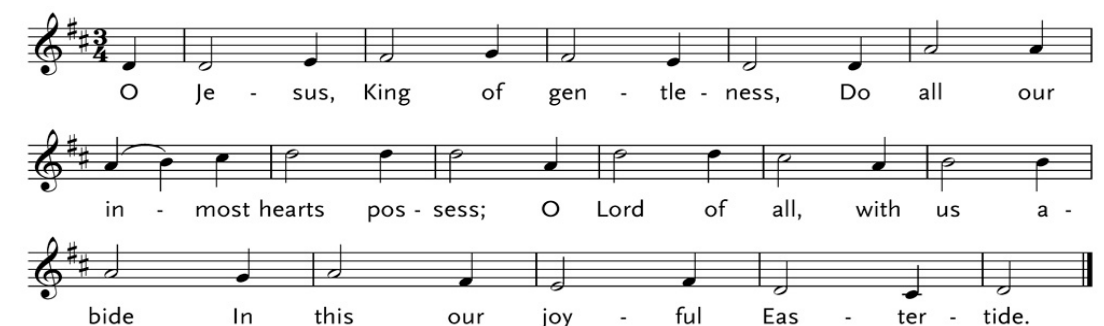
The Rev. Werner Ramirez

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed, by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be,
so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your holy name.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

* SUNG RESPONSE



Music: Trier ms., 15th century; adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609 - PUER NOBIS NASCITUR.
Text: Latin hymn, 15th century; trans. John Mason Neale, 1852.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Eas - ter peo - ple, raise your voic - es, sounds of heaven in earth should ring.

Christ has brought us heav - en's choic - es; heaven - ly mu - sic let it ring.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Eas - ter peo - ple, let us sing.

Music: Henry T. Smart, 1867 - REGENT SQUARE. Text: William M. James, 1979 © The United Methodist Publishing House.
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* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Children (pre-K through fifth grade) are invited to exit the Sanctuary for Children's Church.
If this is your child's first time at Fifth Avenue, please come downstairs with them.

LITANY OF PARTING

All: May God be with you there.
Children: May God be with you here.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

ANTHEM

Kumbaya • Traditional Folk Song, arr. Nicholas McKaig (b. 1988)
Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya!
Oh, my Lord, kumbaya!
Someone's laughing, Lord...
Someone's crying, Lord...
Someone's praying, Lord...
Someone's singing, Lord...

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Hebrews 4:12

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Acts 11:1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey,

reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

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

SERMON

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

"Therefore... We Keep Listening"

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from Hebrews 4:12

The word of God is living and active,
sharper than any two-edged sword,
piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow;
it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.
Therefore, we keep listening. Amen.

* HYMN 23

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Randy Weber

THE 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.

CALL TO GIVE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM	<p><i>Wana Baraka • Traditional Kenyan, arr. Shawn Kirchner (b. 1970)</i></p> <p><i>Wana baraka wale waombao;</i> <i>Yesu mwenyewe alisema. Alleluya!</i> <i>Wana amani...</i> <i>Wana furaha...</i> <i>Wana uzima...</i></p> <p>They have blessings, those who pray; Jesus himself said so. Alleluia! They have peace... They have joy... They have well-being...</p>
* DOXOLOGY	<p>Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.</p>
* OFFERTORY PRAYER	
* HYMN 307	God of Grace and God of Glory
* BENEDICTION	<p><i>Please remain in your pew until the conclusion of the Choral Response.</i></p>
* CHORAL RESPONSE	<p><i>Victimae paschali laudes</i> <i>11th-century plainsong, attrib. Wipo of Burgundy (d. circa 1050)</i></p> <p>Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A lamb the sheep redeemeth: Christ, who only is sinless, Reconcileth sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended In that combat stupendous: The Prince of Life, who died, reigns immortal. Christ indeed from death is risen, Our new life obtaining; Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia!</p>
POSTLUDE	<p>Prelude and Toccata on <i>Victimae paschali laudes</i> <i>Denis Bédard (b. 1950)</i></p>

The ministry of music this morning is offered by The Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries*
Nathan Fletcher, *Tenor*

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's Anthem is a fresh and exciting take on the very well-known folk song, *Kumbaya*, by the young American composer Nicholas McKaig. Although the song is extremely familiar, its origins have often been misunderstood: *Kumbaya* was actually written in the 1930s as *Come By Here* by the Rev. Martin V. Frey, an American Evangelical minister from Oregon. A missionary couple taught the song to some members of the local population in Angola, South Africa, who substituted the English lyrics with words from their own regional dialect, and *Kumbaya* was born! Years later, when the song made its way back to the United States, it retained its new words and has often been thought to be a folk song of South African origin.

The Offertory Anthem, *Wana Baraka*, is a choral arrangement of a popular Kenyan religious song. The arranger, Shawn Kirchner, learned the song through a delegation of Kenyans who participated in the 1994 Agricultural Missions International Consultation in Sogakope, Ghana. The catchy rhythms and harmonies layer and build on each other, gaining complexity and texture as the piece progresses, ending brightly and joyfully in the sunny key of D major.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara E. Swarthout from the members of her adopted family: Greene, Wynter, Patience, Jones, Fitzgerald Howard, & Brisbane.

If You Are in Need of Prayer

Deacons (wearing white stoles) are available to pray with you after the service. Your prayers are confidential unless you request that they be shared with our Congregational Care staff. You may also complete a prayer request card (available in the pews and at the entrances) and place it in the offering plate or hand to an usher. You may submit prayer requests online at fapc.org/prayer-requests.

Please pray for:

Candy Asman, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia, Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley Britta Cabanos, Ella Calderon, Pastor Toribio Cajiat, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi Dr. Johanna Cook, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee, Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell, Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sterling Gillis IV Patricia L. (DeLue) Glimpse, Wanda Roush Hannan, Maggie Hendrix, Juliet Kaldanie Susan Kempler, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Richard J. Lawson, Mary Lowry Lauren Ma, Keiko Matsuzaki, The McCall Family, Phyllis Oblander, Dexter Ramcharan Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Tshombe Selby, Taylor Shultz, Brian Smith, Rosabelle Smith Spencer Robert Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither, Susan Tobiason Betty Ty, Henny Waisapy, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler Doris Wurgler

Faithful Departed:

March 9, 2022: Thomas Samuel Harrah—beloved father of Joann Harrah.

If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact Kristia Tolode (congregationalcare@fapc.org, 212.247.0490 ext 3007).

Today	
9:30 am	Little Lambs & Youth Group. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
10:15 am	Children’s Choir. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.
11 am	Worship. Sanctuary.
11:15 am	Children’s Church. Kirkland Chapel & Christian Education Center.
12:15 pm	Weber Terrace Dedication and Coffee Hour. Join us after worship to welcome Randy and Cindy Weber and dedicate the Weber Terrace. Enjoy a cup of coffee and an opportunity to chat with clergy and friends. Tour of the Church. Join us for weekly tours of the Sanctuary, Kirkland Chapel and the Columbarium. After worship, look for a docent in the back of the Sanctuary with a “tour starts here” sign.
12:30 pm	Credo: The Heresy of Arianism. Bonnell Hall. The Rev. Dr. Jonah So leads this week’s CREDO lecture. Sign up at fapc.org/credo .

This Week

Tue May 17	Employment Advisory: Using LinkedIn & Other Social Media to Amp up Your Job Search. 6:15 pm ET · Zoom Meeting. Learn how to build a LinkedIn profile. Sign up at fapc.org/events .
Thu May 19	Fifth Avenue Community Choir Rehearsal. 6 pm · Jones Auditorium. All are welcome.
Fri May 20	Youth Outing: Beat the Paint Bomb. 6 pm. A night out in Brooklyn! Sign up at fapc.org/events .
Sat May 21	Meals on Heels Volunteers Needed. 8:30 am · Bonnell Hall. Join us for weekly meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. Advance signup is required by emailing moh@fapc.org .

Coming Up

Sun May 22	The Word is Out. 9:30 am · Boardroom. Join our community group oriented for LGBTQ+ people of faith. Organ Recital. 1 pm · Sanctuary. Associate Organist Dr. Patrick Kreeger presents an hour of sacred music to stir the soul. No tickets are required. Family Ministries Spring Picnic. 1 pm · Central Park. Bring your own lunch and meet us in Central Park for an afternoon of fellowship and games. Register at fapc.org/events for updates. Young Adult Sunday Potluck. 7 pm · Corning Logan Room. Join us for fellowship, connection, and laughter.
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Next Sunday • Sixth Sunday in Easter
“Therefore...We Are Filled Beyond Measure” • Ephesians 3:14-20
Guest Preacher, the Rev. Dr. Thomas G. Long

CREDO: Essentials of Christian Theology

Join Rev. Dr. Jonah So today as we explore Arianism. Throughout history, Christians have come to understand their faith not only by what they do believe, but also by what they do not believe. You will be surprised at how interesting, relevant and inspiring these theological mistakes can be! Join us Sundays at 12:30 pm in Bonnell Hall. Each CREDO lecture will be offered on Monday on our YouTube Channel, FAPCinNYC.

Next Week: Organ Recital by Patrick Kreeger

All are invited to this solo organ recital by our Associate Organist, Dr. Patrick Kreeger at 1 pm next Sunday (May 22). Come hear the thrilling and colorful sounds of our “Mighty Austin” pipe organ as Patrick presents an hour of sacred music that will stir the soul. This performance, presented by the Arts & Our Faith Committee, is free of charge.

Save the Date: Family Camp at Holmes, Friday, June 10 – Sunday, June 12.

Join us for a time of fellowship & fun as we work to deepen our faith, enjoy God’s creation, and foster strong community. Activities include worship, prayer, bonfire & s’mores, family games, swimming in the lake and more! Families with children as young as infants to as old as teens have enjoyed this camp. Learn more about the fee for the weekend and other details at fapc.org/events.

Enjoy a Getaway with Fifth Avenue

We need you to sign up for these trips to proceed. Will you consider traveling with us?

- Join Outreach Ministries for a week of service to Appalachia from Sunday, July 31 to Saturday, August 6. Our host for the week is Bethlehem Farms, a working farm and intentional community whose ministry is to support local Appalachians with home rehabilitation projects. Participants will live and work in community committed to the farm’s four values: service, prayer, simplicity and community. The Rev. Sarah Speed and Ashley Gonzalez, our new Director of Engagement, will lead this trip. The cost per participant is \$350.00. For additional information or to register, visit fapc.org/events.
- Join us in Germany and Austria from September 26 to October 4. Experience the once in a decade Oberammergau Passion Play while touring churches and landmarks across Germany and Austria! Join Jaime Staehle for a 10-day trip to explore these beautiful countries and their ancient houses of worship. For additional information or to register, visit fapc.org/events.

Welcome Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA)

Last week, the Rev. Sarah A. Speed launched our new young adults ministry. Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) is an open and affirming community for those in their 20s and 30s. Do you know a young adult in the city who might want to know about FAYA’s ongoing programs and events? Email youngadults@fapc.org.

Youth Outing: Beat the Paint Bomb

Let’s Beat the Paint Bomb! Don’t miss this team-working, puzzle solving, laser dodging, experience that is a blast. The cost is \$40, and scholarships are available. On Friday, May 20 at 6 pm, we will meet at the Shake Shack by Brooklyn Bridge Park for dinner and then walk over to the Beat the Bomb site. Sign up at fapc.org/events.

OFFICERS BY CLASS

The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, *Moderator* • Erica Moffett, *Clerk of Session*

Porter Binks, *Assistant Clerk of Session* • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, *Executive Pastor*

The Rev. Werner Ramirez, *Associate Pastor* • The Rev. Sarah A. Speed, *Associate Pastor*

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The Rev. Werner Ramirez *Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Family Ministries*

The Rev. Sarah A. Speed *Associate Pastor for Young Adults & Membership*



The Rev. Kate Dunn, *Parish Visitor*

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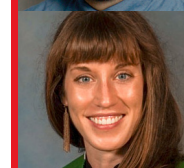
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Fund the altar flowers

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Join the church

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Request a bulletin announcement • bulletin@fapc.org

Update contact information in our database • update@fapc.org

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Let's Connect!

Engage with us

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Serve with us

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Join Fifth Avenue for the Eastertide Sermon Series, “Therefore...”

Theologian David Johnson has remarked, “God loves us. No ‘if’ comes after this statement of belief. There is no ‘maybe’ following this creed. But there is, for Christians, a ‘therefore...’”

This Eastertide, the clergy of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church will offer their versions of “therefore”— their understandings of what the love of God means for us and calls forth from us.

Worship with us Sundays at 11 am EDT in the Sanctuary, on Livestream at fapc.org/live and on demand.

Sunday, April 24 · Therefore...We Have Room to Doubt

Sunday, May 1 · Therefore...We Follow

Sunday, May 8 · Therefore...We Share Our Faith

Sunday, May 15 · Therefore... We Keep Listening

Sunday, May 22 · Therefore...We Are Filled Beyond Measure

Sunday, May 29 · Therefore... We Are Liberated

Sunday, June 5 · Therefore... We Speak with Fire

Sunday, June 12 · Therefore... We Leave the Porch Light On



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