



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 25, 2024 • 10 am

BRAIN STORM what's on your mind?
what's happening in your community?
→ Start Here!

WRITE YOUR PSALM of THANKSGIVING LAMENT
 PRAISE OTHER _____
• check all that apply •

introduction (address God in some way)

what's the situation?

what should God (and we) do about it?

conclusion/summary

• use the back of the page to turn your notes into verses •

Allison Wehrung, Write Your Own Psalm

This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.



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Please silence all electronic devices and do not take flash photos during the service.

Prelude Never Far • *Chapel Church Music*

Words of Welcome

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

* Opening Song Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

* Call to Confession

* 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 Prayer)

* Words of Forgiveness

One: Hear the good news of the gospel:

All: We are loved. We are claimed. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

* Song of Celebration #582 Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God, whose Goodness shines on me
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* Holy Interruption

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture *Psalm 146*

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;





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who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

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

Sermon **“Why Pray?”**

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

* Prayer for the Day from Psalm 146

Happy are those whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;
who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

Invitation to Pray and Give

* Offertory Song I'm Remembering • *Taylor Armstrong*

Verse

I remind myself I'm blessed, I am blessed
I remember now I can rest, I can rest
You're my daily bread, You're my daily bread
Teach my heart to worry less
Teach my heart to worry less

I remind myself I'm fed, I'm fed
 All my needs are met, all my needs are met
 You're my daily bread, You're my daily bread
 Teach my heart to worry less
 Teach my heart to worry less

Chorus

*You're my provider
 My heart's desire
 Come light the fire in me again
 Heavenly Father,
 I'm at the altar
 Come light the fire in me again*

Verse

Chorus (Repeat several times)

* Prayer of Gratitude

* Benediction

* Closing Song Celebrate • *Chapel Church Music*

Verse

We clap, clap, clap all our hands
 For the one who knows our name.
 We rise up and we sing
 For the one who broke our chains.
 We move our dancing feet
 'Cause we'll never be the same.
 The spirit moves, we celebrate.

Chorus

*Even the waves obey you
 The wind stops in its tracks for you
 Even within a storm
 We'll never lose, we'll never lose our praise.*

Verse

Chorus

I am not alone
 You won't let me go
 You're closer than I know
 The spirit moves we celebrate (*Repeat*)



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:

Ann Alexander, Pat Backus, Patricia Blair, Neta Beberino, Helen Betzaia
Becky Bjornstad, Benjamin Bradley, Britta Cabanos, Pastor Toribio Cajiuat
Ella Calderon, Denise Campbell, Nina S. Campbell, Phoebe Chiu, Sookjoong Choi
Anne Coffey, Dr. Johanna Cook, Eugenia Connerat, Edna Craddock, William Cuffee
Athanassia Doucas, Sherian Edgreen, David Elissa and Barbara Mitchell
Michael Elissa, Narmella Elissa, Sohn Fong, Irene P. Gilman, Anthea and Neville
Graham, Florence Hall, Torian Hall, Wanda Roush Hannan Peter S. Hawkins
Christopher Henderson, Donna Marie Henderson, Maggie Hendrix, Emi Iwaida
Juliet Kaldanie, Frederick Loomis, Louis Sterling King, Ceciwa Khonje
Janet Lamberth, Richard J. Lawson, Mary Lowry, Violet Lorenzen, Lauren Ma
The McCall Family, Gerry Nagy, Frank Owarish, Dexter Ramcharan, Don Rogers
Ramon Rosa, Pauline Sample, Robert Scheuer, Nancy Seelig, Tshombe Selby
Taylor Shultz, Bonnie Smith, Monica Smith, Spencer Robert Smith
Willie Gerald Smith, Frieda Sompotan, Neva Strom, Rocco Tannehill, Harold Tither
Susan Tobiason, Henny Waisapy, Bill Wanek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks
Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler, Doris Wurgler, Priscilla Young-Rodgers
Wayne Zhou

Faithful Departed:

August 19, 2024: Mary Alice Blank, beloved grandmother of Brendan Birth.

August 20, 2024: William J. Sytsma, beloved father of David Sytsma, beloved father-in-law to Emily Sytsma, and beloved grandfather to William and Joanna Sytsma.

Let's Be Friends



THE BIG THREE

*The top three reminders for this week.
Visit fapc.org/events for the full calendar of events.*

Welcome to the Rev. Chris Palmer!

Chris is a uniquely talented young pastor who will join our congregation in September and lead the Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA). Chris brings to our team great heart, a keen intellect, and a passion for inclusive ministry. He will be with us for Homecoming on September 8 and his first sermon will be on Sunday, October 27.

Wednesday, September 4: Feed your Soul

Join the staff of Fifth Avenue for an evening of fellowship, prayer, and a shared meal at Feed Your Soul. This hybrid event is a wonderful opportunity to prepare for a year of dedicated service as volunteers. Dinner will begin at 6 pm in Bonnell Hall. Please register at fapc.org/soul by Wednesday, August 28. For more information, contact Christine Boyle at outreach@fapc.org.

Sunday, September 8: Homecoming!

Homecoming is only two weeks away! On Sunday, September 8, at 11 am, we'll mark the beginning of our program year. Senior Pastor Scott Black Johnston will launch a new sermon series. We'll cap the joyous day with a festive celebration in Bonnell Hall where you can learn about everything going on at Fifth Avenue. See you at Homecoming!



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Saturday
8 am – 1 pm

Sunday
8 am – 12 pm

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