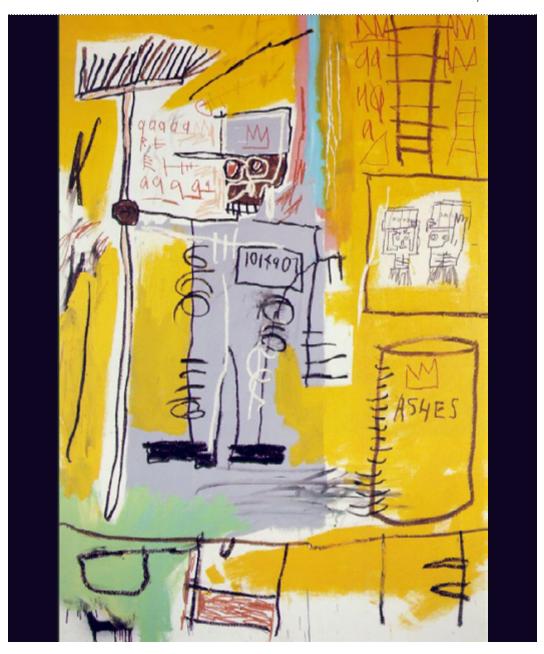


FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Ash Wednesday February 26, 2020



Jean-Michel Basquiat, Ashes, 1981

THIS IS GOD'S HOUSE. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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	Trio Sonata no. 5 in C major, BWV 529: II. Largo
	J.S. Bach (1685–1750)

* INVITATION TO AN OBSERVANCE OF LENT

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston (12 pm)	One:	Gracious God, you breathed into your creature of dust
The Rev. Dr. Patricia Kitchen		the breath of life;
(6:30 pm)		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.

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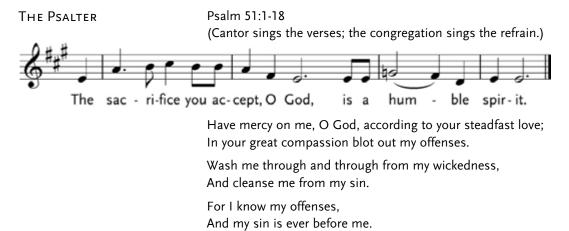
Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

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?

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



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

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*

Silent Reflection and Confession

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.

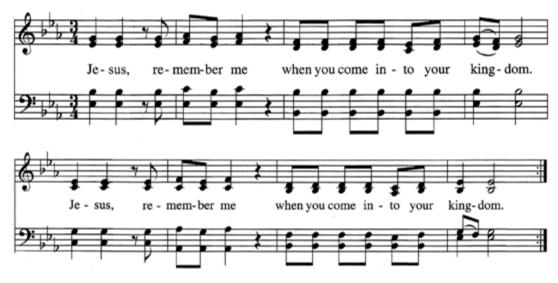
HOMILY The Rev. Werner Ramirez

Solo

"Authentic Ashes"

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



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 Kahler Brown, Baritone

Lent & Holy Week Services

We invite you to join us for our Lenten sermon series, *Searching for an Authentic Life*. Sunday worship is at 9:30 am in Kirkland Chapel and 11 am in the Sanctuary.

DO YOU NEED A SORTING HAT?

First Sunday in Lent | March 1 Matthew 4:1-11 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

WHERE'S HOME?

Second Sunday in Lent | March 8 Luke 4:16-30 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

DO YOU HAVE A POSSE?

Third Sunday in Lent | March 15 Job 1:1; 2:1-13; John 15:12-15 The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

SHAKE YOURSELF FREE

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 22 Romans 7:14-25 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

WHAT SHOULD I ASPIRE TO?

Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 29 Matthew 20:1-16; 22:34-40 The Rev. Dr. Charlene Han Powell

THE THINGS WE FEAR

Palm Sunday | April 5 Matthew 21:1-11 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

THE MYSTICAL MEAL

Maundy Thursday | April 9 John 13:1-17 | The Rev. Kate Dunn 6:30 pm | Sanctuary

PASSION STORIES

Good Friday | April 10 Sacred Music & Reflections 12–3 pm | Sanctuary

LOVE DIGS

Easter | April 12 Matthew 28:1-10 | The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston 9:30 & 11:15 am | Sanctuary

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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).

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Tuesday, March 3 6 pm | Chesnut Gallery

COMMUNAL PRAYER

Tuesday, March 10 6 pm | Kirkland Chapel

SPIRITUALITY OF CHANTING

Tuesday, March 17 6 pm | Kirkland Chapel

WRITING TO GOD

Tuesday, March 24 6 pm | Kirkland Chapel

FASTING + FEASTING

Tuesday, March 31 6 pm | Corning Logan Room

Exhibition

Two Roads to Calvary

Through Sunday, April 12 | Chesnut Gallery A fascinating dual exhibition of The Stations of the Cross as depicted by two contemporary New York artists—Laura Fissinger and Laura James.

Lunch & Listen

Allegri's Miserere

Sunday, March 1 | 12:30 pm, Kirkland Chapel Members of the Fifth Avenue Chamber Choir present this haunting setting of Psalm 51 by the Italian composer Gregorio Allegri. This performance is presented free of charge.

Concert

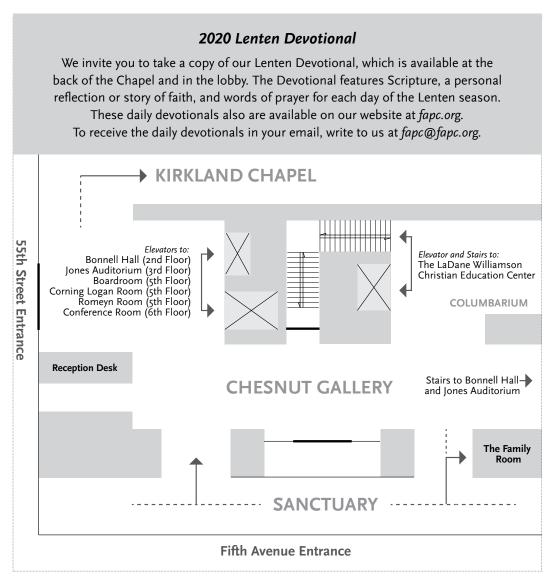
Verdi Requiem

Thursday, April 2 & Friday, April 3 | 7 pm, Kirkland Chapel The Shelest Piano Duo joins the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Chamber Choir for a rare performance of the Requiem with piano four-hands. Tickets available at *fapc.org/tickets*.

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