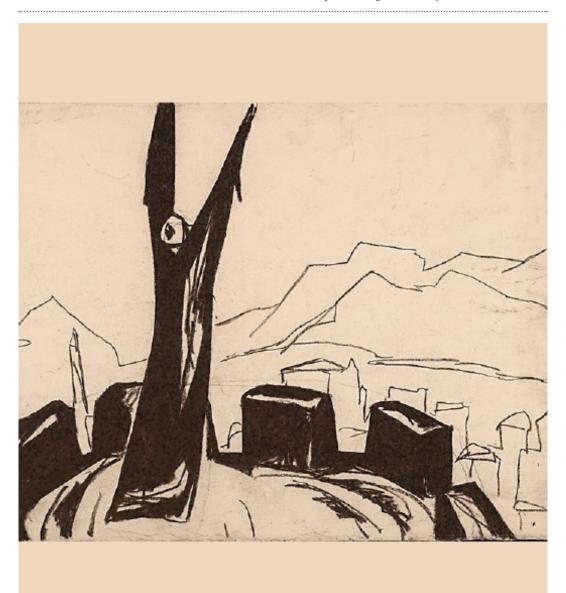


# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

# Third Sunday after Pentecost

JUNE 9, 2024 • 10:00 AM



Peter Gorban, Prayer of Habakkuk, 1990

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, gathered in the Sanctuary and online, 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 lots 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

### New to Fifth Avenue?

Please fill out the welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop if off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at *fapc.org/welcome*. Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opporunities.

### Large-Print Bulletins

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin or hymnal to follow the service.

### Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship! You will find children's Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary. Ushers can also provide children's bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service to attend to your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. We provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9:30 to 11:30 am in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

### Worship Resources Online

A replay of today's service will be available this afternoon at *fapc.org/playback*. This morning's Prayers of the People can be found at *fapc.org/pray*. Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at *fapc.org/this-sunday*. For information about future worship services, visit *fapc.org/worship*.

### 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. Please provide your mobile phone number or an email address to the staff person at the 55th Street reception desk. You will receive a QR code to use at the garage. (The garage no longer provides physical validation stickers.)

### 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.

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Prelude in G major, op. 37, no. 2 • <i>Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847</i> ) Prelude in C major, BWV 545 • <i>J.S. Bach (1685–1750</i> )		
Adapted from Beth Merrill Neel's 'Hold Fast to What Is Good' website		
One:	We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.	
All:	We come to you, O God, to cry out for what is wrong.	
One:	We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.	
All:	We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.	
One:	We come before God as a community seeking God's presence and promise.	
All:	Let us worship God.	
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past		
<ul> <li>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.</li> <li>We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.</li> <li>In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be</li> </ul>		
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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

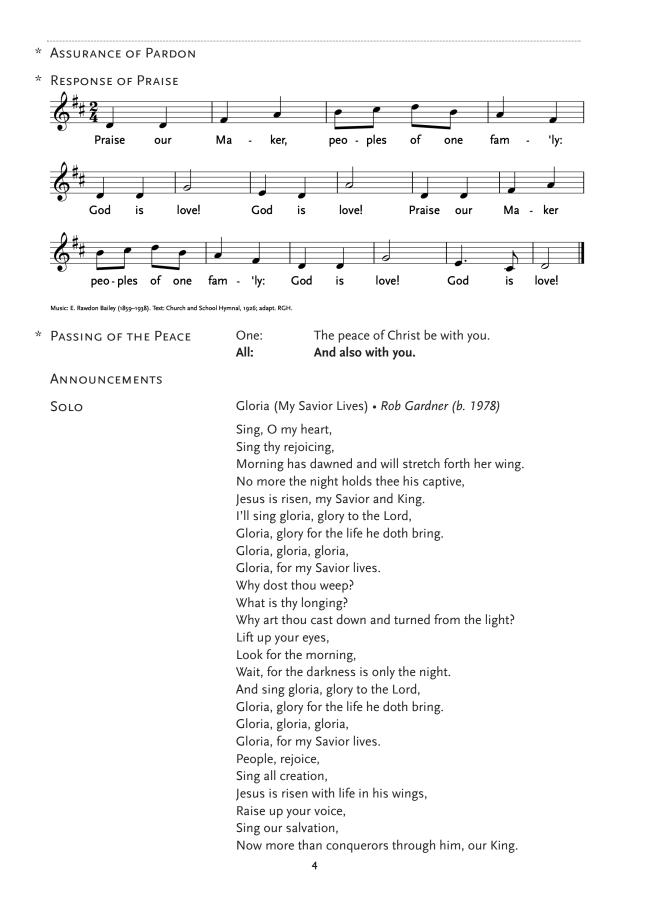
(Cantor sings once; then the congregation sings once.)



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\*Please rise in body or in spirit.

\* SUNG RESPONSE



Sing we gloria, Gloria, glory to the Lord, Glory for the life he doth give, O sing gloria, gloria, Gloria, for my Savior lives. PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Habakkuk 1:1-5: 2:1-4 SCRIPTURE LESSON The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you 'Violence!' and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous therefore judgement comes forth perverted. Look at the nations, and see! Be astonished! Be astounded! For a work is being done in your days that you would not believe if you were told. I will stand at my watch-post, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith. One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God. All: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner

"Summoned to the Rampart"

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	from the	Iona Community Worship Book		He's got the birds and the bees in his hands,	
	One:	We are not alone;		He's got the birds and the bees right in his hands,	
		we live in God's world.		He's got the beasts of the field right in his hands,	
	All:	We believe in God:		He's got the whole world in his hands.	
		Who has created and is creating,		He's got you and me right in his hands,	
		who has come in Jesus,		He's got you and me right in his hands,	
		the word made flesh,		He's got everybody in his hands,	
		to reconcile and make new,		He's got the whole world in his hands,	
		who works in us and others		He's got the whole world in his hands.	
		by the spirit.	* Doxology	Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;	
		We trust in God.	" DOXOLOGY	Praise God, all creatures here below;	
		We are called to be the Church:		Praise God, an creatures nere below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host;	
		to celebrate God's presence,		Praise God above, ye neavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.	
		to live with respect in creation,		Praise Patiler, Son and Poly Ghost. Amen.	
		to love and serve others,	* Offertory Prayer		
		to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,	* Нүмn 39	Great Is Thy Faithfulness	
		our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death,	* Benediction		
		God is with us.	Postlude	Fugue in C major, BWV 545 • J.S. Bach	
		We are not alone.			
		Thanks be to God. Amen.		The ministry of music this morning is offered by	
				cson, William S. Perper Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries	
5 Ηγμν 821	How Can	I Keep from Singing?	Dr. Patrio	ck Kreeger, Associate Organist • Rebecca Soelberg, Soprano	
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE The Rev. Werner Ramirez				Congregational Care	
The Lord's Prayer	Thy kingo Give us t and for And lead	er, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. his day our daily bread, give us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.	<b>Please pray for:</b> 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		
Call to Give				J. Lawson, Mary Lowry, Lauren Ma, The McCall Family, Lynn and Gerry Nagy	
Offertory Solo		the Whole World in His Hands al Spiritual, arr. Margaret Bonds (1913–1972)	Nancy Seelig, Tshombe S	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	
	He's got the whole world in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands,		Henny Waisapy, Bill Wan	ek, Warren White, Suzanne Wilks, Sylvia Winrich, Deborah Wurgler oung-Rodgers, Wayne Zhou	
	He's got	the whole world in his hands,	Faithful Departed:		
	0	the whole world in his hands.		nia Kiremidjian, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.	
	-	the woods and the waters in his hands,			
	-	the woods and the waters in his hands,	June 3, 2024: Phillip Snyr	man, beloved member of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.	
	He's got the sun and the moon right in his hands, He's got the whole world in his hands.			If you would like to add a name to the church prayer list or the list of faithful departed, please contact Natalie Wardius ( <i>congregationalcare@fapc.org</i> , 212.247.0490).	

### CALENDAR

### News & Events

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Тодау					
9:30 am	Little Lambs. LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.				
10 am	Worship. Sanctuary & Livestream.				
11 am	Coffee Hour. Weber Terrace & Living Room (weather permitting) and online.				
	Tour the Church. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary following worship.				
This Week					
Tue June 11	Staff Day. Building closed.				
Wed June 12	Asian American Bible Study. 6:30 pm • Zoom & 6th floor conference room.				
	<b>FAYA at the Philharmonic!</b> 8 pm • Central Park. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at <i>youngadults@fapc.org</i> to learn more.				
Thu June 13	<b>Dad's Night Out.</b> 6 pm. All dads are invited to join the Rev. Werner Ramirez for a drink after work. Visit <i>fapc.org/dads</i> to learn more.				
Sat June 15	<b>Meals on Heels.</b> 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall. Volunteers prepare and deliver meals to homebound neighbors. New volunteers are welcome and needed! Contact: John Wyatt ( <i>moh@fapc.org</i> ).				
Sun June 16	<b>Bagels and Bible.</b> 11:45 am • 7th Floor Conference Room. Calling all those 40s+ to join the Rev. Dr. Jonah So for bagels and Bible study.				
Fri June 21	Women's Summer Retreat. 12 pm. Visit fapc.org/retreat to learn more.				
Sat June 22	Meals on Heels. 8:30 am • Bonnell Hall.				
Sun June 23	Margaret Shafer Picnic. 12 pm • Bonnell Hall. Visit fapc.org/shafer to learn more.				
Sat June 29	<b>FAYA Prom.</b> 7 pm • Bonnell Hall. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at <i>youngadults@fapc.org</i> to learn more.				
Sun June 30	<b>Pride Parade!</b> 12 pm. Join FAYA and other members as we show our pride to New York City. Contact the Rev. Sarah A. Speed at <i>youngadults@fapc.org</i> to learn more.				
	<b>Family Ministries Mets Game.</b> 1:40 pm • MetLife Stadium. Join us for a day of family fun with the Mets! Tickets are \$29 each. Space is limited. Contact Jamie Stahle ( <i>familyministries@fapc.org</i> ) for tickets.				
Sat July 6	FAYA Montreat Youth Conference Service Trip. Visit <i>fapc.org/montreat</i> to learn more.				

### Next Sunday · Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

"Ain't It Fun" • Mark 4:26-34 The Rev. Werner Ramirez, preaching.

### Today: Welcome the Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner

The Rev. Dr. Kimberly Wagner serves as the Assistant Professor of Preaching at Princeton Theological Seminary. Though she has served among the Lutherans and was educated among United Methodists, Dr. Wagner is ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (USA). Her current writing and work focus on preaching and ministry in the midst and wake of trauma, particularly thinking about collective trauma, the role of the preacher, and the resources of our Scriptures and faith to respond to these moments.

### Wednesday, June 12: FAYA Philharmonic Concert in Central Park

One of the most celebrated events of the summer is the Philharmonic concert in Central Park! Grab your picnic blanket, some food and a drink and meet other members of the Fifth Avenue Young Adults (FAYA) in Central Park! To get the best seats, come early. Can't wait to see you there! Questions? Email *youngadults@fapc.org*.

### Thursday, June 13: Dad's Night Out

All dads are invited to join new dad the Rev. Werner Ramirez for a drink after work. This will be a relaxed and informal gathering where we can swap stories and laugh about what it means to be a dad today. Come out and have a fun evening with other fathers! We'll choose a location near the church soon. Register online at *fapc.org/dads*. See you at 6 pm on June 13!

### Sunday, June 16: Juneteenth Coffee Hour

On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger brought emancipation to Galveston, Texas, ending slavery in America at the close of the Civil War. Come learn about the history and significance of Juneteenth, a holiday celebrating this important moment for our nation.

### Friday, June 21: Women's Summer Retreat

Research says it takes 72 hours for a group to form. That truth is what makes retreats so powerful! Over the course of one weekend, you will not only go deeper in your faith, but deeper in relationships. Join us as we get out of town for a weekend of sabbath, laughter, games, conversation, food and study. Give yourself this gift of time and relationships. To learn more and register, visit *fapc.org/retreat*. We'd love to see you there!

### Sunday, June 23: Margaret Shafer Picnic

Every summer, Fifth Avenue volunteers serve a picnic lunch to our neighbors experiencing homelessness or in need of a relaxed meal among friends. This event, part of our longstanding befriending ministry, is named in honor of the late Margaret Shafer, our former associate for outreach and a beloved friend and advocate of the homeless in our community. Volunteers are needed to make this event a success by helping with the event set-up, welcoming guests, serving the meal, making desserts, being part of the fellowship, and more! To learn more and register, please visit *fapc.org/shafer*.

### Saturday, June 29: FAYA Prom!

FAYA's largest and most joyful event of the summer is FAYA Prom! Grab a fancy dress or a suit and tie and join us for an evening of food, drinks, and dancing. We're reclaiming this high school tradition in the very best way. Tickets are \$30 and friends can come for free. Hope to see you there! Questions? Email *youngadults@fapc.org*. Visit *fapc.org/prom* for your tickets.

### The Session

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, Moderator • The Rev. Dr. Jonah So, Executive Pastor The Rev. Werner Ramirez, Associate Pastor • The Rev. Sarah Speed, Associate Pastor John Wyatt, Clerk of Session • Meg Sheehan, Assistant Clerk of Session

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Add a name to the prayer list • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org Hire our caterer • Rodrigo Rosas, rodrigo@roxoevents.com Notify us of a death or illness • Natalie Wardius, congregationalcare@fapc.org Request a bulletin announcement • Sean McAvoy, fapc@fapc.org **Update contact information in our database** • update@fapc.org

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# Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church



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Free, docent-led tours of our historic Sanctuary and Chesnut Gallery are offered every Sunday following the 10 am worship service. Meet at the rear of the Sanctuary, just inside the Fifth Avenue entrance, and look for the docent holding the yellow "TOUR STARTS HERE" sign.

Read about the art and architecture of this landmark church at *fapc.org*.

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