

# *The First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York*

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
*Service for the Lord's Day*  
May 15th, 2022

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Joseph Mallord William Turner, *The Pass at Faido, St Gotthard*, 19th century, Watercolor.

# WELCOME TO FIRST CHURCH!

*The Session and members of First Church extend a sincere welcome to all persons regardless of race, nationality, gender, or sexual orientation. This includes an open invitation to membership, the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper, marriage, funerals, memorial services, and service as an officer of the church.*

Welcome to the First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York. Over 800 members call this place our spiritual home and we are grateful you are worshipping with us today. We believe First Church is a community of people called to stand on the intersection of faith and life as we witness to the love, grace and justice of God for all people.

Wherever you are in your journey of faith, I pray today's service will be a blessing for you. If this is your first time here, a member of the pastoral staff would love to greet you at the door and answer any questions you may have about the life and ministries of this church.

We are glad you are here. May you experience God's welcome in this place today!

Greg Stovell  
*Senior Pastor*

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Join us for Coffee Fellowship on the North Lawn after the Postlude to meet one another, say hello to new faces, and enjoy refreshments.

## GET INVOLVED



## GIVE



## INTERESTED IN MEMBERSHIP?



# GATHERING

PRELUDE      “Andante and Processional,” from *Six Preludes for Organ*      Ernest Bloch

PEALING OF THE CARILLON

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

May none of God's wonderful works keep silence, night or morning.

**Bright stars, high mountains,  
the depths of the seas, sources of rushing rivers;  
may all these break into song as we sing to Almighty God!**

May all creation reply. Glory! Amen!

**Power, praise, honor, eternal glory to God,  
the only giver of grace. Let us worship God.**

HYMN

“Let Streams of Living Justice”

THAXTED



1. Let — streams of liv - ing just - ice flow down up - on the earth:  
2. For — heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3. Your ci - ty's built for mu - sic: we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for — love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The — hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the — work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er: knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our — faith we find in ser - vice, our — hope in oth - er's dreams,



the — mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the — blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of life en - roll us till the thread of life is run.  
our — love in hand of neigh - bor; our — home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron power:  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way — the path un - tried;



a — bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your — truth — the heart of strang - er; your — life — the Cru - ci - fied.

# 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 and soul and mind and strength.  
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,  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your holy name.**

## SILENT CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## RESPONSE

MFURAHINI, HALELUYA; Tanzanian melody



Christ has a - ris - en to set us free.  
Je - sus is liv - ing! Let us all sing;

Al - le - lu - ia, to him prais - es be.  
he reigns tri - um - phant, heav - en - ly King.

Let us sing praise to him with end - less joy. Death's fear - ful  
sting he has come to de - stroy. Our sin for - giv - ing,

al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is liv - ing, al - le - lu - ia!

## LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE AND SHARING SIGNS OF PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

Rich Mullins and Laurie Klein

Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above with wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you; O my soul, rejoice. Take joy, my King, in what you hear; may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND CHILDREN'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.**

## HEARING THE WORD

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalm 150

*pew Bible, Old Testament page 583/large print, Old Testament page 717*

### SERMON

“Shall the Untroubled Certain Win?” Rabbi Angela Buchdahl

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from a Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers  
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

### OFFERTORY

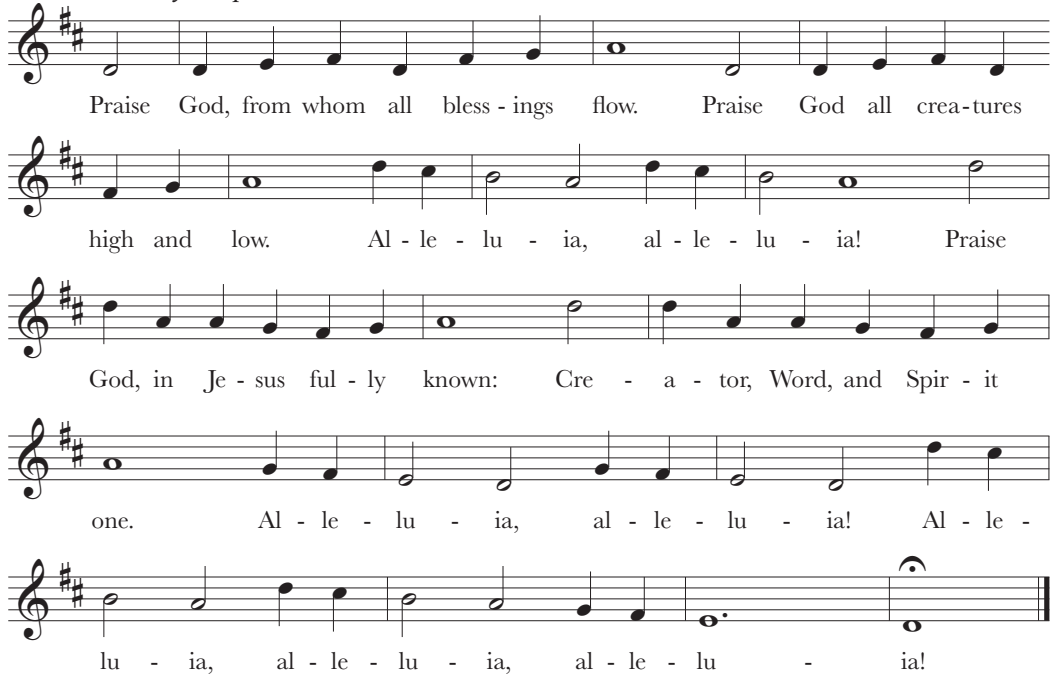
Mark A. Miller

God's got the whole world in God's hands. God has you and me, God's got you and me in those hands  
-African American spiritual; adapt. Mark A. Miller

## DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*Please stand in body or spirit.*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God all crea - tures  
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
one. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### SENDING

## HYMN 757

“Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

KINGSFOLD

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## BLESSING

## POSTLUDE

“Allegro maestoso e vivace, and Fugue,”  
from *Sonata No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn

*The congregation is invited to continue worshiping through the postlude,  
which is offered as a thanksgiving to God.*

## LEADING THIS MORNING

Rabbi Angela Buchdahl, *Senior Rabbi - Central Synagogue*  
Rev. Dr. Greg Stovell, *Pastor/Head of Staff*  
Rev. Dr. Barbara Davis, *Executive Minister*  
Audrey Webber, M.Div., *Associate for Hospitality and Visual Arts*

Family Music Ministry  
Jon Harris, *coordinator*

The First Church Choir  
Michael Shake, *Organist and Director of Music*

## RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM TODAY

Isabela Madden Rodrigues  
Daughter of Caroline Madden Rodrigues and Pedro Frade Rodrigues

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### THIS WEEK AT FIRST

#### Today

9:30 a.m. Coffee and Theology  
10:00 a.m. Aids Walk  
11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
11:15 a.m. Church School  
12:00 p.m. Coffee Fellowship  
12:00 p.m. Youth Group  
12-2 p.m. Open Gallery Hours  
2 p.m. Creatives Create Performances  
4 p.m. Flower Gardening Conversation

#### Wednesday

12:30 p.m. Bible Study

#### Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer Writing

#### Friday

7:00 p.m. Current Events

#### Saturday

10:15 a.m. St. Joe's Soup Kitchen

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### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Creatives Create!** The celebration continues. Join us today, May 15 and May 22 at 2 p.m. as FPC's performing artists share work inspired by our garden. May 15 features readings of a new play by Ann Timmons, a new children's story by Nicky Moody Ordway, a meditation by Mary O'Hara Smith, a new poem by J. Barrie Shepherd, cooking demonstration by James Hollander, and more! Reception to follow. 2 p.m. in the Parlor.

**Inquirers Class** This Saturday morning session introduces the history and organization of our Church, what the Church and Congregation believe, what to expect in membership, dialogue on service and learning, and an opportunity to join. Join us for our next class on Saturday, May 21 at 10 a.m. To register, please contact Lisa Polite at 212.675.6150 or [lpolite@fpcnyc.org](mailto:lpolite@fpcnyc.org).

### WELCOME RABBI ANGELA BUCHDAHL

Today we welcome Rabbi Angela Buchdahl. Angela serves as the Senior Rabbi of Central Synagogue in New York City and is the first woman to lead Central's Reform congregation in its 180-year history. Rabbi Buchdahl first joined Central Synagogue as Senior Cantor in 2006. In 2014, she was chosen by the congregation to be Senior Rabbi.

Rabbi Buchdahl has degrees from the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York and Yale. Born in Korea to a Jewish American father and a Korean Buddhist mother, Rabbi Buchdahl is the first Asian American to be ordained as a cantor or rabbi in North America. Rabbi Buchdahl has been nationally recognized for her innovations in leading worship, which draw large crowds both in the congregation's historic Main Sanctuary and via livestream and cable broadcast to viewers in more than 100 countries.

Rabbi Buchdahl has been featured in dozens of news outlets including the Today Show, NPR, and PBS and was listed as one of Newsweek's "America's 50 Most Influential Rabbis."

Welcome to First Church!

**MAY 2022**

# SHALL THE FUNDAMENTALISTS WIN?

**HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK - 100 YEARS LATER**

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of Fosdick's groundbreaking sermon preached in this church, we have invited some of the best preachers in the country to deliver their own versions of Fosdick's sermon for the 21st century.



**MAY 1  
BRIAN  
MCLAREN**

**SHALL THE 21ST CENTURY FUNDAMENTALISTS WIN?**



**MAY 8  
SHANNON  
KERSHNER**

**SHALL FEAR WIN?**



**MAY 15  
ANGELA  
BUCHDAHL**

**SHALL THE UNTROUBLED CERTAIN WIN?**



**MAY 22  
JAMES  
FORBES**

**SHALL WHITE SUPREMACISTS WIN?**

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