

Welcome to the

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*You will always be welcome here. This is God's house and a happy church home.
Let us be your church family, for we are all beloved children of God.
Join with us regularly for Christian worship, nurture, and the doing of God's work in the world—
that you might have life, and that more abundantly.*

ORDER FOR THE LORD'S DAY **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

GATHERING MUSIC: *This Trinity season, welcome to the joy and power of the Spirit!*

We use this time to make the transition between "getting here" and "being here". Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God's Spirit, your breath, dwells. Relax the body; quiet the mind. Focus on breathing, feeling, being. Be receptive to your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being together in silence with others. Feel the spirit of the community.

✠CALL TO WORSHIP

adapted from Psalm 5:7-8

Through the abundance of your love, O God, we come into your house;

Toward your holy temple we bow down in awe of you.

Lead us, O LORD, in your righteousness:

Make your way straight before us!

✠HYMN IN PROCESSION no. 489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Holy God, the whole creation proclaims your majesty. The universe is your holy temple; your creatures receive life from you; none can live apart from you. Source of all power and might, source of redeeming grace and goodness, remove from us all fear that closes our eyes to the face of Christ in our neighbor, all complacency that closes our ears to your call to change. Make us secure in your unconditional love, so that we freely turn from the wrong, and toward the right, trusting in your good will and the guidance of your Spirit, that we may live in fellowship with all your children as we follow Jesus, to whom we are pledged and in whose strong name we pray...

SILENT PRAYER

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

✠SUNG RESPONSE no. 376 *a Gloria ordinarily follows the Assurance. This one is from Taizé:*

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God in the highest...Alleluia, Alleluia!

✠THE PEACE OF CHRIST

please exchange the Peace of Christ with your neighbors

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION no. 322

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me; melt me, mold me, fill me, use me...

FIRST LESSON **I Kings 21:1-10,15-21a**

ANTHEM *O Lord My God*

Jacques Arcavelt

SECOND LESSON **Luke 7:36-8:3**

SERMON **A God's-Eye View**

Rev. Speers

✠**HYMN** no. 388

O Jesus, I Have Promised

OFFERTORY Give Thanks to the Lord

Daniel Schutte

*Through the **Pentecost Offering**, the Presbyterian Church, U.S.A. nurtures the faith of young people. It helps us call forth a new generation of leadership in mission service through the Young Adult Volunteer program. Using a portion of the receipts, congregations can make a difference in the lives of children at risk in their own communities. Visit www.pcusa.org to learn more; use the pew envelopes for this second-mile mission offering.*

✠**DOXOLOGY** no. 593 and **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

You call to us to follow you, O Christ, and to find new ways to convey our joy to people everywhere. Creator God, we offer our selves and our substance to do your work in the world, asking that you follow our offerings with your blessing, and keep us always in the guidance of your Holy Spirit. AMEN.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts:

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God:

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

THE LORD'S PRAYER "debts"

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✠**HYMN** no. 554

Let All Things Now Living

✠**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** ...and let the whole church say, **Alleluia! Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC: *please keep silence out of kindness to those who wish to pray or listen. Some of us may feel the impulse to applaud, but please remember that the artists are praying; they are offering their gifts to the glory of God.*

✠*all may stand; Unison prayers are in bold.*

Announcements

Visitors, welcome! Please join us after worship for refreshments and conversation, and please sign the Union Church guest book (at the back) so that we may get to know you better.

Many thanks to all leaders: Vince Peterson and the choir; seminary intern Derrick McQueen; Jill Stoler for today's refreshments; Maryellen Van Royen (Communion 'bishop'), Jennifer Segna (Sunday School 'bishop') and Liz LoPorto (coffee hour 'bishop').

The Book of Remembrance is open to remember dear departed members of Union Church: today, 6/13—Estelle McCay; 6/20—Ruth Cranstoun; 6/27—Madeline Stutz; 7/4—Laura Cramer; 7/11—Alice Johnston; 7/18—Jenni Thompson; 7/25—David Alekel.

Continue to pray for our planet and for peace; for all living in the midst of war, poverty, natural and economic disaster; for prisoners, those recently released from prison, and all who work and pray with them, especially the Church of Gethsemane. Also we pray for: the family and friends of Amanda Silverman; the Segna family on the death of Jennifer's grandmother, Norma; Tyler DiBartolo, Eddie Norstrand, the Presbytery of New York City, Carolyn Ramsay, Art Samuel, Iris Norstrand, Emile Serposs, Milford Anderson, Bill Louisa, Dolores Cleary, Helen Kretiv; Jackson, Donna, Janet, Geraldine, John, the Vandermarcq family, Mary, Jane, Helen, Sally.

Prayer requests should come to the church office by telephone **718.745.0438** or email **ucoffice@earthlink.net**. Please also notify the office to remove a name from the prayer list.

Church office hours: 9am to 2pm Mon-Wed, 9am to 4pm Thursday. 9-12 M-W and 9-2 Thursdays, Jody is in the Sanctuary with the playgroup; if you need to speak with her in person during those hours, please call her cell 917.881.0799; otherwise leave a message on the office machine and she will call you back after she gets back from playgroup.

Pastor's office hours: 11am to 3pm Mon-Wed and of course at other times by appointment. Rev. Speers is often in the office on those days throughout the afternoon and evening. Thursday is sermon day. There are unavoidable shifts in this schedule from time to time for visitation and various meetings, and she would love to see you, so please call first before dropping by.

Upcoming and Ongoing Programs and Events

Today after church: Church of Gethsemane retirement luncheon for Rev. Liz Alexander, who has served them for eight years. See Rev. Speers if you would like to go or send a message.

Sunday, June 20: Fathers' Day, the last day of Sunday school, and our last Sunday at 11am in the Sanctuary until Homecoming, which is Sept 12 (the Sunday *after* Labor Day Sunday).

BRUCA Special Invitational Early Summer Workshop for Tweeners and early Teens: June 21-25 12-3pm. Intensive wheel instruction with individual attention. Especially for kids whose school year ends earlier than the 28th. Call BRUCA Program Director Ed Huml 718.781.5657.

Summer Worship Begins Sunday, June 27 through Labor Day Sunday: 10am in the air-conditioned Parish House Chapel.

Taizé evensong is in recess until the fall. Please see the pastor if you have special prayer concerns over the summer.

Yoga continues 6:45-8:15pm in the Parish House Chapel. No experience necessary for this gentle, restorative class; bring mat and/or towel and wear loose clothing. \$15/week: no need to subscribe, just pay as you go.

Adult Bible Study meets second and fourth Wednesdays: the next meeting will be **this Wednesday, June 9.** All are welcome: class meets 7-8:30 pm in the pastor's study on the first floor of the Parish House.