



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

FEED YOUR SOUL

SEPTEMBER 3, 2025 • 7:00 PM



John August Swanson, *Loaves and Fishes*, 2003

For we are what God has made us.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Never Far • *Chapel Church Music*

I feel your presence everywhere
It's in the trees and in the air
Whenever I call, you're always there to fill the space
Your love's never far away

There is no reason to deny
You are in every song I sing
You're in the sky, reaching to cover everything
You're surrounding me

Chorus

Never

You are never far away

Never

Your love's never far away

I feel your peace in every way
When I am lost inside the fray
When I am in trouble, you are there to guide my way
You are never far away

There is no reason to deny
You're in the air that I breathe
So, fill these lungs with a good word so I can speak
Of your worth to the world

Chorus

Never

You are never far away

Never

Your love's never far away

Never

You are never far away

Wrapped in your presence is where I stay

CALL TO WORSHIP

Isabel Packevicz, Parish Visitor

One: Gathered together—
Those who teach and those who care,
Those who lead and those who serve,
All of us united in purpose and love,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: Gathered together—
Ready to serve in our congregation,
Willing to reach out to our community,
Seeking the call to serve,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

One: To use our hands and hearts,
To engage our minds and voices,
To serve others with all that we are,
And draw us closer to Christ,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Fill our hearts in this place, that we may go out and serve with joy.

One: Let us worship Holy God!

OPENING SONG

Joy • Housefires

There's beauty in my brokenness.
I've got true love instead of pain.
There's freedom though you've captured me.
I've got joy instead of mourning. *(Repeat)*

Chorus

You give me joy.
Down deep in my soul.
Down deep in my soul.
Down deep in my soul. *(Repeat)*

Verse *(Repeat)*

Chorus *(Repeat 4x)*

Never been so free,
Caught in your love for me.
Never been more secure,
Knowing your heart, Lord. *(Repeat 4x)*

Chorus *(Open)*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Chris Palmer

**We come before You confessing the ways we have fallen short.
We have been slow to speak up for those who suffer
and quick to protect our own comfort.
We have ignored the cries of the oppressed
and have remained silent in the face of injustice.
Forgive us, O God.
Lead us toward true repentance,
where we turn from our ways and live into the call of Your kingdom—
one of peace, justice, and love.
In the name of Jesus Christ, who sets us free. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING *Ephesians 2:10*

Austin Applebach, Director of Engagement

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

INVITATION TO DISCERN COMMUNITY

CONGREGANT TESTIMONY

Bonnie Smith, Meals on Wheels Volunteer

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

The Rev. Natalie Owens-Pike

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

One: Our presence tonight at this table reminds us
that through God's love,
we are connected as the body of Christ
welcomed here as the many parts of the mystical body of Christ
given our unique abilities and identities
as leaders and ministers.
Let us join together at the Lord's table to deepen our celebration tonight
in God's goodness.

All: Thanks be to God and to one another.

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

THE LORD'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.**

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

We believe this table is set for us by Jesus Christ, and it does not belong to any single community. All people, regardless of church or religious affiliation, are invited to partake.

COMMUNION SONG For Everyone Born • Brian Mann

**For everyone born, a place at the table,
For everyone born, clean water and bread,
A shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,
For everyone born, a star overhead.**

Chorus

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

**For young and for old, a place at the table,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,
for young and for old, the right to belong.**

Chorus

**For gay and for straight, a place at the table,
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,
a rainbow of race and gender and color,
for gay and for straight, the chalice of grace.**

Chorus

*And God will delight when we are creators of justice
and joy, compassion and peace:*

*Yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice,
justice and joy!*

For everyone born, a place at the table,
To live without fear, and simply to be,
To work, to speak out, to witness and worship,
For everyone born, the right to be free.

Chorus

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

CLOSING SONG

Change in My Life • Billy Straus

Standing cold and scared on the top of blue hill
There came one moment when I lost my will
I pray for mercy, please Lord take me away
Or give me sunshine where I only see grey.
The past had a hold on me, it can't be denied
And the changes didn't come easily

Chorus

*I been lonely
I've been cheated
I've been misunderstood
I've been washed up
I've been put down
And told I'm no good
But with You I belong
Cause You help me be strong
There's a change in my life
Since You came along
(Ooh, ooh, ooh, yeah)*

Now I don't mind working so hard every day
And I don't pay no mind to what people say
Cause after all of the pain I've been through
I'd give up everything just to love only You
All my life, I held my head bent in shame
But now I've found You, and with You I remain

Chorus

Now, a man gets crazy when his life is all gone
And a heart gets weary when it doesn't belong
When the road gets rocky, Lord, You got to keep on
Let the new life come shining on through

Chorus (Repeat)

There's a change in my life
Since You came along (*Repeat 3x*)

BENEDICTION

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

The ministry of music is offered by Jennifer Reed, *Voice*, Wayne Wilson, *Voice*, and Tim Basom, *Guitar*.

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HOMEcoming

Sunday, September 7 • 11 am

We'll celebrate the launch of the new sermon series, "Jesus the Jester," and the start of our program year in the Sanctuary and on livestream.

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