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Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

(Fifth Sunday in Lent)

April 6, 2025

10:30 a.m.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

Pastor 'Debo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Liturgist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

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*ENTRANCE TO THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*OPENING HYMN

603

"Come Holy Ghost, Our Hearts Inspire"

*The Nicene Creed

880

*Gloria Patri

Hymn # 70

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 91:1-16

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Pastor 'Debo

HYMN

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

526

OUR TIME OF PRAYER

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

~Joys and Concerns

~General Prayers & Intercession

~The Lord's Prayer (in unison)

895

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*Doxology

"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" # 95

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept our tithes and offerings, O Lord, together with our lives, to be used by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, for the expansion of your kingdom, in our local Community, and around the face of the earth, that many shall come to know your Son, Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Fill My Cup Lord" Jackie Howard, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 4:5-7

MESSAGE

Pastor 'Debo

Week # 2 of "It Is Written" - Do Not Test The Lord

HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer after Communion: Heavenly Father, thank you for this holy mystery in which you have fed us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of Jesus Christ. Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses in the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN

374

"Standing on the Promises"

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*For those who are able, please stand.

Week At A Glance:

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

10:00 a.m. Finance Committee Meeting (Parlor)

11:00 a.m. Administrative Council Meeting (Parlor)

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

10:00 a.m. Bible Study (Chapel)

12:00 p.m. Chair Yoga (Fellowship Hall)

Saturday, April 12, 2025

7:00 a.m. Weekly Prayer Huddle (see details in announcements)

Sunday, April 13, 2025

9:30 a.m. Adult Discipleship/Sunday School (Chapel)

10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship (Sanctuary)

CELEBRATIONS IN APRIL 2025

Birthdays

10 Angela Hill

11 Barry Axe

Anniversaries

9 Charles & Patti Crist
Happy 65th Anniversary

MINISTRY TEAM/STAFF

Ministers: The People of This Congregation

Media Team: Jessica Thomas, Daniel Onabanjo & Paul Jassogne

Media Team (Live Streaming): Lee Ann Whitmer

Church Secretary: Lee Ann Whitmer

Custodian: Jeff Byerly

Pianist: Jackie Howard

Liturgist: Greg Howard

Pastor: Rev. Dr. 'Debo Onabanjo



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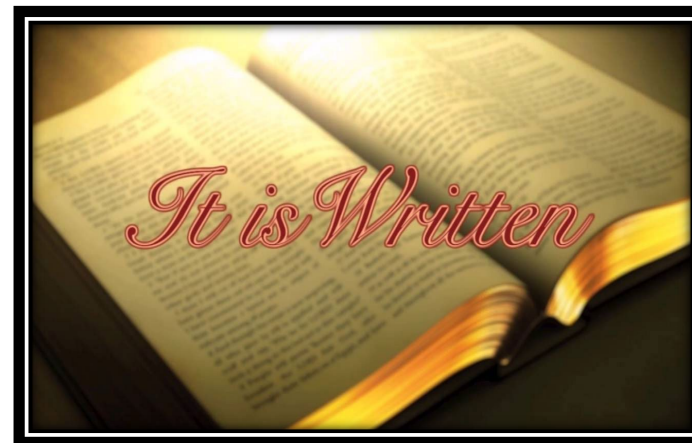
Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church

1004 West Sixth Avenue

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April 6, 2025

(Fifth Sunday in Lent)



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Worship Service starts at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday.

Children's Church (ages 5-13) starts at 10:45 a.m.

Church Office Hours: 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Monday through Friday

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE READINGS (April 6, 2025 – April 12, 2025):

(Scripture passages are from the New International Version (NIV) Bible unless otherwise indicated)

Sunday April 6 (Fifth Sunday in Lent)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 23:1-6; Reflection Verse: Psalm 23:4

“Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: When you face challenges, what gives you comfort and assurance that all will be well?

Monday April 7

Scripture Reading: Psalm 46:1-11; Reflection Verse: Psalm 46:1

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What does this passage tell us about God’s ability to deliver us from trouble?

Tuesday April 8

Scripture Reading: Psalm 91:1-16; Reflection Verses: Psalm 91:11-12

“For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways; they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How do you understand the aspirational promise recorded by the psalmist in this passage? How did the devil twist this passage out of context during the temptation of Jesus (see **Matthew 4:5-6**).

Wednesday April 9

Scripture Reading: Psalm 121:1-8; Reflection Verses: Psalm 121:7-8

“The Lord will keep you from all harm— he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: What gives the Psalmist assurance of the Lord’s promise of protection from all harm?

Thursday April 10

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:1-13; Reflection Verse: Matthew 26:13

“Truly I tell you, wherever this gospel is preached throughout the world, what she has done will also be told, in memory of her.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can you show undying love and devotion to Jesus? What do we learn about the anointing of Jesus in Bethany?

Friday April 11

Scripture Reading: Acts 20:13-38; Reflection Verse: Acts 20:35

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How are we called to relate with the weak in our midst?

Saturday April 12

Scripture Reading: Romans 8:31-39; Reflection Verses: Romans 8:38-39

“For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Reflection Question/Action for the Day: How can we be encouraged by the declaration in this passage by Apostle Paul?

Psalm 91

- ¹ Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.^[a]
- ² I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
- ³ Surely he will save you
from the fowler's snare
and from the deadly pestilence.
- ⁴ He will cover you with his feathers,
and under his wings you will find refuge;
his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.
- ⁵ You will not fear the terror of night,
nor the arrow that flies by day,
⁶ nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness,
nor the plague that destroys at midday.
- ⁷ A thousand may fall at your side,
ten thousand at your right hand,
but it will not come near you.
- ⁸ You will only observe with your eyes
and see the punishment of the wicked.
- ⁹ If you say, "The LORD is my refuge,"
and you make the Most High your dwelling,
¹⁰ no harm will overtake you,
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- ¹¹ For he will command his angels concerning you
to guard you in all your ways;
¹² they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.
- ¹³ You will tread on the lion and the cobra;
you will trample the great lion and the serpent.
- ¹⁴ "Because he^[b] loves me," says the LORD, "I will rescue him;
I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.
- ¹⁵ He will call on me, and I will answer him;
I will be with him in trouble,
I will deliver him and honor him.
- ¹⁶ With long life I will satisfy him
and show him my salvation."

Matthew 4:5-7

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶ “If you are the Son of God,” he said, “throw yourself down. For it is written:

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The Nicene Creed

#880

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

BREAKTHROUGH PRAYER (in unison)

Amazing God, we pray that through the Holy Spirit your preferred future for Sixth Avenue Global Methodist Church will be made known to us. We ask that you use us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our friends, family, and community. Give us the courage to follow the leading of your Holy Spirit wherever that may take us. Open our eyes so that we may see the new things you are already doing among us. AMEN