

January 16, 2022  
10:30am—11:30am

Second Sunday After Epiphany

## **WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP**

### **Prelude**

*Take My Life and Let It Be*  
arr. by Greg Howlett

### **Opening Sentences**

One: This is the day that our God has made!

Many: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### **Centering Words**

#### **Call to Worship:**

One: Is it true that God loves the world?

Many: **Amen. This is true.**

One: Is it true that God loves all people?

Many: **Amen. This is true.**

One: Is it true that Jesus came to make all things new?

Many: **Amen. This is true.**

One: Then let us gather as those whom God has called  
to bear witness to love and justice,  
to be beacons of light, and signs of transformation,  
for such is the kin-dom of God.

Many: **AMEN!**

### **Opening Hymn**

*Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain and verse 1)*

Words and Music by Doris M. Akers, harm. Richard Smallwood

### **Passing of the Peace**

### **Children's Sermon**

Rev. Karma Cloud

### **Prayers of the People**

## Lord's Prayer

**ALL:** Our Father, who art in heaven;  
hallowed be your name;  
Your kin-dom come;  
your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil;  
For yours is the kin-dom and the power and the glory  
forever, AMEN.

## Sung Prayer Response

The image shows a musical score for the sung prayer response "Amen, amen, amen." It consists of two staves, a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics "A - men, a - men, a - men." are written below the notes. The first staff has a fermata over the final note of the first phrase. The second staff has a fermata over the final note of the second phrase. The third staff has a fermata over the final note of the third phrase.

## Scripture Reading

**John 2:1-11**

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup>Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup>When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup>And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup>His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup>Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup>Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup>He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup>When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup>and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup>Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**ALL:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

"The Time Is Now"

Rev. John Rogers

**Special Music**

*I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*  
African-American Spiritual, adapted

Julie Morgan, solo

**The Closing Commission**

One: The spirit of God is upon us.

Many: **God has anointed us  
to bear good news to the afflicted,  
to bind up the broken hearted,  
to proclaim freedom to the captives,  
to open the prisons of those who are bound.  
Let us go forth in the name of Christ to bring  
peace into broken relationships, healing to  
alienated persons, and justice into oppressive  
structures.**

**Closing Hymn**

*Lead Me, Guide Me (refrain)*

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Amazing Grace*  
arr. by John Turner

**SERVICE NOTES**

***Thank you** to our volunteer worship leaders this morning.  
Please contact the church office if you'd like to find out about ways to serve.*

**Worship Leaders:** Rev. John Rogers, Rev. Heather Cherrey

**Reader:** Phyllis Crichlow

**Music leaders:** Julie Morgan, David Salyers

**Zoom Tech:** Julie Morgan

*Donny Dennison has made a donation to the food banks in memory of his great aunt, Mary Rogan.*

*In gratitude for the Iona Community for much of our worship language*

## You can make a donation or sustaining gift online at any time!

There are many ways to give to FCC each Sunday. You can easily set up your sustaining gift, or your Sunday Offering, or a one-time contribution, online by going to [www.fccmontclair.org/giving](http://www.fccmontclair.org/giving).

You can also text a donation to **877-346-1045** followed by a space, and then the amount of your donation (follow the one time set up instructions.) **If you give by check they must be made out to "First Congregational Church,"** (not "FCC") and can be mailed to 40 So. Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ, 07042. Thank you.

## Food Pantry donations needed

Friends and members of FCC have chosen to give food to the Food Bank, rather than buying flowers for the altar each Sunday. Would you please consider making a \$25 donation to help us continue an unending flow of generosity? Your dedication will be placed in the Sunday bulletin on the date you choose.

Email or call Nancy Pi-Sunyer at [nancypisunyer@gmail.com](mailto:nancypisunyer@gmail.com) to schedule your dedication.

## The Mission & Vision of First Congregational Church

### Mission Statement:

We are a progressive, open and affirming Christian church. We welcome people of all ages and identities to grow spiritually in a safe and engaging community. Inspired by God's love, we bring peace, healing and justice to the world by serving our neighbors and each other.

### Vision Statement:

We imagine a world in alignment with Jesus' vision for peace, love and justice, where there is nourishment for those in need, radical hospitality, and sanctuary for all seekers.

### Check out FCC on Social Media

[www.facebook.com/fccmontclair](http://www.facebook.com/fccmontclair)



[@fccmontclair](https://www.instagram.com/fccmontclair)



[@fccmontclair](https://twitter.com/fccmontclair)



[www.youtube.com/user/fccmontclairnj](http://www.youtube.com/user/fccmontclairnj)

