

**WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION**

**Prelude**

*Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*  
By Sebastian Temple, arr. by Kate Moody

**Opening Sentences**

One: This is the day that our God has made!  
Many: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**Welcoming Words**

**Centering Song**

*Lord, Prepare Me*

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - a - ry, pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks-giv-ing I'll be a liv-ing sanc-tu - a-ry for you.

**Call to Worship**

One: With our lips and with our hearts:  
Many: **we bless God in every moment of our lives.**

One: With our ears and with our hearts:  
Many: **we will hear the cries of our siblings  
in every painful moment, in every broken place.**

One; With every gift and with our hearts:  
Many: **we will serve God and all of God's children,  
with every moment of our lives. AMEN.**

**Opening Hymn** *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (verses 1 & 2)*  
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**Passing of the Peace**

**Children's Moment**

Rev. Karma Cloud

**Offertory**

**Stewardship Moment**

Marc and Mai Joaquin

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

### Sung Preparation to Prayer *God, Our Creator*

God, our Cre - a-tor, hear our prayers; and bless all souls who come be - fore you.

The image shows a musical score for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a treble clef and the piano accompaniment with a bass clef. The lyrics are: "God, our Cre - a-tor, hear our prayers; and bless all souls who come be - fore you."

### Prayers of the People

Response: One: God, in your mercy,  
Many: hear our prayers.

### 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 Response to Prayer *Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo, Santo* Sung in English then Spanish

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
heart knows how to say to you: You are ho - ly, Lord!  
co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Dios!

The image shows two staves of musical notation for a vocal line. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly. My heart, my heart a - dores you! My ¡San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te a - do - ra! Mi heart knows how to say to you: You are ho - ly, Lord! co - ra - zón te sa - be de - cir: ¡San - to e - res, Dios!"

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-21

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

<sup>13</sup>“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. <sup>14</sup>“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. <sup>15</sup>No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. <sup>16</sup>In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

One: May God’s wonder be revealed to us through the mystery of these words.

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

### *This Spirit of Our Politics Sermon Series*

Sermon

“Kin-dom Politics”

Rev. Ann Ralosky

Anthem

*Author of Justice*

By Lloyd Larson

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Closing Hymn *You Are Salt for the Earth, O People (verse 3 & 4)*

The Closing Commission

One: The spirit of God is upon us.  
**All: 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, action to protect our planet  
and justice into oppressive structures. **AMEN.**

## Benediction

## Postlude

*I Love to Tell the Story*  
By William Fischer, arr. by James Koerts

### SERVICE NOTES

*Thank you to our volunteer worship leaders this morning.*

**Worship Leader:** Rev. Ann Ralosky

**Liturgist:** Quassan Castro

**Reader:** Deirdre Nance

**Ushers:** Heather Cherrey & Rich Gilfert

**Coffee Hour Hosts:** Deb Duhamel and Stella Wilkins

**Coffee Hour Setup Team:** Steve Cutaia, Tim Duhamel and Mike Harney

**Music Leaders:** Julie Morgan and David Salyers

**AV Techs:** Jason Jinson and Joe Mondo

*A donation was made to the food bank by an anonymous friend of FCC to feed the hungry.*

*Gratitude to the Iona Community for some of our worship language*

# You Are Salt for the Earth, O People

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Paraphr. by Marty Haugen, 1986; alt.

Matt. 5:13-15

Unison

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1 You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple: salt for the reign of God!  
 2 You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple: light for the Cit-y of God!  
 3 You are a seed of the Word, O peo-ple: bring forth the reign of God!  
 4 We are a blessed and a pil-grim peo-ple: bound for the reign of God!

Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple: life in the Cit-y of God!  
 Shine so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple: shine for the Cit-y of God!  
 Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the Cit-y of God!  
 Love our jour-ney and love our home-land: love is the Cit-y of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the reign of mer-cy, bring forth the reign of peace;

Bring forth the reign of jus-tice, bring forth the Cit-y of God!

## **Upcoming Events**

### **FCC New Members Inquiry Class begins TODAY after worship**

Interested in becoming an FCC member - or just want to know more about us? Then this class is for you! First class is October 27th after worship, then 10/30 & 11/6 on Zoom at 7:30pm.

**If interested please email Rev. Ann at [revann@fccmtc.com](mailto:revann@fccmtc.com).**

### **Wild Church: Brookdale Park Rose Garden, Saturday, November 2, 10:30am**

Experience worship in nature through readings and sharing, with intervals of deep silence. Bring your own folding chair, and lunch if you'd like to stay after for a picnic.

### **Change Climate Despair into Climate Action, November 3, 12:15pm in the FCC Library**

The Green Team Ministry invites you to come together to listen to this podcast by Dr. Ayana Elizabeth Johnson in response to our climate crisis.

### **Radical Devotion: The Dorothy Day Story, November 6, 7pm in the Guild Room**

Author Jeff Korgen Presents New Graphic Novel, Dorothy Day: Radical Devotion.

### **"Search for Peace and Justice in the Holy Land" program begins this fall**

Join FCC and Union Congregational Church for a special opportunity to learn about Israel & Palestine with Churches for Middle East Peace: Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 8, Feb 12, March 12. The course is limited to 12 participants from each congregation. **Participants MUST commit to attending all 5 sessions.** If interested in participating, **please contact Rev. Ann at [revann@fccmtc.com](mailto:revann@fccmtc.com) by November 1.**

### **Qigong At FCC! November 16, 12pm in the Guild Room**

Come practice some qigong with FCC member, Joanne Kornoelje. This style of movement helps reduce physical and mental tension to help us remain grounded and centered.

## **Ongoing Events**

**Weekly Labyrinth Walks, Wednesdays 11am-1pm in the sanctuary.** All are welcome!

### **Slow Motion Adult Bible Study — Thursdays on Zoom at 7pm**

Participants are encouraged to bring their favorite translation of the Bible.

### **Underground Church (monthly), October 26, 10:30am in the Sanctuary**

An intimate and interactive worship experience that hearkens back to the early church.

### **Full Spectrum Spirituality (FSS) Meeting, third Friday each month at 7:30pm on Zoom**

Please note: this is an LGBTQ+ only event. Special monthly small group discussion on spirituality, scripture and faith.

*For more details check the calendar on our "Upcoming Events" page:  
<https://fccmontclair.org/upcoming-events-at-fcc/>*



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*Thank you.*

## 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.

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