

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

Prelude

Close to Thee

By Silas J. Vail, arr. Don Phillips

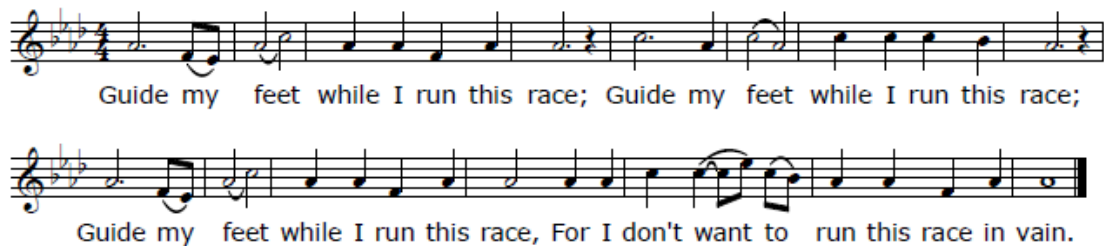
Opening Sentences

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

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

Centering Words

Centering Song *Guide My Feet* (Traditional African American Spiritual)



Call to Worship

One: Way beyond all journeying, truth beyond all mystery,
life within all living,

Many: **we praise you!**

One: Salve for every soreness, mender of every brokenness,
midwife of a better future,

Many: **we praise you!**

One: Creator, redeemer, forgiver, companion, disturber
and renewer of heart and mind,

Many: **we praise you! AMEN.**

Opening Hymn

Come, My People (verses 1 –3)

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Passing of the Peace

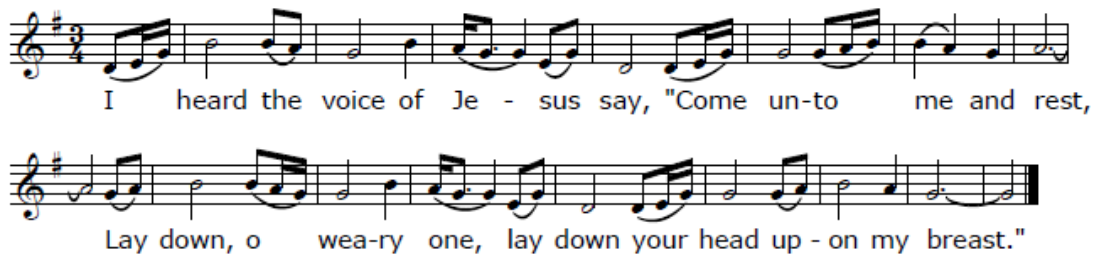
Blessing of Children

During the summer months we will not have a Children's Moment during worship. All children are invited to come to the labyrinth for a blessing and then go to their Sunday School experience.

Offertory

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Sung Preparation for Prayer *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
(Traditional African American Spiritual)



Prayers of the People

Response:

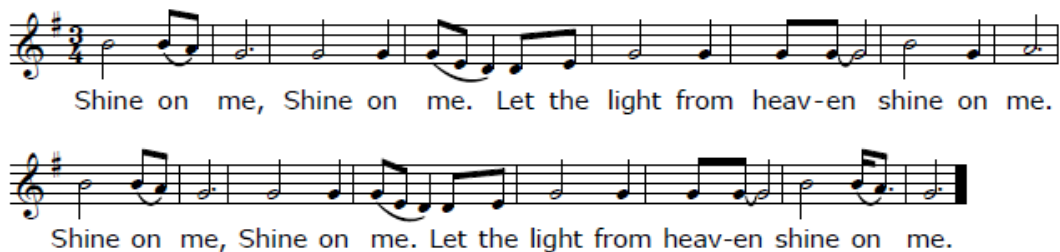
One: God, in your mercy

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 *Shine on Me*
(Traditional African American Spiritual)



WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

Scripture Reading

Luke 10:38-42

³⁸Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"A Both/And Love"

Rev. Ann Ralosky

Anthem

Seek Ye First
By Karen Lafferty

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Closing Hymn

Come, My People
Go, my people, out from this worship
Share the love we've found in this place.
Sing to God a song of thanksgiving,
Sing to God a song of praise!

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, action to protect our planet,
and justice into oppressive structures. AMEN.

Benediction

Postlude

Postlude in D
By Léonce de Saint-Martin

SERVICE NOTES

Thank you to our volunteer worship leaders this morning.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Ann Ralosky and Rev. John Rogers

Reader: Phyllis Crichlow

Ushers: Saija Autrand & Jasmine Batista

Coffee Hour Hosts: Julie Demaree and Phyllis Stone

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

Music Leaders: Julie Morgan and David Salyers,

AV Tech: Jason Jinson and Joe Mondo

A gift has been made to the food bank by Chun Kuo in hope of World Peace.

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



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“First Congregational Church,” (not “FCC”) and can be put in the
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Thank you.

Looking to get involved at FCC?

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Barbra Murtha, at
volunteercoordinator@fccmtc.com. Or text at 201-403-5764.

Come, My People

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C Am F G Em Am Dm

Come, my peo - ple, wel - come to wor - ship. Love is in the warmth

G C Am F G

— of this place. Sing to God a song — of thanks-giv - ing,

Em Am F G C F C G⁷

sing to God a song — of praise! 1. Gath - er in safe - ty, wel - comed in
2. Sto - ries of Je - sus show us the
3. Stand with each oth - er in one com-

C F C D

Chris - tian love; God touch - es us with strength from a -
way to live, how to serve oth - ers, how to for -
- mu - ni - ty, work - ing to - geth - er God's reign to

G G C Am F G

1. 2. 3. - bove. see. Come, my peo - ple, wel - come to wor - ship.
- give.

Em Am Dm G C Am F

Love is in the warmth — of this place. Sing to God a song

G Em Am F G C

— of thanks-giv - ing, sing to God a song — of praise!

Upcoming Events

Summer & fall clothing donations begins Sunday, July 20

Once again we are supporting our sister church, First Congregation Christian Church in Irvington, NJ as they collect summer & fall clothes for folks in need in their community. Please bring all items to the narthex or the Guild Room (by the hearth) on Sundays. If you need to drop off during the week please call the church before coming (973-744-4856.)

Stories of Broadway Recital: August 5, 7:30pm at FCC!

You're invited to a summer night of Broadway music storytelling with singers Elizabeth Honer, Genya Muzyczka, Elizabeth Perryman, and pianist David Maiullo. Details on next page.

Ongoing Events

Weekly Labyrinth Walks — *will be on hiatus until September*

If you would like to walk the labyrinth, please call to church office between 9am and 5pm and check on availability.

Slow Motion Bible Study—Thursdays, 7pm on Zoom!

FCC member, Rev. Victor Peterson, will lead an engaging exploration of our scriptures each Thursday evening on Zoom.

Hearts in - Hands on Meditation on the front lawn –weekly on Saturdays 9-10am

Ongoing through the summer on Saturday mornings. Meditation for peace, justice and the planet. Bring an open heart and something to sit on.

Underground Church —*Will be on hiatus until September*

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

Full Spectrum Spirituality (FSS) - LGBTQ+ Gathering -Sundays Weekly During Coffee Hour in Room 5 (Parents Room)

We will chat about life, spirituality, and whatever else comes up! If you are interested in joining this group, please text Lex at 856-332-7448.

Green Team Ministry Meeting (2nd Sundays) 12-1pm in the FCC Library

Learn about FCC's climate justice initiatives, be part of planning our events, and live your faith by taking action for the planet.

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