

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

Prelude

Meditation on "When the Saints Go Marching In"

By David Neff

Opening Sentences

One: This is the day that God has made!

Many: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Centering Words

Opening Song

We Are Setting the Welcome Table (verses 1&2)

By Amanda Udis-Kessler

We are set-ting the wel-come ta-ble, we are
At that ta-ble will sit the wea-ry, know-ing
Come and sit at the wel-come ta-ble, full of

plan-ning a gi-gant feast. We are birth-ing a new cre-
wel-come in their souls. There is mu-sic at that
co-lors and bathed in light. Come and learn how the wel-come

a-tion for the lone-ly, the lost and least.
ta-ble, for the bro-ken know they are whole.
ta-ble o-pens us to more lov-ing lives.

Call to Worship

One: We gather, with the company of the faithful:

Many: those who know the way to the kin-dom
and those who are just beginning their pilgrimage.

One: We gather, remembering the ones we call saints:

Many: those who made compassion their day job,
and those who have no day named after them.

One: We gather, praising God for all who have shaped our faith:

Many: those who showed us the dance steps of heaven,
and those who taught us to play the instruments of joy.

ALL: May our worship together invite their presence among us.
AMEN.

Passing of the Peace

One: The peace of Christ is with each of you.

Many: And also with you!

Please share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Children's Moment

Rev. Karma Cloud

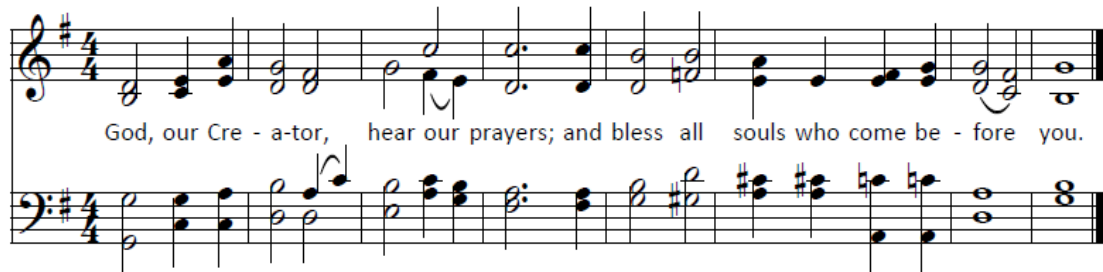
Offertory

Stewardship Moment

Grace Braeske

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Sung Preparation for Prayer *God, Our Creator*



Prayers of the People

Response: One: God in your mercy,

Many: hear our prayers.

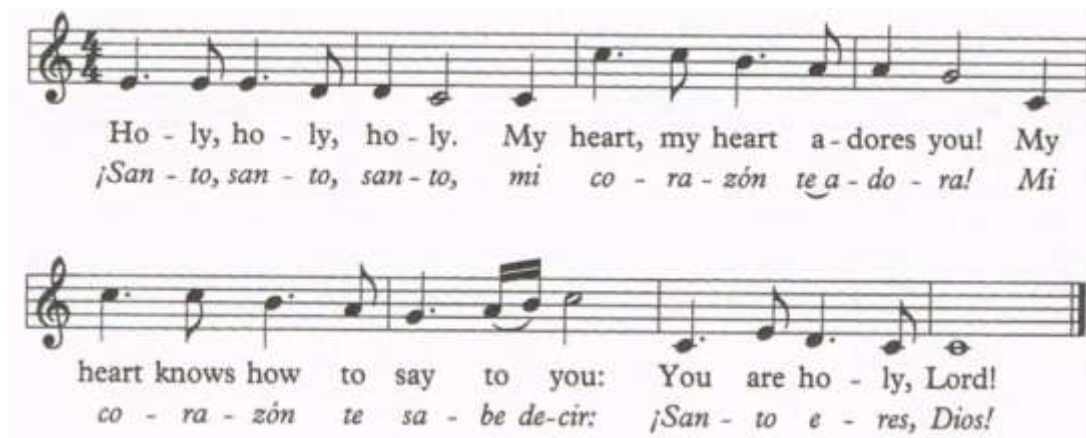
Lord's Prayer

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
(first in English, then in Spanish)

Assisted by Angel,
Noah, and Gavin Rivera



WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

Scripture

19He entered Jericho and was passing through it. 2A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. 3He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. 4So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. 5When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." 6So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. 7All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." 8Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." 9Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. 10For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

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

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Unlikely Saints"

Rev. Ann Ralosky

Anthem

We Thank You for Beloved Saints

By Pepper Choplin

WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

One: God is with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Open your hearts.
Many: Our hearts are open to God and to one another.
One: Let us give thanks to the giver of all gifts.
**Many: It is good and right to give God
our heartfelt thanksgiving and praise.**

Let us pray...

...and with our family in faith let us raise our voices with all the creatures of earth and heaven and say the words from our great hymn of praise:

**Holy, Holy, Holy
God of power and light.
The whole universe shines with your light.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest!**

Words of Institution

Consecration of the Gifts

Communion Anthem

Prayer of Communion

Words by May Hoyt, music by William Monk, arr. Mary McDonald

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Closing Song

We Are Setting the Welcome Table (verse 3)

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

For All the Saints

Setting by Robert Edward Smith

Upcoming Events

Churches for Middle East Peace Event, November 4th, 7pm at FCC

Join us for a conversation about peacebuilding, economic justice, the current landscape in the Holy Land, and how we can support our siblings in the Middle East.

Vote with Love this election season!

Check out our voter information table in the Narthex after worship for resources pertaining the gubernatorial election.

Important Congregational Meeting November 16 after worship

All members and friends of the church are strongly encouraged to attend our congregational meeting. We will discuss important current financial issues and plans that will affect the future of our church.

Ongoing Events

Weekly Wednesday Labyrinth Walks 11am—1pm

Each Wednesday our labyrinth is open for spiritual walking. No experience necessary!

The Searcher's Bible Study on Zoom each Thursday Eve at 7pm

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

Women of a Certain Age conversation group first Friday, 11am-1pm in FCC library

We are a group of women, roughly over the age of 65, maybe retired, who gather for conversation and friendship. Questions? See Rev. Heather Cherrey, or email her at revcherrey@optonline.net.

Underground Church—Saturday, November 22, 10:30am in the Sanctuary —

Usually meets every third Saturday

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

Full Spectrum Spirituality (FSS) LGBTQ+ Gathering—Sundays weekly after worship in Room 5 (Parents Room)

We 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/>

SERVICE NOTES

Thank you to our volunteer worship leaders this morning.

Worship Leader: Rev. Ann Ralosky

Liturgist: Reginald Webber Jr.

Reader: Noah Rivera

Ushers: Jasmine Batista & Rev. Heather Cherrey

Coffee Hour Co-Hosts: Meaghan, John, Fiamma and Caetano Lorenz

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

Music Leaders: Julie Morgan and David Salyers

AV Techs: Brandon Jean-Philippe and Jason Jinson

Thank you to our youth for their worship leadership.

A gift was made to the food bank by Deb & Tim Duhamel in Celebration of Jackee and Joshua Duhamel's wedding.

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, your Sunday Offering, or a one-time contribution ...using our new Church Center service.

ONLINE: Scan the QR Code below or go to
<https://fccmtc.churchcenter.com/giving>

CHECK: If you give by check it must be made out to “First Congregational Church,”
(not “FCC”) and can be put in the offertory basket, or mailed to:
40 So. Fullerton Avenue, Montclair, NJ, 07042. *Thank you.*

