

**WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION**

***Confirmation Sunday!***

**Prelude**

*Everything Has Its Time*  
By Rebecca Kaiserin

**Opening Sentences**

One: This is the day that God has made!

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

**Centering Words**

**Call to Worship**

Cody Campbell

One: Be grateful for this day

Many: **for God brought us here.**

One: God brought us here with purpose

Many: **and God brought us here with reason.**

One: Look forward and be optimistic,

Many: **but look back to your past and remember who helped you get here.**

One: Let God guide us on the path forward.

Many: **and let Him teach us along the way. Amen.**

**Opening Hymn**

*Here I Am, Lord (verses 1 & 2)*  
Words and music on pages 5 and 6

**Introduction to Confirmation at FCC**

**Passing of the Peace**

Felix Durka

**Children's Sermon**

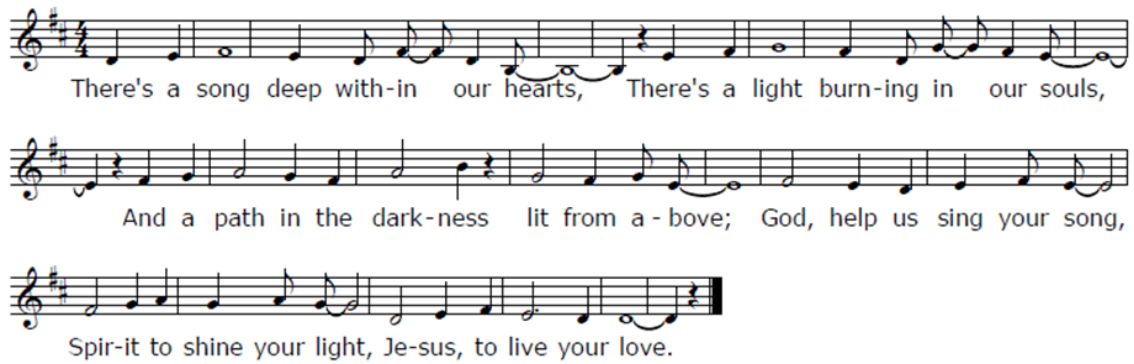
Marianna Reyes

**Offering**

**WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS**

**Sung Call to Prayer**

*Deep Within Our Hearts*



There's a song deep with-in our hearts, There's a light burn-ing in our souls,  
 And a path in the dark-ness lit from a -bove; God, help us sing your song,  
 Spir-it to shine your light, Je-sus, to live your love.

### 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

*Alleluia*



1 Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,  
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

**Scripture Reading**

**1 Corinthians 12:4-20**

Aria Brooks

<sup>4</sup>Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup>and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup>and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup>To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup>To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, <sup>9</sup>to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, <sup>10</sup>to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup>All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. <sup>12</sup>For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. <sup>13</sup>For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, enslaved or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

<sup>14</sup>Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. <sup>15</sup>If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>16</sup>And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? <sup>18</sup>But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. <sup>19</sup>If all were a single member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup>As it is, there are many members, yet one body.

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

**Many:        Thanks be to God!**

**Modern Lesson**

“The Spirit and Its Gifts”

Davin Wolfe

**Sermon**

“Symphony of Spirit”

Rev. John Rogers

**Special Confirmation Song**

*Oh Happy Day!*

Noah Rivera, *soloist*

written by Edwin Hawkins, adapted by Edward F. Rimbault

## WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM AND THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

*In preparation for his Confirmation, we baptize Davin Wolfe into the Christian faith*

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Prayers**

**Promises of Baptism**  
**Act of Baptism**

**Rite of Confirmation**

*We welcome Aria Brooks, Cody Campbell, Felix Durka, Marianna Reyes, Noah Rivera, Davin Wolfe and Elias Yao into full membership in the church through the Rite of Confirmation*

**Introduction**

**Questions of Candidates**

**Act of Confirmation**

**Prayer**

**Ritual of Many Gifts**

*All are invited to exit to the front lawn, come to the May Pole and take a streamer and form a wide circle around the lawn.*

**Congregational Prayer of Welcome**

**All: We welcome you with joy!**  
**We surround you with the love that strengthens us all!**  
**We invite you to the love and labor of this congregation,**  
**of the United Church of Christ,**  
**and of the whole ecumenical church.**  
**May we challenge and love each other.**  
**May we follow together in the pathways,**  
**known or yet to be discovered, which God intends.**  
**May we all be witnesses to the world of the love shown**  
**by the Creator and by Christ.**  
**Welcome, full members of this body!**

**Musical Response**

*Amen!*

**The Closing Commission**

Elias Yao

**Confirmands:** 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**

# Here I Am, Lord

*Unison*



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a-lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat-is-fied.

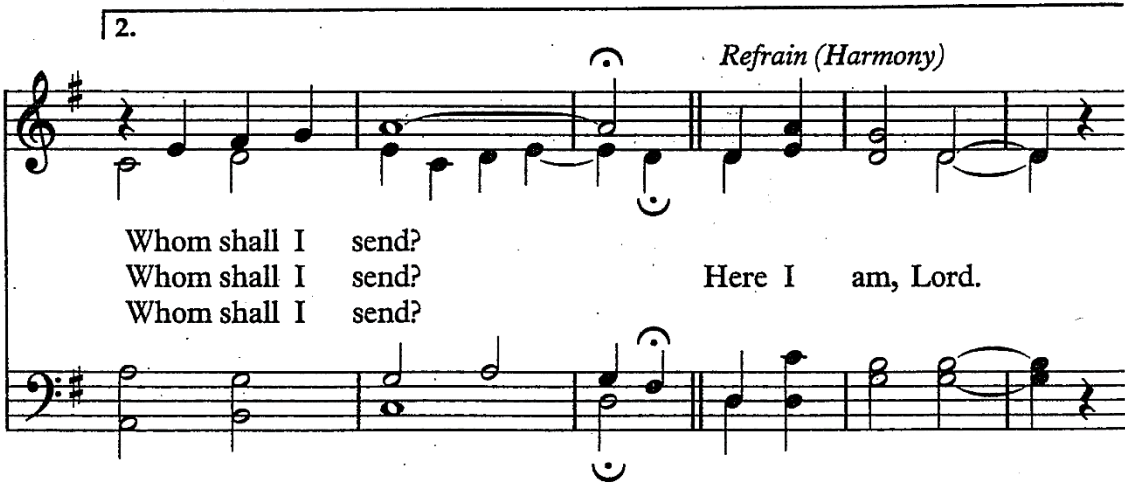


1.

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
Who will bear my light to them?

I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will speak my word to them.

I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
I will give my life to them.



2.

*Refrain (Harmony)*

Whom shall I send?  
Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.  
Whom shall I send?

Is it I, Lord? I have heard you call-ing in the

night. I will go, Lord, if you lead me.

I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

### SERVICE NOTES

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

**Worship Leader:** Rev. John Rogers and Rev. Ann Ralosky

**Reader:** Aria Brooks

**Ushers:** Rev. Heather Cherrey & Rich Gilfert

**Coffee Hour Co-Host:** The Rosado Family and Christian Ed Ministry

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

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

**FCC Band:** Daniel Belnavis, Jania Bibighaus, Hans Ericson, Aaron Krauza, Ray Lenzini and Dean Tarriff

**AV Techs:** Brandon Jean-Philippe and Lucas Manrique

*A gift was made to the food bank by Nancy Pi-Sunyer in honor of Luis's 85th birthday this week.*

### **"Greening" Coffee Hour:**

Please consider contributing to the special collection to help cover the costs to green" FCC's Coffee Hour. Scan the QR code or go to [tinyurl.com/GreeningCoffeeHour](https://tinyurl.com/GreeningCoffeeHour). Checks or cash clearly earmarked "Greening coffee hour" are also gladly accepted. Thank you!



### **Upcoming Events**

#### **Earthweek Activities at FCC, April 22-26**

- **Wednesday, April 22: 7-9 pm in the Guild Room:** "The Little Things That Turn the World": a video about insects, their current situation and what is being done to remedy it.
- **Sunday, April 26: 12:15pm EarthFest Montclair:** Join the Green Team after Coffee Hour (about 12:15pm) to walk over to EarthFest on South Park. Meet in the parking lot.
- **Sunday, April 26: 4:30-6 pm "The Light Won't Dim" in the Guild Room.** A video about solar energy and the independence it provides. Discussion around portable solar.

***For ongoing events please check the "Upcoming Events" page on our website:***  
***<https://fccmontclair.org/upcoming-events-at-fcc>***

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**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.*

