

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

Prelude

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart
By Frederick C. Atkinson, arr. Mark Hayes

Opening Sentences

One: This is the day that God has made!

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

Centering Words

Opening Song

The Presence of the Lord is Here

By Kurt Carr

(Please join in singing, when indicated)

1) *The presence of the Lord is here. The presence of the Lord is here.*

I feel it in the atmosphere.

The presence of the Lord is here. The presence of the Lord is here.

2) *The spirit of the Lord...*

3) *The love of the Lord...*

4) *The power of the Lord...*

Call to Worship:

One: On this day, may Grace's breath
shatter the shutters of our hearts.

Many: **On this day, may we step out of our fears
to welcome the new life gifted to us.**

One: Here, in the midst of our siblings of every age and place,
may our frozen souls be enflamed by justice's Spirit.

Many: **As we catch a glimpse of the dreams of those around us,
as we listen to the voices of God's family in every
language.**

One: In the days to come, may we speak of God's love and the Spirit's
peace for all.

Many: **So that people will find a home awaiting them,
embracing all, rejecting none, and creating the Beloved
Community in our midst. AMEN.**

Passing of the Peace

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

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

Scripture Reading Acts 2:1-21

2When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. 2And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

5Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. 6And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. 7Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? 9Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." 12All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" 13But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

14But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. 15Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. 16No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel: 17'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young shall see visions, and your old shall dream dreams. 18Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. 19And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. 20The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. 21Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

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

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Revive Us Again"

Rev. John Rogers

Anthem

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
African-American Spiritual

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Closing Music *Every Time I Feel the Spirit (REFRAIN)*

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 *Toccata on Veni Creator Spiritus*
Setting by Vidas Pinkevicius

SERVICE NOTES

Thank you to our volunteer worship leaders this morning.

Worship Leader: Rev. John Rogers

Liturgist: Quassan Castro

Reader: Joseph Smith

Ushers: Rev. Heather Cherrey and Terrence Williams

Coffee Hour Co-Host: Ashlee Wolfe

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

Music Leaders: Julie Morgan and David Salyers

FCC Band: Jania Bibighaus, Hans Ericson and Ray Lenzini

AV Tech: Aidan Longacre and Lucas Manrique

An anonymous donation has been made to the food bank to help feed the hungry.

Upcoming Events

God's Giveaway Summer Clothing Collection—5 Sundays Beginning May 17

We are accepting adult summer clothing donations for the UCC Irvington's free store, God's Giveaway, from May 17 to June 14. See next page for details.

Wild Church, Saturday May 30, 10:30am

The Green Team Ministry invites you to experience worship in an outdoor setting! For more info go to www.tinyurl.com/wildchurch5-30. We will meet at Porter Park, 12 Harrison Avenue, Montclair.

Ongoing Events

Weekly Wednesday Labyrinth Walks 11am—1pm (Last walk will be June 24)

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

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

(Last meeting will be June 25)

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

"Women of a Certain Age" - FIRST Fridays, 11am-1pm in the FCC library

(On hiatus until September)

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—June 27, 10:30am in the Sanctuary

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

Full Spectrum Spirituality (FSS) LGBTQ+ Gathering

We chat about life, spirituality, and whatever else comes up! If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Jordan at fullspectrum@fccmtc.com.

Green Team Ministry (2nd Sundays) after the Service in the FCC Library

Learn about FCC's creation care and climate justice initiatives, be part of planning our activities, and live out 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/>

God's Giveaway Summer Clothing Collection—5 Sundays
Beginning May 17

This summer, **from May 17 to June 14**, we are accepting adult **summer** clothing donations for the *UCC Irvington's* free store: *God's Giveaway*. They work tirelessly to provide their immigrant, financially struggling, and homeless neighbors with the clothing, and food and shelter they need to maintain hope and dignity.

God's Giveaway Summer Clothing Wish List

Men's and women's:

- * Slacks, shirts, shorts, skirts, dresses, and blouses
 - * Shoes, sneakers, sandals
 - * Lightweight sun-protective hats
- * Underwear for all ages (MUST BE NEW)
 - * Lightweight summer jackets

The need is greatest for adults, so **no children's clothing please.**

Volunteers Needed

Each of these 5 Sundays, after worship, we need a little help to sort & fold the clothing.

Please follow guidelines provided by the God's Giveaway team:

- * ***All donated items should be new or gently used, i.e., in good shape.***
 - * Check items carefully to make sure they are clean, unstained, not frayed, and without holes or tears.
 - * *All underwear and socks must be new.*
 - * *No swimsuits or beach wear.*
 - * *Some fun fashion is nice, but please...no overly glitzy, skimpy, or fancy outfits or shoes.*
- * **PLEASE stick to only what's on the list.** No jewelry, grooming accessories, toiletries, or household goods.

Donations can be dropped off each Sunday in room #8:

To get there just walk from the Narthex down the hall towards the FCC offices to the 3rd door on the right (the sign above says Spiritual Director.)

Have questions? Talk to us after service or email faithinaction@fccmontclair.org.

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.*

