

## **WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION**

**Prelude**            *He Leadeth Me with Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*  
By William Bradbury, arr. J. B. Taylor

### **Opening Sentences**

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

### **Centering Words**

**Opening Song**                                    *For Everyone Born*  
Words: Shirley Erena Murray, Music: Brian Mann  
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### **Call to Worship:**

One:            With joy and celebration, God welcomes us to this place.  
Many:        **How good it is to gather in God's house!**

One:            With joy and celebration, we welcome one another.  
Many:        **We greet each other by name; we are equal in  
God's Kin-dom.**

One:            We open our hearts, to welcome God's love;  
we open our arms, to welcome God's people.  
Many:        **Here, every single one of God's children is welcome!  
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.*

### **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.*

### **Celebrating Our High School Graduate**

*Devion Hueston-Diaz*

### **Offertory**

## WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

### Sung Call to Prayer

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un-to me and rest,  
Lay down, o wea-ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."

### 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*

Shine on me, Shine on me. Let the light from heav-en shine on me.  
Shine on me, Shine on me. Let the light from heav-en shine on me.

## WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

### Scripture Reading

**Matthew 10:40–42**

<sup>40</sup>“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. <sup>41</sup>Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of

a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, <sup>42</sup>and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “Soul Discovery”

Rev. John Rogers

Anthem

*Guide My Feet*

Traditional, arr. by Avis D. Graves

## **WE GO INTO THE WORLD**

**Blessing and Farewell to the Campbell Family**

**Announcements**

**Closing Song**

*Siyahamba*

Traditional South African Freedom Song; arranged by Anders Nyberg

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**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**

*Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

By Anthony J. Showalter, arr. Pamela M. Roberston

# For Everyone Born



1. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2. For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4. For just and un - just a place at the ta - ble,  
 5. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for eve - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread;  
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share;  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,  
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for eve - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair.  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.  
 for eve - ry - one born, the right to be free.

## Refrain



And God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy.

## Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

(We Are Marching in the Light of God)

Ps. 89:15

South African freedom song; transl. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos', si - ya -  
 We are march - ing in the light of God, we are

hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -  
 march-ing in the light of God. We are march-ing in the

nyen' kwen - khos', Si - ya - ham - ba,  
 kha - nyen' kwen-khos', ham - ba, si - ya -  
 light of God. We are march-ing, march-ing, we are  
 the light of God.

ham - ba, Oo, si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-khos'.  
 ham - ba, ham - ba,  
 march-ing, Oo, march-ing, we are march-ing in the light of God.

*Last time, end*

## **SERVICE NOTES**

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

**Worship Leader:** Rev. John Rogers

**Liturgist:** Dr. Phyllis Stone

**Reader:** Samantha Soto-Schwarm

**Ushers:** Jasmine Batista and Deirdre Nance

**Coffee Hour Co-Host:** Darin, Luis and Devion Hueston-Diaz

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

**Music Leader:** David Salyers

**FCC Band:** Jania Bibighaus, Daniel Belnavis, Hans Ericson and Ray Lenzini

**AV Tech:** Brandon Jean Philippe and Lucas Manrique

*A donation has been made to the food bank by Peter Wert and Tom Rose who met at NYC Pride 35 long years ago. What a journey!*

## **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.*



## **Gratitude from FCC Green Team**

Thank you to the FCC community for your extraordinary generosity; donations for the greening of coffee hour totaled \$2,183.12!

FCC will begin using Java Compost services at Coffee Hour on July 5. It is exciting to be taking this next step of living into our commitment as a Creation Justice Church!

## Upcoming Events

### Fourth of July Parade, 10am

Join the Green Team Ministry & others and march in Montclair's Fourth of July Parade! For details and to REGISTER for this event (through the Sierra Club) go to [tinyurl.com/GTMParade](http://tinyurl.com/GTMParade). For other questions: contact [greenteam@fccmtc.com](mailto:greenteam@fccmtc.com).

## Ongoing Events

### 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](mailto: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.

## On Hiatus Until September

- **Weekly Wednesday Labyrinth Walks 11am—1pm**
- **The Searcher's Bible Study on Zoom each Thursday Eve at 7pm**
- **"Women of a Certain Age" - FIRST Fridays, 11am-1pm in the FCC library**
- **Underground Church Worship Service—Usually 3rd Saturdays, 10:30am in the Sanctuary**

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

## **Want to sing in the choir on Sunday mornings?**

All summer, the anthem after the sermon will be a song that we put together on that same Sunday morning, before service. (There's no weekday rehearsal.)

**We'll meet at 9:30 in the sanctuary** to learn/practice it, and then sing it in the worship service. I'll let folks know in the few days before Sunday what the song will be, and if I can send an audio clip as well, I do so.

If you'd like to join us any week, just email me (Julie) at [jmorgan@mastervoices.org](mailto:jmorgan@mastervoices.org). We'd LOVE to have you with us, any week!

*-- Julie, David, and the FCC Choir*