

## **WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION**

### **Prelude**

*Children's Song Medley*  
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**

*Children of God* (Verses 1 & 2)  
Words and music on page 5

### **Call to Worship:**

**One:** For the joy of community, shared stories, friendly laughter,  
and relationships that shape us

**Many:** **Thanks be to God**

**One:** For a place that spans the ages and is home to all who gather

**Many:** **Thanks be to God**

**One:** For the wonder of life, and the decision of God to come among us

**Many:** **Thanks be to God**

**One:** For all the milestones of faith we celebrate together

**Many:** **Thanks be to God**

### **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**

Children's Moving Up Ceremony

Rev. Karma Cloud

*Today we celebrate our children's Faith, Compassion and Courage with our 10th Annual Completion Ceremony. We acknowledge their contributions to this congregation and their commitment to their spiritual growth!*

*We congratulate our Sunday School graduates, Elias Colvin, Sabrina Mills, Sebastian Mills, Makenzi Walston and Matthew Yao, who will be starting the Youth Program next year!  
We are so proud of you!*

## 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."

#### Children: Why We Pray

#### Prayers of the People

#### Prayers of the Children

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 9:9-13

9 As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. 10 And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. 11 When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" 12 But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. 13 Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

"Who's Missing From Our Table?"

Rev. John Rogers

### Anthem

*We Would Be Building*

Tune *Finlandia*, Music by Jean Sibelius; text by JKM

## WE CELEBRATE COMMUNION

### "Communion Is" Litany

FCC Children

### 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 Music *The Welcome Table*

Prayer of Thanksgiving after the Meal

One: Let us pray.

**ALL: Holy God,**  
in gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people,  
we give ourselves to you.  
Take us out to live as changed people  
because we have shared the living bread  
and cannot remain the same.  
Ask much of us, expect much from us,  
enable much by us, encourage many through us.  
Let us become heralds of your new kin-dom. AMEN.

## WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Closing Music *Children of God (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 *Jesus Loves Me*  
Arr. Mark Hayes

## Children of God

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**D** **G** **D**

Child-ren of God, let's love\_\_ one an-oth-er. Love is a gift, a bless-

**A** **D** **G**

- ing of God\_\_ Love one an-oth - er, sis - ters and broth-ers.

**D** **A** **D** **G** **D**

Love is a gift of God\_\_

1. Let love be more than what we say\_\_
2. Now per-fect love re-moves all fear\_\_
3. Let us bear wit-ness to the Light,

**A** **G** **D** **Em**

— Make it the way that we live\_\_ each day.  
 — By this we know God is al - ways near.  
 — liv-ing in love, do - ing what\_\_ is right.

**A** **D/A** **A<sup>9</sup>** **A** **D/A** **A<sup>9</sup>** **D** **G**

1.2. 3.

— Oh, oh, — Oh, oh, Child-ren of God, let's love\_\_ one an-oth-er.  
 — Oh, oh,

**D** **A** **D**

Love is a gift, a bless - ing of God\_\_ Love one an-oth - er, sis-

**G** **D** **A** **D**

- ters and broth-ers. Love is a gift of God\_\_

## **SERVICE NOTES**

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

**Worship Leader:** Rev. John Rogers

**Liturgist:** Dr. Phyllis Stone

**Reader:** Noah Rivera

**Ushers:** Dawn Colapietro and Stella Wilkins

**Coffee Hour Co-Hosts:** Patti Garrison and Charlie Rusin

**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:** Jason Jimson and Aidan Longacre

*Dawn Colapietro has made a gift to the food bank in solidarity with the poor and hungry.*

## **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.*



## **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*

## **Upcoming Events**

### **God's Giveaway Summer Clothing Collection—Last Collection Sunday is June 14**

We are accepting adult summer clothing donations for the UCC Irvington's free store, God's Giveaway. The last Sunday for donating is June 14. *See next page for details.*

### **Job Hunt in "This" Economy? Zoom Workshop June 24, 7-8pm**

Level up your resume / LinkedIn to expand your professional community and network your way to a new role. Led by FCC member, Brian Mills, a proven research / design leader & coach in the global user experience community. Zoom link coming soon.

## **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](mailto:revcherrey@optonline.net).

### **Underground Church—June 27, 10:30am in the Sanctuary**

An intimate and interactive worship experience that hearkens 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](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.

*For more details check the calendar on our "Upcoming Events" page:*

***<https://fccmontclair.org/upcoming-events-at-fcc/>***

## **God's Giveaway Summer Clothing Collection—Last Donation Sunday is June 14**

This summer, for 5 Sundays (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](mailto:faithinaction@fccmontclair.org).