

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

Prelude

The Gift of Love

Traditional English Melody, arr. John Michael Stevens

Opening Sentences

One: This is the day that God has made!

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

Centering Words

Opening Hymn

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: Each day we are invited to share in Christ's ministry
of compassion.

Many: **We will widen our hearts so we might care for the lost.**

One: Each day we are moved to experience more of God

Many: **We will open our minds so we might discern
God's dreams for us.**

One: Each day we are summoned to let the Spirit be planted within us.

Many: **We will deepen our souls so we might grow in love. 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

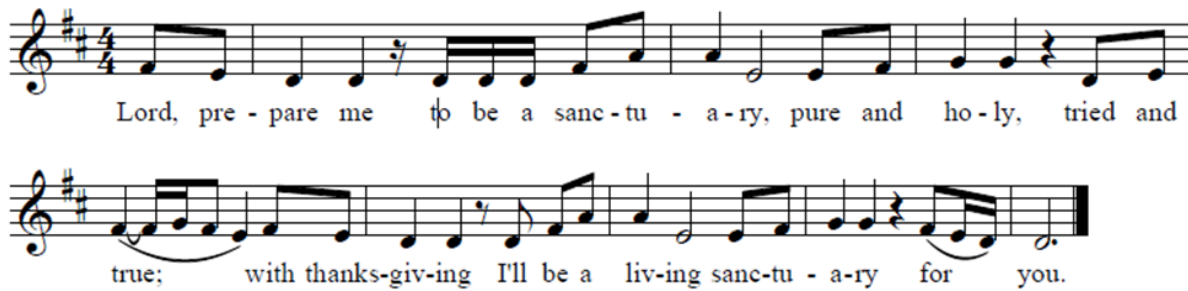
Rev. Karma Cloud

Offertory

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Sung Call to Prayer

Lord, Prepare Me To Be a Sanctuary



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

Bless Our God



WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40

³⁴ When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, ³⁵ and one of them, an expert in the law, asked him a question to test him.

³⁶ "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" ³⁷ He said to him, "You

shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’³⁸ This is the greatest and first commandment.³⁹ And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’⁴⁰ On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

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

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “One Love”

Rev. John Rogers

Anthem *More Love*
Shaker song, arr James Bowyer

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Closing Hymn *The Presence of the Lord Is Here*

5) *The blessings of the Lord are here. The blessings of the Lord are here.
I feel it in the atmosphere.*

The blessings of the Lord are here. The blessings of the Lord are here.

6) *I know that God is always near. I know that God is always near. [etc.]*

7) *The presence of the Lord is here. The presence of the Lord is here. [etc.]*

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 *Put a Little Love in Your Heart*

By Jimmy Holiday, Randy Meyers & Jackie DeShannon, arr. Lorie Line
& Anita Ruth

SERVICE NOTES

Thank you to our volunteer worship leaders this morning.

Worship Leaders: Rev. Ann Ralosky and Rev. John Rogers

Reader: Linette Rosado

Ushers: Jasmine Batista and Conner Vallee

Coffee Hour Hosts: Rebecca Dahmen, Nece Ferraro and Stella Wilkins

Coffee Hour Setup Team: Jared DeLancey and Mike Harney

Music Leaders: Julie Morgan and David Salyers

FCC Band: Jania Bibighaus, Hans Ericson and Ray Lenzini

AV Techs: Jason Jimson and Lucas Manrique

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

You can support the food bank here: [TinyUrl.com/SupportFoodBank](https://tinyurl.com/SupportFoodBank)

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.*



Upcoming Events

FCC Social Event—Friday, November 13, 7–9pm

(Second Friday of every month—except December)

Details coming soon.

Qigong at FCC! November 14, 12pm in the Guild Room

Come and practice some qigong with FCC member, Joanne Kornoelje.

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.

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

A gathering of friendship and conversation for women roughly over 65. Bring a bag lunch and any handcrafts you are working on. See Rev. Heather Cherrey for details.

Underground Church, November 21, 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 is on hiatus

FSS is in process of creating new programing and will share news of their schedule soon.

If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Jordan at
fullspectrum@fccmtc.com.

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

Learn about FCC's creation care and climate justice initiatives; be part of planning.

For more details check the calendar on our “Upcoming Events” page:

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