WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

Prelude *A New Hope*
By Daniel Carter

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

Centering Words

Opening Song *We Labor Unto Glory* Daniel Belnavis
By Porter's Gate
Words and music on page 4

Call to Worship
One: We gather to worship our God:
Many: not only with those whose hearts overflow with joy,
but with those who share their deepest sorrows.

One: We gather to follow Jesus:
Many: not only with songs and prayers,
but with lives of service and peace.

One: We gather to be filled with the Spirit's presence:
not only so we can wait patiently for Christ among us,
but so we can be with those who are impatient
for justice and hope in their lives. 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.

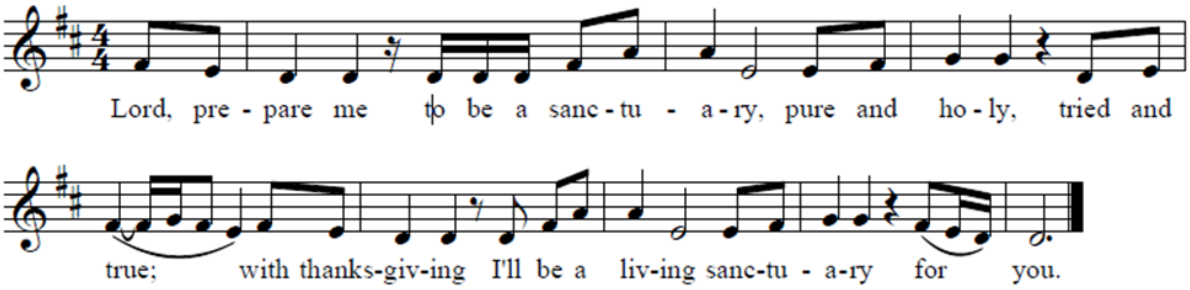
Children's Moment Rev. Karma Cloud

Offertory

Stewardship Moment Campos/Murillo Family

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Sung Call to Prayer *Lord, Prepare Me To Be a Sanctuary*



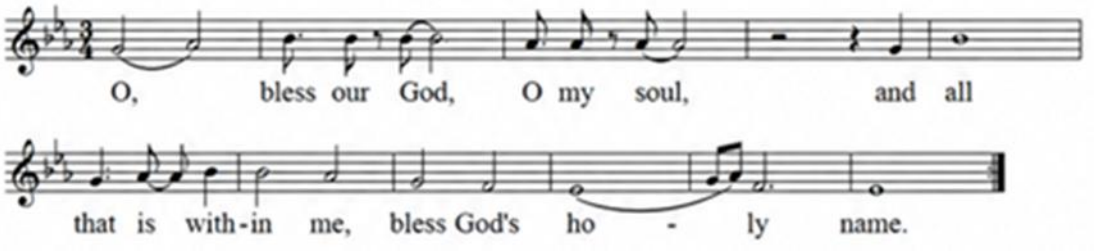
Prayers of the People

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

The Scripture Reading Psalm 78: 1-7

1 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching;
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
3 things that we have heard and known,
that our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their children;
we will tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord and his might

and the wonders that she has done.
5 She established a decree in Jacob
and appointed a law in Israel,
which she commanded our ancestors
to teach to their children,
6 that the next generation might know them,
the children yet unborn,
and rise up and tell them to their children,
7 so that they should set their hope in God,
and not forget the works of God,
but keep his commandments.

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

Sermon "We Will Not Hide Them" Amanda Kuchta

Anthem *One Voice*
By Ruth Moody, arr. Marcelline Moody

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Closing Music *We Labor Unto Glory*

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.
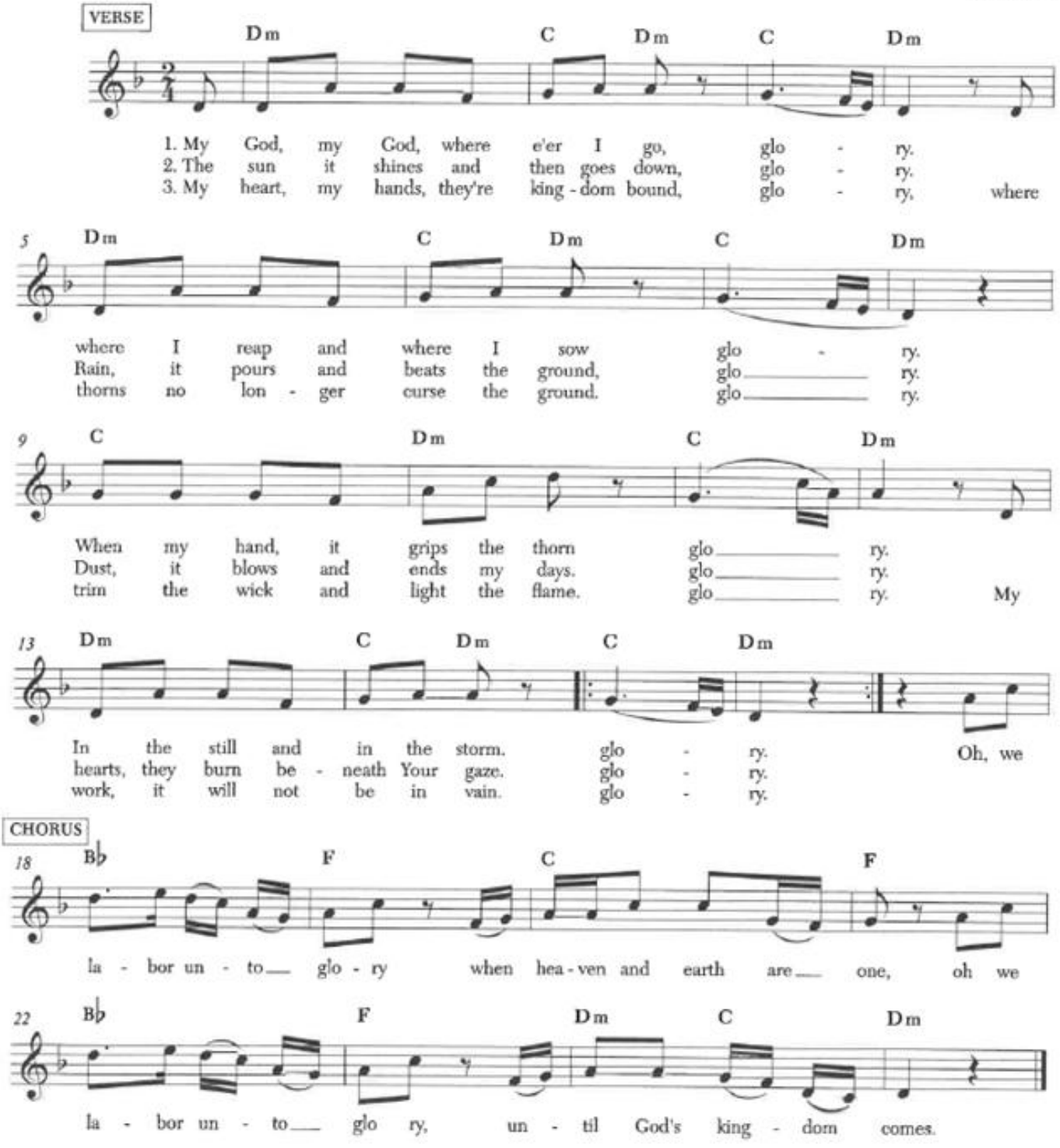
Benediction

Postlude *Joy Song*
By Mark Hayes

We Labor Unto Glory

Craig Harris,
Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell

Transcribed by
Owen Stroud



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Upcoming Events

FCC Social Event: Potluck Dinner & Pictionary —Friday, November 13, 6-8pm
(FCC Social Event: Second Friday of every month—except December)
Sign up here: https://tinyurl.com/gamenight11-13

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Qigong at FCC! November 14, 12pm in the Guild Room
Come and practice some qigong with FCC member, Joanne Kornoelje.

FCC/Peace Islands Thanksgiving Dinner, November 18—see next page

FCC Congregational Meeting, Nov 19, 7:30pm on Zoom —see next page

Open Mic, November 20—Details coming soon.

Turkey & Thanksgiving Food Drive, Nov 22 on front lawn—see next page

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

Full Spectrum Spirituality (FSS) LGBTQ+ Gathering: NEW FORMAT is Coming
FSS will be changing its meeting format over the next few weeks and will no longer be meeting on Sundays after church. Please join the group on Church Center for updates and upcoming meeting information. For questions, please contact fullspectrum@fccmtc.com.

Green Team Ministry NOVEMBER meeting will be Wed. 11/11 @ 7pm on Zoom.
All are welcome. Please contact greenteam@fccmtc.com for more information and link.

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

FCC/Peace Islands Thanksgiving Dinner, Nov18, 6pm in the Guild Room

We continue our annual tradition of gathering with our Muslim friends from the Peace Islands Institute to share a Thanksgiving celebration. We will share prayer, song, and food from our respective traditions, as we join together in fellowship.
Peace Islands will provide all the food **and we will provide desserts and beverages.**

We need an idea of how many people are coming so we'll know how much food to prepare .....so **please RSVP** at www.tinyurl.com/PII-FCC if you'll be there, as well as sign up if you can bring a dessert or help with set up or clean up.

FCC Congregational Meeting, November 19, 7:30pm on Zoom

At our upcoming congregational meeting, we will decide on the annual budget for the year and have an update regarding our strategic plan for the congregation and some of the other exciting work happening in our church! While only members are eligible to vote on the budget, we encourage all members and friends of the church to attend the meeting for these updates. Zoom link coming soon.

Turkey & Thanksgiving Food Drive, Sunday, Nov 22, 9am-1pm (front lawn)

We will be partnering with Community Food Bank of New Jersey (CFBNJ) to collect Thanksgiving foods for those in need. If you can help with collecting food during these times please contact Deb Duhamel at hospitality@fccmtc.com.

Most needed items: Turkey (MUST BE FROZEN) and brought directly to the collections truck on the day of the Drive!) Canned Yams, Gravy (packs and cans), Cranberry Sauce, Canned Vegetables, Stuffing Mixes, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce, Canned Fruits, Juice/Instant Coffee/Tea, and Boxed Desserts (be sure to check the expiration date). Please, no glass containers. Monetary donations can be made at cfbnj.org/turkey/.

All food donations can be dropped off in the boxes by the truck in front of the church on the day of the Turkey Drive. However, if you're not able to, then you can drop non-perishable items off on Sunday 11/8 and Sunday 11/15. Please mark the bags "Thanksgiving Food Drive" and leave them next to the shopping cart in the Narthex. *(Please do not place them in the cart—that food is for the little free food pantry donations only.)*

Curious About Volunteering at FCC?

Please email our Volunteer Coordinator, Barbra Murtha, at volunteercoordinator@fccmtc.com to explore one-time or ongoing opportunities.

SERVICE NOTES

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

Worship Leader: Rev. John Rogers and Dr. Phyllis Stone
Guest Preacher: Amanda Kuchta
Reader: Quassan Castro
Ushers: Jasmine Batista and Dawn Colapietro
Coffee Hour Hosts: Rebecca Dahmen, Nece Ferraro, Haynes-Fannon Family, Dian Nash
Coffee Hour Setup Team: Tim Duhamel and Mike Harney
Music Leaders: Julie Morgan and David Salyers
FCC Band: Daniel Belnavis, Jania Bibighaus, Hans Ericson and Ray Lenzini
AV Techs: Brandon Jean-Philippe and Jason Jimson

Peter Wert has made a donation to the food bank in celebration of our great democracy once again proving power truly does belong to the people!

You can support the food bank here: 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. *Thankyou.*