

WE GATHER IN CELEBRATION

Prelude

I Am Yours, O Lord

By William H. Doane, arr. David Paxton

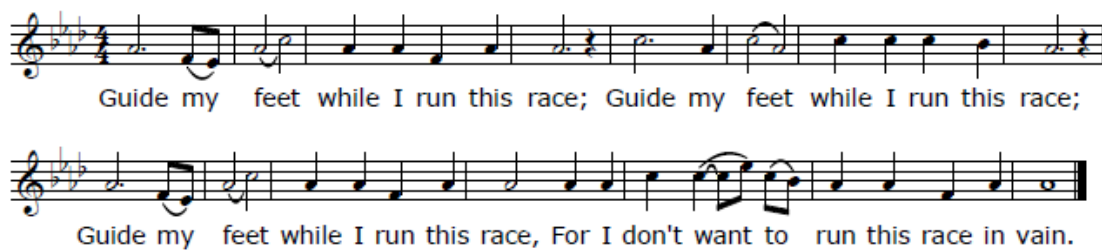
Opening Sentences

One: This is the day that our God has made!

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

Centering Words

Centering Song *Guide My Feet* (Traditional African American Spiritual)



Call to Worship

One: With these people, in this space,
we come to learn from God.

Many: **To discover how to share love and grace
with the same abandon as God.**

One: In this space, in these moments,
we come to follow Jesus.

Many: **We welcome others with joy and hope
just as he received everyone who came to him.**

One: In these moments, with these people,
we come to bear the Spirit's bounty.

Many: **To be patient with those who try us,
to be curious of those who we don't understand,
as the Spirit works graciously within our lives. AMEN.**

Opening Hymn *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (Verses 1 & 2)

Words and music on page 5

WE CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

We welcome Artemis Prime Reign Edwards into the Christian family through the sacrament of Baptism.

Invitation

Promises of the Family & Congregation

Act of Baptism

Prayer

Congregational Welcome

ALL: Artemis,
 we welcome you with joy into the common life
 of this church and the whole family of God.
 We promise you our friendship and prayers
 as we share the hopes and labors of the
 church of Jesus Christ.
 By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue
 to grow together in God's knowledge and love
 and be witnesses of our risen Savior. Amen.

Song of Welcome

Child of God
by Mark Hayes

Passing of the 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.

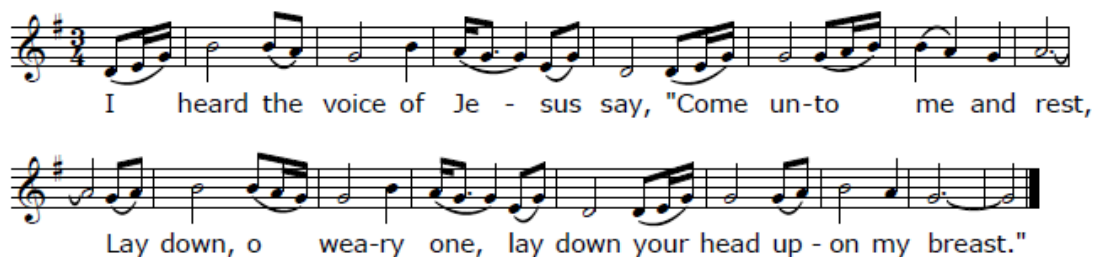
Celebrating Our Graduates

We honor Anna Brower, Jackie Kirk and Kenia Ying

Offertory

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS

Sung Preparation for Prayer *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*
(Traditional African American Spiritual)



Prayers of the People

Response:

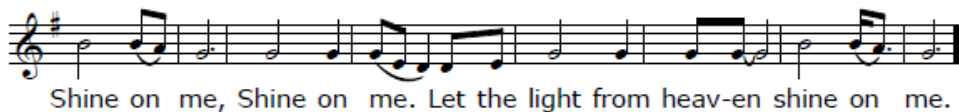
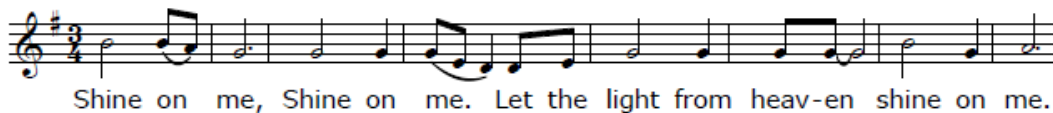
One: God, in your mercy

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* (Traditional African American Spiritual)



WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WISDOM

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:51-62

⁵¹When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵²And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶Then they went on to another village.

⁵⁷As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹To another he said, “Follow me.”

But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” “But Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” “Another said, “I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” “Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.”

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

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon “The Main Thing”

Rev. Ann Ralosky

Anthem *I Choose Love*
By Mark Miller

WE GO INTO THE WORLD

Announcements

Closing Song *I’m Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* (Verses 3 & 4)

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 *Path to Peace*
By James Michael Stevens

Looking to get involved at FCC?

Please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Barbra Murtha, at
volunteercoordinator@fccmtc.com. Or text at 201-403-5764.

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

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F Bbmaj7/C F F7

1. I'm gon-na live so God can use me an - y -
 2. I'm gon-na act so God can use me an - y -
 3. I'm gon-na serve so God can use me an - y -
 4. I'm gon-na love so God can use me an - y -

Bb Cm/Bb Bb Bb/D Gm/F C/F Gmsus/F

- time, Lord, and an - y - where.
 - time, Lord, and an - y - where.
 - time, Lord, and an - y - where.
 - time, Lord, and an - y - where.

F C7 F F/Eb D7 A7/E

— I'm gon-na live so God can use me
 — I'm gon-na act so God can use me
 — I'm gon-na serve so God can use me
 — I'm gon-na love so God can use me

D7 D7/F# G9 C7sus Bbmaj7/C F

— an - y - time, Lord, and an - y - where.
 — an - y - time, Lord, and an - y - where.
 — an - y - time, Lord, and an - y - where.
 — an - y - time, Lord, and an - y - where.



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"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

Montclair 4th of July Parade—9:30am to 1pm

Join the FCC's Green Team, Interfaith Climate Action, GreenFaith, and others to march with the Sierra Club in Montclair's July 4th Parade! The parade route starts in Montclair's business district and ends at Edgemont Park, going approximately 1.25 miles. For more info and to sign up for this fun opportunity go to <https://tinyurl.com/July4register>. For other questions, contact greenteam@fccmtc.com.

Ongoing Events

Weekly Labyrinth Walks, Wednesdays 11am-1pm in the sanctuary.

All are welcome!

The labyrinth will be closed for July & August: last walk will be July 2

Slow Motion Bible Study—Thursdays, 7pm on Zoom!

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

Hearts in - Hands on Meditation on the front lawn –weekly on Saturdays 9-10am

Ongoing through the summer on Saturday mornings. Meditation for peace, justice and the planet. Bring an open heart and something to sit on.

Underground Church —Will be on hiatus until September

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

Full Spectrum Spirituality (FSS) - LGBTQ+ Gathering -Sundays Weekly During Coffee Hour in Room 5 (Parents Room)

We will chat about life, spirituality, and whatever else comes up! If you are interested in joining this group, please text Lex at 856-332-7448.

Green Team Ministry Meeting (2nd Sundays) 12-1pm in the FCC Library

Learn about FCC's climate justice initiatives, be part of planning our events, and live 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/>

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SERVICE NOTES

Thank you to our volunteer worship leaders this morning.

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

Reader: Jennifer McClure

Ushers: Jasmine Batista & Heather Cherrey

Coffee Hour Hosts: Barbra, Jim and Gavin Murtha

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

Music Leaders: Julie Morgan and David Salyers

AV Tech: Brandon Jean-Philippe and Jason Jinson

A gift was made to the food bank by Maureen Montalbetti in honor of her sister Michele's birthday.

Gratitude to the Iona Community for some of our worship language.