

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK



God is still speaking,

*"a traditional and nurturing church celebrating God's grace
through reason, education,
diversity, inclusion, and social justice"*

We are an Open and Affirming Church

AUGUST 18, 2024
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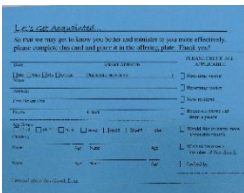
WELCOME

*This is the day that the Lord has made!
Let us rejoice because we are glad to be here!*



Sign the red attendance pad that is located in the pew seat near the center aisle and pass it to the next person.

We want to know that you were here!



Visitors may complete a “Let’s Get Acquainted” card, located in the pew racks, and place the card in the offering plate.

We are here to answer your questions!



SILENCE your technology but still “check-in” and use social media and share our website and portions of our worship that inspire you!



Continue to help us reduce our carbon footprint. If you are not receiving the bulletin via email, and would like to, please contact the church office – 407-647-2416. The bulletin can also be found on our website, fccwp.org. Go to the tab labeled “Bulletin” and locate the appropriate pdf file.



Continue to open up your ‘What’s Happening’ newsletter emails to keep up-to-date on all of the weekly and monthly events. Or visit our website at www.fccwp.org. There is a lot happening in the life of this church and you do not want to miss a thing!



If you have a **prayer need or a joy to share**, please fill out the white prayer request card located in the pew pockets and drop it in the collection plate. We will place your prayer need on our confidential prayer chain. If you wish to have a joy or a need announced in church, permission must be given by calling the church office.



Kindly silence all cell phones during worship

* All who are able to do so comfortably, please stand

Preparing to Hear God's Word

PRELUDE

WELCOME

Rev. Shawn Garvey

INTROIT

"Hear My Prayer O Lord"

Antonín Dvořák

Please refrain from applauding

Soloist, Morgan Peckels

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "We delight in Your presence here with us, O God."

* OPENING HYMN

"Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling"

No. 67

* OPENING PRAYER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

All children please come forward for Young Church.

YOUNG CHURCH

Kerry Weisner

"The Lord's Prayer or Prayer of Our Savior"

PreK-Kindergarten will meet for Sunday school in the LIBRARY at the back of Fellowship Hall. Grades 1-12 may leave for Flock Sunday and continue the Sunday lesson, with the older youth helping to mentor the younger children.

Children and youth (infants through 5th grade) should be picked up immediately following the worship service.

Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the PARLOR located at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Please check your child out with the teacher. Children are only released to the parent.

** SONG OF SUPPORT

*All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, our dear God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors and made their tiny wings.*

HEBREW

Psalm 111

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"My Lord What a Morning"

arr. Hayes

Please refrain from applauding

Morgan Peckels

GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

"Signs"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

A basic theme of John's Gospel is that a sign alone is not an adequate foundation for a life of faith; we must come to understand the deeper truths revealed from that sign. This is what we have been working our way through the past few weeks with Jesus saying he is "the bread of life" after the miracle and the sign of the feeding of the multitudes. How do we feel in general about "signs?" Are they, in themselves, enough for faith? What if we misinterpret them? What if signs aren't signs at all? What do you think about signs?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Préambule in C"

Louis Vierne

Please refrain from applauding

*Doxology (Old Hundredth)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God for all that love has done,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Rev, Garvey

*CLOSING HYMN

"Come, We Who Love God's Name"

No. 379

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



In Remembrance

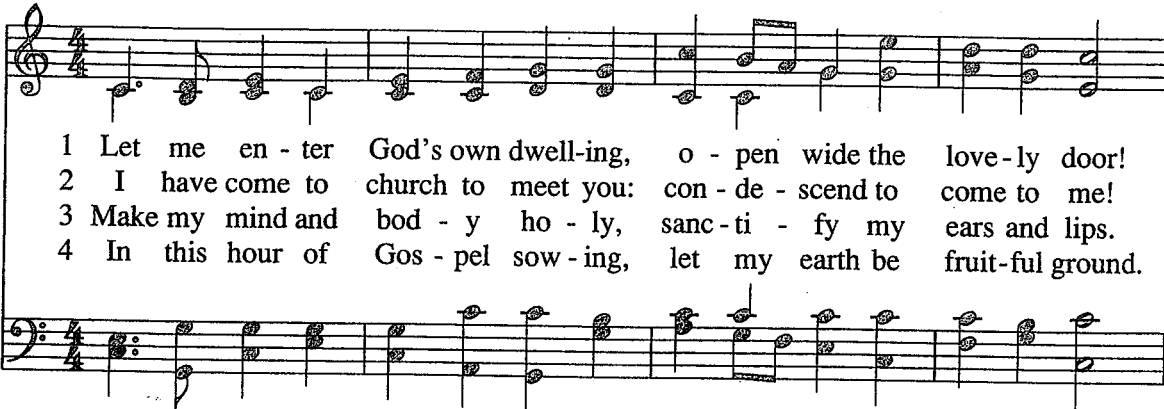
The beautiful flowers adorning the altar today are given by Emily Bader. These blooms celebrate and honor the life of her beloved husband, Bob Bader. and serve as a reminder of his enduring presence in the hearts of all who knew him.

Membership Conversation If you are interested in learning more about the United Church of Christ, knowing more about this congregation, or exploring how to unite with this family of faith in membership, please attend our Membership Conversation on Sunday, August 25th, immediately following worship in the Parlor. We look forward to exploring the journey of faith with you.

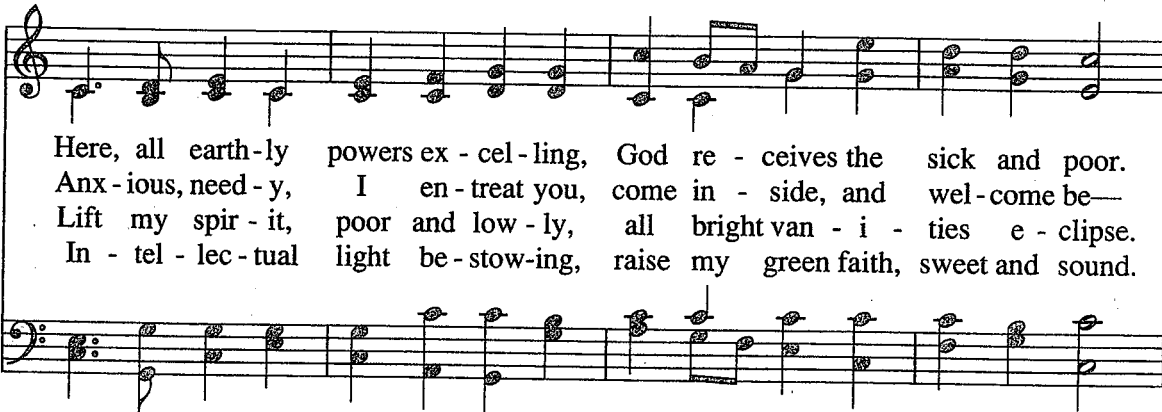


Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

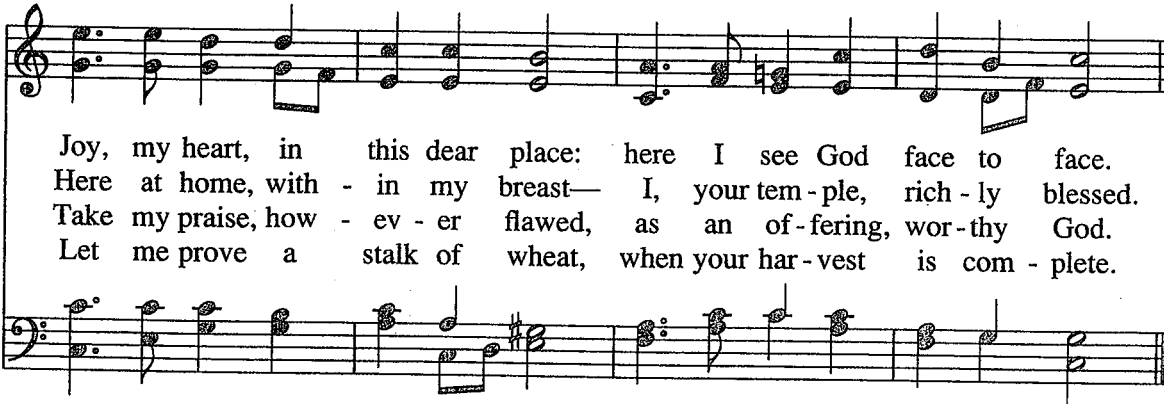
*Benjamin Schmolck, 1732
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993*



1 Let me en - ter God's own dwell - ing, o - pen wide the love - ly door!
 2 I have come to church to meet you: con - de - scend to come to me!
 3 Make my mind and bod - y ho - ly, sanc - ti - fy my ears and lips.
 4 In this hour of Gos - pel sow - ing, let my earth be fruit - ful ground.



Here, all earth - ly powers ex - cel - ling, God re - ceives the sick and poor.
 Anx - ious, need - y, I en - treat you, come in - side, and wel - come be—
 Lift my spir - it, poor and low - ly, all bright van - i - ties e - clipse.
 In - tel - lec - tual light be - stow - ing, raise my green faith, sweet and sound.



Joy, my heart, in this dear place: here I see God face to face.
 Here at home, with - in my breast— I, your tem - ple, rich - ly blessed.
 Take my praise, how - ev - er flawed, as an of - fering, wor - thy God.
 Let me prove a stalk of wheat, when your har - vest is com - plete.

5 Re - in - force me, weak and fail - ing,
 mak - ing sure your pre - cious word—
 (Thieves and e - vil un - a - vail - ing)—
 lives with - in my heart se - cured.
 Shin - ing word, my star - ry guide,
 plant - ed for me, deep in - side.

6 Let me hear when you com - mand me,
 let me leap to do your will.
 When I wan - der, rep - ri - mand me,
 com - fort me when I lie ill.
 In the hour of si - lent dread,
 feed me with your heav - en - ly bread.

A native of Silesia, Benjamin Schmolck was ordained a Lutheran pastor. Although he was one of only three clergy serving thirty-six villages, he wrote more than 1,000 hymns. Joachim Neander, an important Reformed musician, wrote the music.

Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.7.
 Joachim Neander, 1680

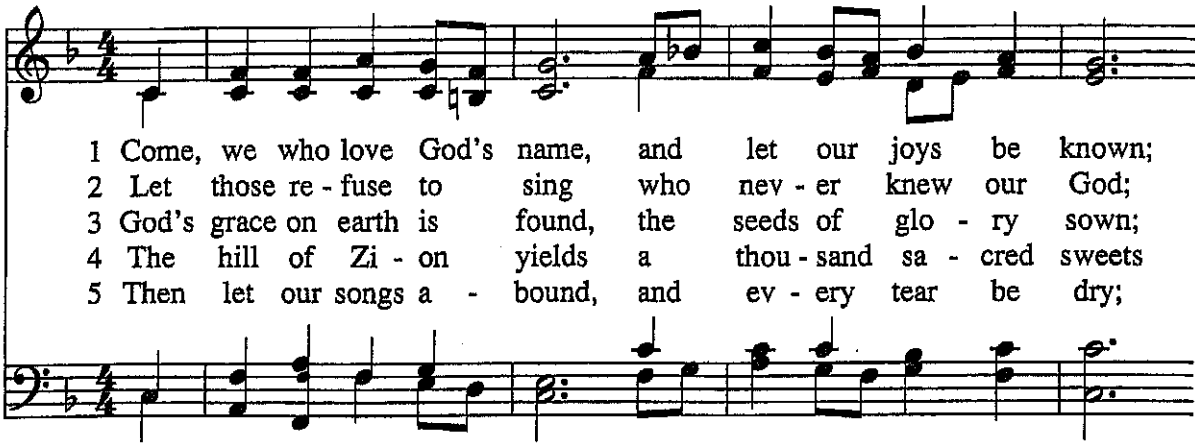
COMMUNION OF SAINTS

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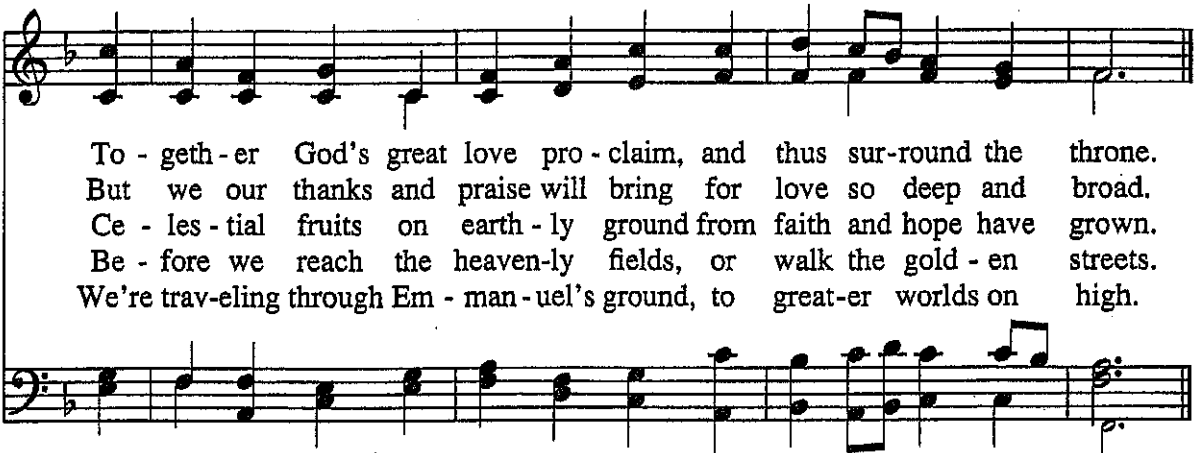
Come, We Who Love God's Name

Ps. 48:1-2; Heb. 12:22-24; Rev. 4:2-11

Isaac Watts, 1707; alt.



1 Come, we who love God's name, and let our joys be known;
2 Let those re - fuse to sing who nev - er knew our God;
3 God's grace on earth is found, the seeds of glo - ry sown;
4 The hill of Zi - on yields a thou - sand sa - cred sweets
5 Then let our songs a - bound, and ev - ery tear be dry;



To - geth - er God's great love pro - claim, and thus sur-round the throne.
But we our thanks and praise will bring for love so deep and broad.
Ce - les - tial fruits on earth - ly ground from faith and hope have grown.
Be - fore we reach the heav-en-ly fields, or walk the gold - en streets.
We're trav-eling through Em - man - uel's ground, to great-er worlds on high.

A story concerning this hymn holds that the pastor of a New England church once asked the choir to lead the singing of the second stanza on a Sunday when it threatened to "refuse to sing" because of a disagreement in the congregation. Needless to say, the choir acquiesced.

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.
Williams' New Universal Psalmist, 1770
Alternate setting: MARCHING TO ZION

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☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

**TODAY Sunday August 18th
Congregational Meeting**

**Sunday August 25th
Membership Conversation**

**Sunday September 8
It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood
Church Season Kickoff**

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