

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK



Communion Sunday

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

MARCH 3, 2024

Masking is welcomed, but not required.

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!



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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

"Give Me Jesus"

Soloist: Kalleigha Hughes

arr. Moses Hogan

Please refrain from applauding

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

* **OPENING HYMN**

"Praise to the Living God"

No. 8

* **OPENING PRAYER**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children please come forward and gather for young church.

YOUNG CHURCH

Mrs. Kerry Weisner

All children will remain in worship today.

Childcare is available for infants through 3 yrs. old in the Nursery located on the main floor of the Education Building.

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SONG OF SUPPORT

Refrain: 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. (to Refrain).

HEBREW

Exodus 20:1-17

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"The Lord is my Light"

Soloist: Laura Powalisz

Frances Allitsen

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

John 2:13-22

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

"Radical Challenge"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

In the famous story of Jesus overturning the tables in the Temple (which comes early in John's Gospel instead of at the end like in the Synoptics), Jesus is presented as someone that has the authority to radically challenge worldly authority. We know God in Jesus, and in John's Gospel there is no question who and what Jesus is. Therefore, when Jesus acts, God acts. What can we infer, then, about God through this story?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

A Service for the Spiritual Feast

WORDS OF INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Unison*)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior who taught us to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Offertoire”

Michel Boulnois

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

*CLOSING HYMN

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

No. 190

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



Palm Sunday Eggstravaganza

March 24th, 2024

Palm Sunday Processional



All Ages! At 9:45am meet Ms. Kerry outside the front of the sanctuary.



Easter Basket Silent Auction

This youth fundraiser will have many themed baskets for all ages to bid. Highest bidder wins! Winners announced before the egg hunt.

Eggstravaganza Brunch

11am after church - Purchase your brunch tickets today for the whole family.

\$5.00 children – 5th grade - \$15.00 youth/adult
*bagels & cream cheese, egg casseroles, bacon/sausage, pastries, potatoes, and fruit.



Egg Hunt

Toddlers – 5th grade will hunt for the eggs hidden just for them. Hunt will begin after brunch and silent auction. See below for more details to enter.



Don't miss out on the Easter Egg Hunt!



The Hunt will be announced after brunch for Children, **toddlers – 5th grade**, gather outside.

To be part of the egg hunt you will need to provide the following:

- 12 plastic eggs filled with age-appropriate goodies. *PER CHILD*
- **All candy MUST be individually wrapped inside of egg.**
- Each bag of 12 should be marked with the age of the child hunting for the egg. *Example: Mary, age 4 - 12 eggs*
- Leave your marked bag of 12 eggs in the church office or the marked benches on the morning of the event. Located outside the education building.
- Deadline for eggs are **before church** the morning of the event.

If your child has a peanut allergy, mark your bag with the information if you have a sibling who will hunt in the same area they too must have allergy free eggs.

HAND THE BAG TO KERRY WEISNER!

Questions contact Kerry Weisner - Sunshineday365@aol.com



Palm Sunday

3/24/2024

10:00 A.M. • Sanctuary • FCCWP

Join us for the Eggstravaganza Lunch and activities immediately after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Please reserve for lunch. \$15 for Adults, \$5 for children 4yrs-5th grade.
(Those reserved will be seated first.)

Maundy Thursday

3/28/2024

7:00 P.M. • Sanctuary • FCCWP

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday

3/31/2024

SUNRISE SERVICE • 7:00 A.M. • ROLLINS CAMPUS

By the lake by the Cornell Museum

Join us immediately following the sunrise service in our Fellowship Hall for an Easter Brunch provided by our Board of Membership.

Brunch will be served from 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

BRING YOUR FLOWERS FOR THE FCCWP EASTER CROSS

The cross will be located outside by the Sanctuary main entrance.



10:00 A.M. • Sanctuary • FCCWP

Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Special Activities for Children during the 10:00 am service.

This will include playground time.



Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.

1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -

word brought forth the myr - iad - suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.

Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May

vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man - kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored *The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning*.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

*Isa. 32:2; Gal. 6:14**Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872; alt.*

1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I glad - ly take my stand,
 2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus with - in my mind I see
 3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of Christ's face;

A home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 And from my griev - ing heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess—
 Con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat, and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of Christ's glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Elizabeth Clephane was known during her short lifetime for her charitable work in her hometown of Melrose, Scotland. After her death, this hymn was compiled from several stanzas of a longer poem that had appeared in a popular Scottish religious magazine.

Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.8.6.8.6.8.6.
 Frederick C. Maker, 1881

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

March 3

Membership Conversation

March 17

Art Festival Sunday and Car Park

March 24

PALM SUNDAY & Eggstravaganza

March 28

Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m.

March 31

EASTER SUNDAY

7:00 a.m. – Sunrise – Rollins College Campus

8:00 a.m. – Light Brunch – Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. – Worship – FCCWP

BRING YOUR EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE EASTER CROSS

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