



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

JANUARY 14, 2024

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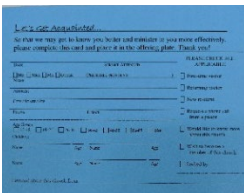
WELCOME

*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

"Precious Lord Take My Hand"

Chancel Choir

Composers: Dorsey/Allen

Soloist: Laura Powalisz

Please refrain from applauding

*** RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

*** OPENING HYMN**

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

No. 593

*** OPENING PRAYER**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

YOUNG CHURCH

Mrs. Kerry Weisner

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

4 yrs. through kindergarten will leave for Sunday school in the Education Building. 1st - 12th grade will leave for Sunday school on the 2nd floor of the Fellowship Hall. Children through 5th grade may be picked up on the playground, by a parent, immediately following worship. Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the nursery located on the main floor of the Ed. Bldg.

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

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SONG OF SUPPORT

*We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome some day;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe, we shall overcome some day.*

HEBREW

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"There is a Balm in Gilead"

Chancel Choir

arr. Dawson

Soloist: Juliana Lind

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

John 1:43-51

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Nathanael’s Confession”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Right at the beginning of John’s Gospel, there is no doubt about who Jesus is, for as Jesus is calling his first disciples Nathanael almost immediately says that Jesus is the Son of God. Yet, he says this based on an almost supernatural ability that Jesus demonstrates. Jesus, while not being critical of Nathanael’s faith, tells him that his faith journey has only begun and that he will see “greater things” than what he already has. What does this statement from Jesus to Nathanael possibly inform us about what draws us initially to faith and what our own faith journey might be like?

Responding to God’s Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Chorale”

*Composer: Johannes Brahms
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

“O for a World”

No. 575

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Bless you and Keep you”

Chancel Choir

Composer: Lutkin

NOTICE

TOWN HALL MEETING: January 21, 2024

Immediately following worship

One agenda item

Introduction to the proposed 2024 budget

This is an informational meeting only. *No voting.*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: January 28, 2024

Immediately following worship

Presentation of the budgets, capital expenditures, board nominations, etc.

This is a voting meeting. **Members only.**



Join Us for

LUNCH BUNCH

~ organized by the Membership Board ~

February 11, 2024 | Following Service

Meet Jenifer Ruby in Fellowship Hall and we will walk together to restaurant.



BOCA

358 North Park Avenue
Winter Park, FL 32789



WHEN: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024

WHAT: FCCWP's 140TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

WHERE: RIGHT HERE ON OUR GROUNDS

TIME: 5:30 P.M.

WHO IS INVITED: THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFORMATION, BUT MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!



Lift Every Voice and Sing

James Weldon Johnson, 1921; alt.

1 Lift ev-ery voice and sing, till earth and heav - en - ring, ring with the
 2 Ston-y the road we trod, bit-ter the chas-tening rod, felt in the
 3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, God who has

har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty; Let our re - joic - ing
 days when hope un - born had died; Yet with a stead - y
 brought us thus far on the way; God, who by your

rise, high as the lis - tening skies, let it re - sound loud as the
 beat, have not our wea - ry feet, come to the place for which our
 might, led us in - to the light, keep us for - ev - er in the

roll - ing sea. Sing a song full of the
 peo - ple sighed? We have come o - ver a
 path, we pray. Lest our feet stray from the

Poet James Weldon Johnson was the first African-American to pass the bar examination in the state of Florida, and served as U.S. consul in Venezuela and Nicaragua. He collaborated with his composer brother, John Rosamond Johnson, to write Broadway operettas and edit song collections. John appeared in vaudeville, directed London musicals, and headed the Music School Settlement in New York.

Tune: LIFT EVERY VOICE *Ir.*
 J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

faith that the harsh past has taught us, Sing a song full of the
 way that with tears has been wa - tered, We have come, tread - ing our
 plac - es, our God, where we met you, Lest our hearts, drunk with the

hope that the pres - ent has brought us; Fac - ing the
 path through the blood of the slaugh - tered, Out from the
 wine of the world, for - get you; Shad - owed be -

ris - ing sun of our new day be - gun, let us march
 gloom - y past, till now we stand at last where the white
 neath your hand, may we for - ev - er stand, true to our

on till vic - to - ry is won.
 gleam of our bright star is cast.
 God, true to our na - tive land.

O for a World

575

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; 1 Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,

Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

2024

January 21

Town Hall Meeting

Immediately following worship

Informational Meeting Only – No Voting

Introduction to the Proposed 2024 Budgets

January 28

Annual Congregational Meeting

Immediately following worship

Voting Meeting

Budgets, Officers, Board Members, Capital Expenditures

February 4

Neighborhood Group Leaders Luncheon

Immediately following worship – Conference Room

February 11

LUNCH BUNCH – brought to you by the Board of Membership

Immediately following worship – see bulletin for details

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