

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*

**MAY 26, 2024**

***Masking is welcomed, but not required.***

Kindly silence all cell phones during worship

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

## *Preparing to Hear God's Word*

**PRELUDE** Chancel Bell Choir

**WELCOME** Rev. Shawn Garvey

**INTROIT** "Now Thank We All Our God"  
Chancel Bell Choir  
Kevin McChesney  
Please refrain from applauding

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Garvey

**People: "Bless the name of our God!"**

\* **OPENING HYMN** "This Is My Song" No. 591

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**  
All children please come forward for Young Church.

**YOUNG CHURCH** Ms. 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

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**SONG OF SUPPORT**

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2x)*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean.  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)*

**HEBREW** Isaiah 6:1-8 Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM** "Out in the Fields" Frederick Blanchard, Tenor  
William Dawson  
Please refrain from applauding

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## MESSAGE

“What Just Can’t Have Nice Things”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*The central theme of this passage is that God loves us so much that God gave us Jesus, God’s only son, as a gift. We then had the choice to decide what to do with that gift, and we know how this story plays out...we brutally destroy the gift. Sometimes this text can be read as if God knowingly gives Jesus up to be crucified, but what if that wasn’t the case? What if God gave us this gift with the faith and hope that we would receive it for what it meant? How heartbroken would God be watching what we end up doing with this beloved gift for us? How deep is God’s love when we consider that God’s love continues for us even after what we did to Jesus? Why is it so hard for us as a People to have nice things and not destroy them?*

*Responding to God’s Word*

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Arioso”

Chancel Bell Choir

J.S. Bach

*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

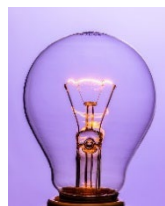
\*CLOSING HYMN

“Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me”

No. 596

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



**Special Offering:** Please consider donating to the fund to help for changing the lighting from flourescent to LED in the Preschool building. Any amount is helpful. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets.

**If you are leaving for the summer, please** remember to pay your pledge. Attendance declines during the summer months and the church relies on this revenue to meet our expenses. Please consider paying in advance for the weeks or months that you will be gone and help us out during this critical cash flow time frame. Thank you.



Membership Board invites you to join us!

# It's Lunch Bunch Time!

RSVP Required  
By May 26  
Scan QR to RSVP



Sunday, June 2nd  
Following Church Service

@ Cocina 214, 151 E Welbourne Ave, Winter Park



## The Food Pantry Needs our Help!!

Next time you go grocery shopping consider donating to the food pantry!

Shop the BOGO's and specials!

PULL TOP lids are very helpful for the homeless.

Please only donate items that have not expired.

If you shop COSTCO – buy a case of microwaveable mac 'n cheese, Chef-Boyardee spaghetti or ravioli, canned meals, etc. (Remember, there are a lot of children that prepare their own meals while their parents are working.)

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions, a song of  
2 My coun-try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean, and sun-light

peace for lands a - far and mine. This is my home, the  
beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine; But oth - er lands have

coun - try where my heart is; here are my hopes, my  
sun - light, too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -

dreams, my ho - ly shrine; But oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are  
where as blue as mine. O hear my song, O God of all the

beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.

*These stanzas, published during the period between the two world wars, express a hope for lasting peace among all nations, races, and cultures. Finlandia is derived from a "tone poem" of the same name by Finnish composer Jean Sibelius.*

Tune: FINLANDIA 10.10.10.10.10.  
Jean Sibelius, 1899  
Arr. for The Hymnal, 1933

# Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Isa. 26:4; John 19:34

Augustus M. Toplady, 1776; alt.

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide; my shel - ter be!  
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill your law's de - mands;  
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring, sim - ply to your cross I cling;  
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when my eyes shall close in death,

Let the wat - er and the blood, from your wound - ed side which flowed,  
 Could my zeal no re - spite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,  
 Na - ked, come to you for dress; help - less, look to you for grace;  
 When I soar to worlds un - known, meet you at your judg - ment throne,

Be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
 All for sin could not a - tone; you must save, and you a - lone.  
 Stained, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die!  
 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide; my shel - ter be!

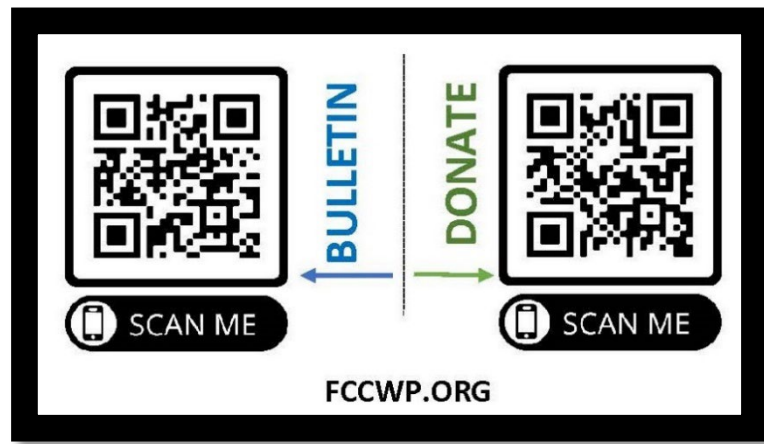
Augustus Toplady first published this poem as part of an extensive article in which he likened the English national debt to the burden of sin. The present form is a hybrid of the original and revisions in 1815 by Thomas Cotterill.

Tune: TOPLADY 7.7.7.7.7.  
 Thomas Hastings, 1830  
 Alternate tune: REDHEAD NO. 76

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## ☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

June 2

Lunch Bunch

Immediately following worship

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