

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 25, 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](http://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

"He Shall Feed His Flock"

Soloist, Ashley Duvé

*John Ness Beck*

*Please refrain from applauding*

\* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

**People: "We sing out to you in joy, O God"**

\* OPENING HYMN

"For All the Saints"

No. 299

\* 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 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.*

\*\* 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 84

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"Blessing"

Soloist, Ashley Duvé

*arr. Katie Moran Bart*

*Please refrain from applauding*

GOSPEL

John 6:56-69

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## MESSAGE

## "Choice"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*We emphasize God's election to grant us free will and our ability to make our own decisions; good or not. In this conclusion to John's 6th chapter, Jesus sees many choosing not to follow him and asking the 12 if they will make the same choice. Peter's answer is telling; it is through belief that they are able to freely make the choice to stay with him. What does Peter's answer tell us about our own journey of belief, doubt, and choosing to continue to follow in Jesus' way?*

## *Responding to God's Word*

### CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

### SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

### CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Prelude in A"

*Johann Sebastian 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

Rev, Garvey

### \*CLOSING HYMN

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

No. 286

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



### In Celebration

The flowers on the altar today are a heartfelt gift from Bill Shelton, dedicated to his beloved wife Judy as they celebrate the joyous occasion of their 62nd wedding anniversary today

**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 TODAY Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, immediately following worship in the Parlor. We look forward to exploring the journey of faith with you.



Heb. 12:1

William W. How, 1864; alt.

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who to the  
 2 You were their rock, their ref - uge, and their might: you, Christ, the  
 3 Still may your peo - ple, faith - ful, true, and bold, live as the  
 4 Ringed by this cloud of wit - ness - es di - vine, we fee - bly  
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long, steals on the

world their stead-fast faith con - fessed, your name, O Je - sus,  
 hope that put their fears to flight; 'mid gloom and doubt, you  
 saints who no - bly fought of old, and share with them a  
 strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet in your love our  
 ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, then hearts are brave a -

be for - ev - er blessed.  
 were their one true light.  
 glo - rious crown of gold. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 faith - ful lives en - twine.  
 gain, and faith grows strong.

*This traditional All Saints Day hymn originally consisted of eleven stanzas written for the Sarum Hymnal (1869) and set to a tune by that name, Sarum. It has grown in popularity since it was later paired with the enduring Sine Nomine in The English Hymnal (1906).*

Tune: SINE NOMINE 10.10.10.4.  
 Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

## Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

Unison, brightly  
Refrain

James K. Manley, 1978; alt.

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of gen - tle-ness, blow through the

Bm E7 Asus7 A7

wil - der-ness, call - ing and free,

D G A Dsus4 D

Spir - it, spir - it of rest - less-ness, stir me from

Bm G A7 D G D Last time, end

plac - id-ness, wind, wind on the sea.

D G A G

1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the  
2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the  
3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a  
4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an - cient

\*Reduced-size notes may be played with organ pedals in lieu of or in combination with the other notes.

D A7 D Bm

deep, then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the  
 sand, and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a  
 hill, then you whis - pered in si - lence when the  
 schemes, from the bond - age of sor - row the

E7 Asus7 A7 D G A

val - leys of sleep; And o - ver the e - ons you  
 law and a land; When they were con - found - ed by their  
 whole world was still; And down in the cit - y you  
 cap - tives dream dreams; Our wom - en see vi - sions, our

G D A7 D Bm

called to each thing, "A - wake from your slum -  
 i - dols and lies, then you spoke through your proph -  
 called once a - gain, when you blew through your peo -  
 men clear their eyes. With bold new de - ci -

G A7 D G D A7 *to Refrain*

bers and rise on your wings."  
 ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 ple on the rush of the wind.  
 sions your peo - ple a - rise.

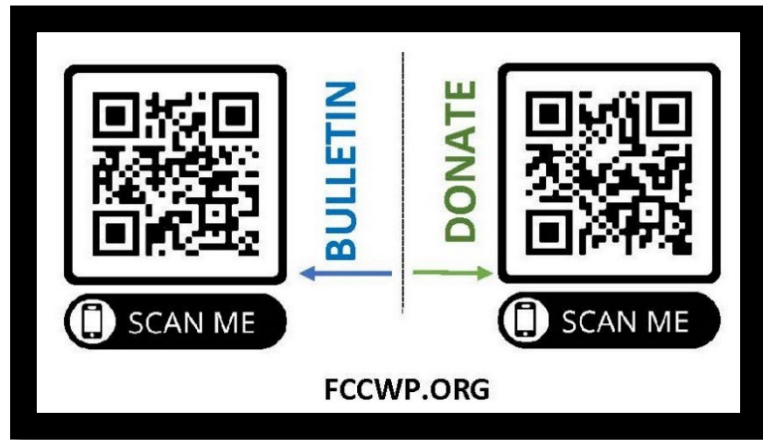
*This popular hymn by songwriter James K. Manley grew out of a sabbatical leave at the School of Theology at Claremont, California. It was first sung at Waiiokeola Congregational Church in Honolulu, after which Manley added the fourth stanza at the suggestion of a church member.*

Tune: SPIRIT Irr.  
 James K. Manley, 1978  
 Arr. The New Century Hymnal, 1993

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## ☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

**TODAY Sunday August 25<sup>th</sup>  
Membership Conversation**

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

**Sunday September 15  
Mission Trip Info Meeting  
After Worship in the Conference Room**

**Sunday September 29  
US Hunger Packing Event  
After Worship in Fellowship Hall**

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