



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*

APRIL 21, 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

**OUTREACH MOMENT**

Ms. Kelly Wheeler  
Board of Outreach & Social Justice

**INTROIT**

"Arise, O God and Shine"  
arr. Wilberg  
Please refrain from applauding

Chancel Choir

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

**People: "When we are lost and lonely, Jesus finds us where we are."**

\* **OPENING HYMN**

"Called as Partners in Christ's Service"  
vv. 1, 2, & 4

No. 495

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*All children please come forward for Young Church.*

**YOUNG CHURCH**

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

*4 yrs. through kindergarten will leave for Sunday school in the Education Building. 1<sup>st</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade will leave for Sunday school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Fellowship Hall. Children through 5<sup>th</sup> 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**

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have sought us, we are found;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have sought us, we are found.*

**HEBREW**

Psalm 23

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

"Wondrous Love"  
arr. Christiansen  
Please refrain from applauding

Juliana Lind, soloist

GOSPEL

John 10:11-18

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

“I Am”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*John’s gospel is rich with many “I am” statements from Jesus, describing who and what he is. This morning, we hear him describe himself as the good shepherd. The word “good” here can also mean “true,” and the reference to the good shepherd refers to Ezekiel 34, where God as the good or true shepherd of God’s people cares for the sheep, rescuing them from where they have been scattered, feeding them, and tending to the weak, injured, and lost. To this, Jesus adds that the good shepherd also lays down his life for the sheep. In hearing Jesus describe himself this way, how then do we reflect on our own roles as shepherds in the living of our own lives for the people around us?*

*Responding to God’s Word*

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

Rev. Garvey

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Canzona”

*Girolamo Frescobaldi*

*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

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

No. 76

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Chancel Choir

Lutkin

**IN REMEMBRANCE**

The flowers on the altar today are lovingly given by Kara, Sam, and Miles Weaver in memory of Debbie Stephens, Kara’s mom.

**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, immediately following worship in the Parlor. We look forward to exploring the journey of faith with you.



**BALDWIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** need to be in the church office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024. (This is a firm deadline.) Contact the church office if you need an application emailed to you.



This is for anyone pursuing avenues of higher education from High School graduates on up.

## !!Join us on May 5 for two big events!!

**Join Us For**  
**Bring a Friend to Church Day**

**Sunday, May 5**

The Membership Board invites you to bring a friend to church. The Liturgical theme of the week is "Friends Together" from John 15:9-17. We will have special treats during Coffee Hour in Fellowship Hall following service and invite you to bring your friend.

**FCCWP**

### *Legacy Society*

**MAY 5, 2024**

**Luncheon immediately following worship.**

**Omelet bar and Mimosas!**

**Lunch is at no charge, however, donations accepted for lunch.**

- **Speaker: Steve Kramer of the Mayflower Retirement Community**
- **Learn about our history and how you can create a lasting legacy in your name.**

**PLEASE RSVP – WE WANT TO HAVE ENOUGH OMELETS/MIMOSAS FOR EVERYONE! PIZZA FOR THE KIDS.**

# Let's Engage, Learn & Act!

Join us this

**Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Lake Eola, Booth 68

**Central Florida  
Earth Day  
2024**

**Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>** 11AM in Fellowship Hall

## Earth Day Expo

Featured Speaker: Clayton Louis Ferrara, CEO



*Our focus is to develop, fund, & also scale environmental solutions within the 5 Pillars of Sustainability: energy, water, food, waste, and ecology in both developed and developing nations*

**Plus lots more information to help us  
become better stewards of our planet  
and SNACKS!**

**Sponsored by the Board of Outreach & Social Justice**

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

*Descant*

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

*Unison*

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess-ing, the  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is  
 tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar-ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil-dren of

end-ed, O now be ex - tend-ed the fruits of our wor-ship in  
 shar-ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil-dren of

Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in People's Mass Book, 1964, the first vernacular Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II.

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.  
 Welsh folk melody  
 Harm. Leland Sateren, 1972  
 Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with  
 all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -  
 each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this  
 cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for  
 your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -  
 God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -  
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.  
 nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.  
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.



## Called as Partners in Christ's Service

495

Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John 15:12-17; Gal. 6:2; Eph. 2:14-22



1 Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,  
 2 Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
 3 Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,  
 4 So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
 Let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.  
 Help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.  
 That sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-rs strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,  
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,  
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,  
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car - ing to ful - fill God's cho - sen end.  
 Blend - ing hu - man skills to - geth - er gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.  
 Bring new power and strength for ac - tion, make us col - leagues, free and fair.  
 Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv - ing hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



*One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.*

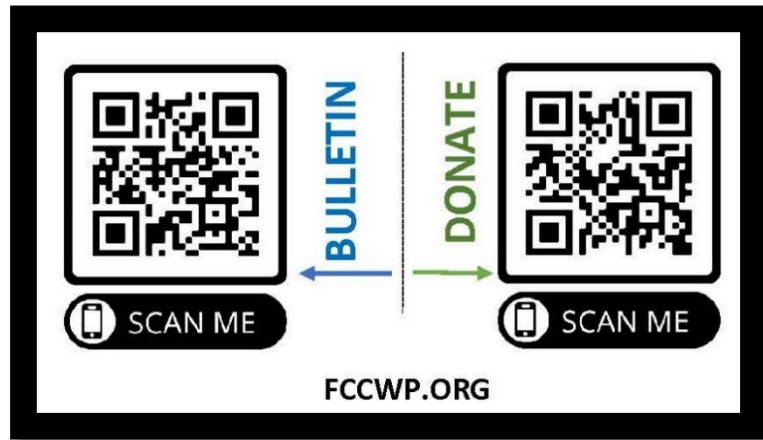
Tune: BEECHER 8.7.8.7.D.  
 John Zundel, 1855  
 For another key, see 43, 368

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## ☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

April 21

Earth Day Expo – Immediately following worship (Fellowship Hall)  
Membership Conversation - immediately following worship (Parlor)

April 28

Graduate and Youth Sunday

May 5

Bring a Friend to Church  
Legacy Society Luncheon and Presentation  
(This event is free, but we need your reservation!)

May 12

Mother's Day

May 19

**!!Retirement Party for Mary Joe Sear!!**  
The whole family is invited. This event is free, but we need your reservation!  
Questions? Please see Kerry Weisner.

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