

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 10, 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!



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

“O Come and Mourn with Me Awhile”

Chancel Choir

Wood

Please refrain from applauding

* *RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP*

Rev. Garvey

People: “Illuminate our path, Friend and Savior Jesus.”

* *OPENING HYMN*

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

No. 403

* *OPENING PRAYER*

* *PASSING OF THE PEACE*

All children please come forward for young church.

YOUNG CHURCH

Mrs. 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

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

Numbers 21:4-9

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

Chancel Choir

Larson

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Lifted Up”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

John makes an amazing parallel between Jesus and the serpent that Moses makes during the journey through the wilderness. Just like the Israelites on the Exodus, the people during Jesus' time were in their own wilderness: one of bondage under Rome and a spiritual one of being “lost”. Jesus' own people grow impatient for a time of liberation and of freedom, just as the ancient Israelites grew impatient. In order to give the ancient Israelites hope that God was still with them, God had Moses lift up the serpent. Now, that same hope is found in Jesus; lifted up in our midst as the Word made flesh. Those who believe that are given Life. Do we recognize that God is still with us, still speaking, and lifted up in our midst?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Récit de Nazard”

Clérambault

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

“Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

No. 197

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



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.)



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.



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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:

- o 12 plastic eggs filled with age-appropriate goodies. *PER CHILD*
- o **All candy MUST be individually wrapped inside of egg.**
- o Each bag of 12 should be marked with the age of the child hunting for the egg. *Example: Mary, age 4 - 12 eggs*
- o 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.
- o 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

2024

Easter Flower Dedications

The Flower Guild will be decorating our church with beautiful spring flowers and plants for Easter. *A special flower fund has been set up and you may donate (any amount) to the fund in memory or in honor of a loved one, a family member, or friend.*

Flower dedications received in the church office by **Wednesday, March 27, 2024**, will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Checks should be made payable to First Congregational Church and marked "Easter Flower Fund" in the memo line.

Flower dedication given by: *(please print legibly)*

Your Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____





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.



My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Matt. 7:24-27; 1 Cor. 3:11; Heb. 6:19; Rev. 11:15

Edward Mote, c. 1834; alt.

1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je - sus' love and
 2 When shad - ows veil my Sav - ior's face, I rest up - on un -
 3 Christ's oath and cov - e - nant and blood sup - port me in the
 4 When Christ shall come with trum-pet sound, oh, may I then in

righteous-ness; I dare not trust this earth - ly frame, but
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 ris - ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, Christ
 Love be found, Dressed in God's right - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain

whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an-chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand;
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

William Bradbury met great success by composing hymn tunes and religious songs in a lively, popular style. He also helped establish music programs in New York public schools, served a church, and co-founded a piano company.

Tune: SOLID ROCK L.M. with refrain
 William B. Bradbury, 1863

Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross

Gal. 6:14; Rev. 22:1-5

Fanny Crosby, 1869; alt.

1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all, a heal - ing stream, flows from Cal - vary's moun - tain.
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.
 help me live from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er,

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

"Aunt Fanny" Crosby was an inspiration to people around the world. Blind from infancy, she wrote about 8,000 gospel hymns using more than 200 pseudonyms. William H. Doane, an active layperson and philanthropist in Cincinnati and close personal friend, often collaborated with her.

Tune: NEAR THE CROSS 7.6.7.6. with refrain
 William H. Doane, 1869

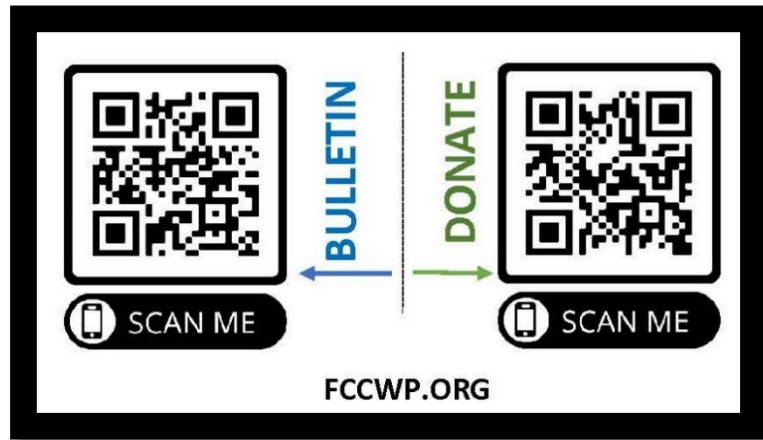
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☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

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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