



FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK

"Shrewdness"

While the Dishonest Steward is at first a confusing parable to understand, it really comes down to two things: Jesus tells his disciples (in earshot of the Pharisees so its also a jab to them) essentially that "sons of this world" or unbelievers, are more shrewd in dealing with people of their current generation. But he says it in such a way as to mean that it doesn't matter, because he's going to teach them how to be stewards of resources that will last them into Eternity. The other point is to use money to help other people with their needs: to make friends. Essentially this means to give it away for the sake of service; the same spirit in which we give each week during our time of Offering. Doing so will guarantee "eternal homes." What are our ways of being "shrewd" with our resources that help others, build compassionate relationships, and help make us better disciples?

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

SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

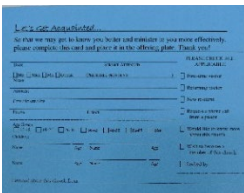
WELCOME

*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	"Come ye Thankful People Come" Chancel Bells	
WELCOME		Rev. Shawn Garvey
MISSION MOMENT		Ms. Anne Thomas
MOMENT OF OPPORTUNITY		Dr. Phil Toal
STEWARDSHIP MOMENT		Lisa and David Rotenberger
INTROIT	"For the Beauty of the Earth" Chancel Bells <i>Please refrain from applauding</i>	
* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP		
* OPENING HYMN	"Beautiful Jesus" Verses 1-3	No. 44
* OPENING PRAYER		Ms. Magen Vallillo
* PASSING OF THE PEACE		
YOUNG CHURCH		Ms. Kerry Weisner

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

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4 yrs. through 5th grade will leave worship for Sunday school in the Media Center. Children may be picked up outside by the playground, by a parent, immediately following worship. Please check your child out with the teacher.

(In case of inclement weather, children may be picked up in the Fellowship Hall.)

Youth, 6th through 12th grade, will leave for Sunday school in the Youth Room.

Childcare is available for infants through 3 yrs. old in the Nursery located on the main floor of the Education Building.

SONG OF SUPPORT

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

HEBREW	Jeremiah 8:18 thru 9:1	Ms. Vallillo
Leader:	This is the Word of God.	
People:	Thanks be to God	

ANTHEM

“Breathe on Me Breath of God”

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Laura Powalisz - soprano
Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

“Shrewdness”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Responding to God’s Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

Ms. Vallillo

Offertory

“Sanctus”

Conole

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

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

No. 495

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

In Celebration

The flowers on the altar are given by Lisa and David Rotenberger and Matt and Dawn Stoner in celebration of our loving church family along with prayers for a successful Stewardship Pledge Drive...*Life is Sweet at FCCWP!*



Don't forget U.S. Hunger (Feeding Children Everywhere) will be here **TODAY**, in **Fellowship Hall**, immediately following worship. All are welcome to participate in bagging at least 10,000 meals for those in need. Childcare will be available for the little ones. Light snacks and pizza will be provided.




ARE YOU ATTENDING WORSHIP VIA THE LIVE STREAM? If so, we would love to know you are watching. Please contact the church office and let us know who is watching in your household.

- Email: fccwp@fccwp.org
- Call: 407-647-2416 (if you call on Sunday, leave a message. Most of the staff is in worship!) 😊

Don't to forget to tell us the date and the names who are watching (first and last names, please.) We want to know you are here!!



“Journeying Together” resumes on ZOOM 
Sundays starting at Noon

The class begins this year with a study of the parables in Mark's gospel. We will review John Dominic Crossan's typology of parables: riddle parables, example parables, challenge parables, etc. and examine a most important parable in Mark's gospel, the Parable of the Sower.

You may use the link below to join any Sunday, and/or you may contact Dr. Sherie Lindamood (croson007@earthlink.net) to join the

Journeying Together email list and receive updates and relevant documents. If you don't want to join the class but would like to have the handout material on parables, contact Dr. Lindamood.

Join the Journeying Together Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83171726720?pwd=MnFUbXd6Y1FIUGZONmgxMFdycS9pQT09>

Meeting ID: 831 7172 6720

Passcode: Journey1

May this year provide you with spiritual education, practice, and fulfillment.

First Congregational Church of Winter Park

JOIN FCCWP BOARDS & SOCIAL GROUPS FOR A 7-WEEK JOURNEY, WITH SUNDAY PIT STOPS. ALL LEADING TO THE CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON PUMPKINFEST

Each week after worship, a different board will be celebrating their mission of the church. Join them in Fellowship Hall to learn about upcoming events and how you might find *your* ministry. Each week will not only be informative and fun. It will be delicious! A special coffee hour treat will be available for all.

ROADTRIP!



Sept. 11th
Outreach
Sunday



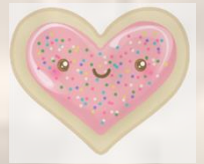
Sept. 18th



Sept. 25th
Membership
Sunday



Oct. 2
Social Groups
of FCCWP



Yummy Baked goods!

Oct. 9th
Diaconate
Sunday



Oct. 16th
Board of
Education & Fellowship



Oct. 23
Trustees
& Music Sunday



Oct. 30
PUMPKINFEST,
Trunk or Treat
&
LUNCHEON Oh MY!

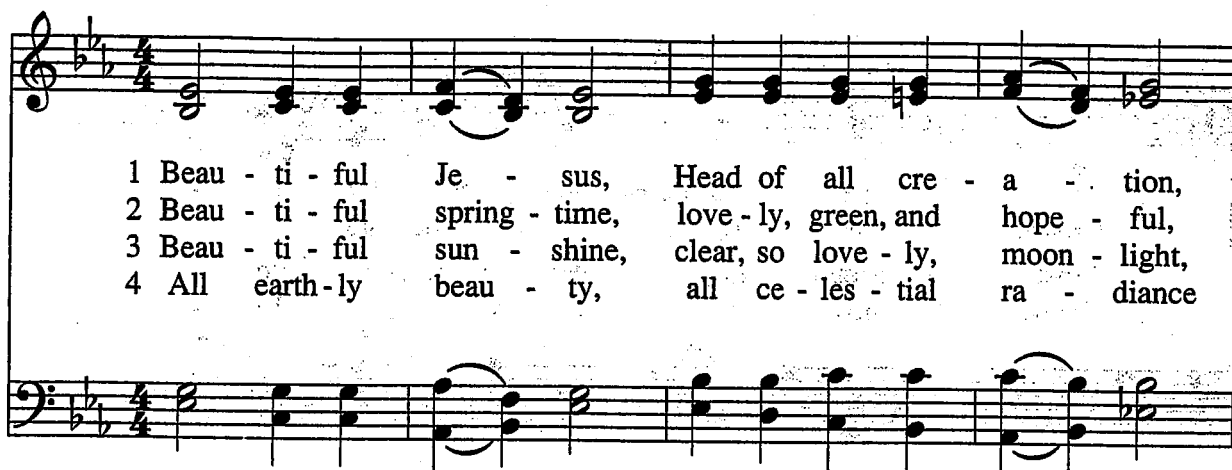


Beautiful Jesus

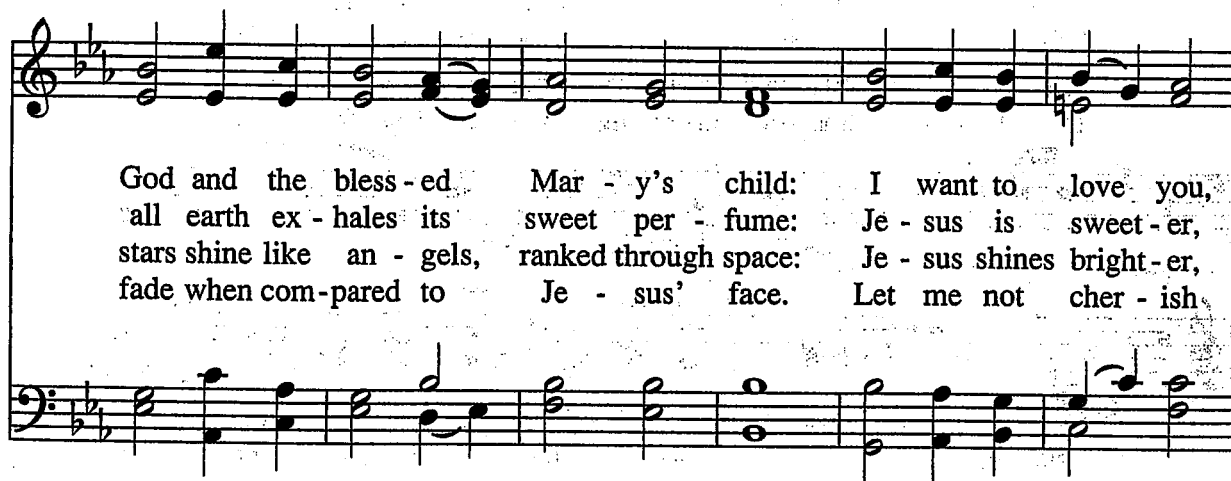
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Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



1 Beau - ti - ful Je - sus, Head of all cre - a - tion,
 2 Beau - ti - ful spring - time, love - ly, green, and hope - ful,
 3 Beau - ti - ful sun - shine, clear, so love - ly, moon - light,
 4 All earth - ly beau - ty, all ce - les - tial ra - diance



God and the bless - ed Mar - y's child: I want to love you,
 all earth ex - hales its sweet per - fume: Je - sus is sweet - er,
 stars shine like an - gels, ranked through space: Je - sus shines bright - er,
 fade when com - pared to Je - sus' face. Let me not cher - ish



praise and a - dore you, joy of my soul, so long de - sired.
 Je - sus is pur - er, sad hearts at this, re - joice and bloom.
 Je - sus shines clear - er, in per - fect beau - ty, love, and grace.
 beau - ties that per - ish; let me this love - ly good em - brace.

This text, which has also been translated as "Fairest Lord Jesus" and "Beautiful Savior," was included in a German Catholic hymnal published in Münster. The melody, known by various names, is thought to be a Silesian folk tune.

Tune: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU 5.6.8.5.5.8.
 Silesian folk melody
 Harm. Richard S. Willis, 1850

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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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-ers 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.



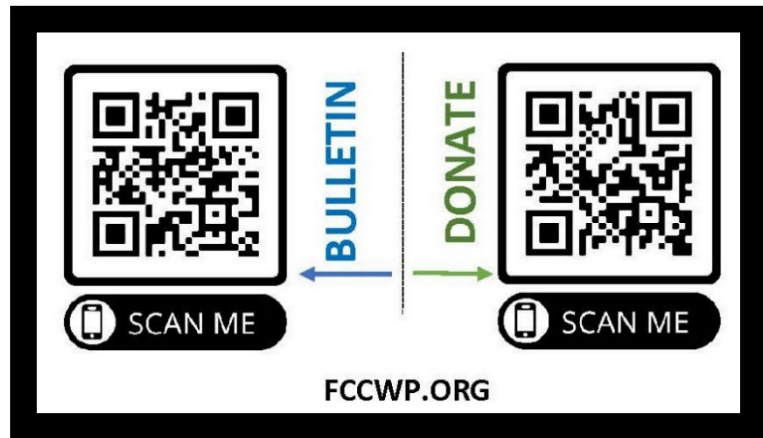
One of Jane Parker Huber's most widely sung texts, this hymn was originally written for a women's breakfast at the 1981 Presbyterian General Assembly meeting to celebrate the partnership of women and men in service of the church.

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

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❧LOOKING AHEAD❧



September 18 – US Hunger (10,000 meal packets)-all ages welcome

September 18 – Stewardship Kick-Off

September 25 – “ROAD TRIP” – Pit Stop: Membership Board

October 2 – “ROAD TRIP” – Pit Stop: Social Groups

October 9 – “ROAD TRIP” – Pit Stop: Neighborhood Groups/Diaconate

October 17, 20, 21 – Family Promise

October 30 – Pumpkinfest and Trunk-or-Treat

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