

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

Easter Sunday

MARCH 31, 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 Easter Medley Brass Ensemble

WELCOME Rev. Shawn Garvey

INTROIT "Come Christians Join to Sing"
arr. Young
Please refrain from applauding
Chancel Choir

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Garvey

People: "Alleluia, the tomb is empty!"

*OPENING HYMN "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" No. 233

*OPENING PRAYER

PRAYER RESPONSE "O Morn of Beauty"
Sibelius
Please refrain from applauding
Chancel Choir

*PASSING OF THE PEACE
All children please come forward for young church.

YOUNG CHURCH Mrs. Kerry 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

*Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluia!*

HEBREW Isaiah 65:17-25 Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM "Crown Him with many Crowns"
arr. Wilson
Please refrain from applauding
Chancel Choir

GOSPEL

Luke 24:1-12

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

“God’s Response”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

The crucifixion and the resurrection are forever linked, and in order for the meaning of the Gospels and all that comes after to work, they must be that way. Jesus rising on Easter is God’s response to earthly powers putting him to death. It is a profound, powerful reminder that whenever the world seeks to silence Truth, to kill Compassion, to diminish Justice, God responds with something far more powerful and life-giving. We, as an Easter people, are called to be the embodiment of God’s response. Are we up to the challenge?

Responding to God’s Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“The Three Lilies”

Chancel Choir

Gaul

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**

“The Day of Resurrection”

No. 245

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Garvey

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Angels Rolled the Stone Away”

Chancel Choir

arr. Hairton

Happy Easter

Easter Flower Dedications

2024



In Honor of:

- ***My dad, Pete Slage, from Donna Guber***
- ***Our children, Preston and Malika Searl, Mackenzie and Will Remington, and grandchild, Lillian Remington, from Mary Joe and Ed Searl***
- ***My family and friends, from Donna Borko***
- ***Our amazing family – all of our children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, from Barbara and David Rotenberger***
- ***The FCCWP Congregation and their unwavering support throughout Bill’s health journey, from Mary Anne and Bill Tyson***
- ***Their parents/grandparents, Pam and Joe Luppert and Barbara and David Rotenberger, from Cari, Brian, and Caroline Rotenberger***
- ***Her aunts and uncles, Lisa and David Rotenberger, Cheryl and Mike Bastian, and Steven Luppert and Marianne Janosco, from Caroline Rotenberger***
- ***Our parents, from Amy and Martin Wareing***
- ***My family, from Emory “Pete” Slage***
- ***My niece, Christina Steele, for her continuing brave fight with cancer, from Linda Peters***
- ***In celebration of family, friends, and the church community, from the Schreiber Family***



In Memory of:

- ***My mother, Nancy Slage, from Donna Guber***
- ***My parents, Montell & Dorothy Clites, from Donna Borko***
- ***Loved ones, from Barbara and David Rotenberger***
- ***Peter Koson, from Peggy Wass and Michele Koson***
- ***Our beloved Uncle Brent. We love you buddy! From the Franz family, Judy and Stan***
- ***Our parents, Martha and Francis Condie, Jim and Dolores Costa, from Linda and Mike Costa***
- ***Our daughter, Amy Christine Costa, from Linda and Mike Costa***
- ***My husband, George Sprinkel, from Sarah Sprinkel***
- ***George and Lillian Sprinkel, Marion Clark, Marietta and Tom Clark, from Sarah Sprinkel***
- ***My wife, Nancy A. Slage, from Emory "Pete" Slage***
- ***My parents, Hartley "Tex" and Ione "Tony" Graves for the everlasting love, from Debora Graves***
- ***My parents, Frand and Rosemary Heinzmann, for their wonderful legacy of love, from Linda Peters***
- ***Her parents, Marilyn and Jim Keller, from Carolyn Keller***
- ***My dear husband, Rod Jones, from Mary Voell Jones***
- ***Her parents, Nancy and Julian Renfro, from Bonnie Renfro-Beauchamp***
- ***Dale and Martha Morrison, from Paul and Elizabeth Morrison***



Central Florida Earth Day 2024

Volunteers are needed for our church's booth at Central Florida Earth Day Celebration on April 20th. Ask a friend to join you in helping to work a shift at this beautiful downtown festival on behalf of FCCWP! Work a shift and then walk around to see all of the amazing displays and booths.

Click here to sign up for a shift:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0E4BADA623A13-fccwp>

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 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.

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A circular illustration of a diverse group of people of various ages and ethnicities standing in a circle, some with their arms around each other, set against a background of colorful, abstract shapes.

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Matt. 28:5-8; 1 Cor. 15:20-22; 54-57

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Let the Vic - tor's peo - ple sing, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

Mor - tal tongues and an - gels say: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now your sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Dy - ing once, Christ lives to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids Christ rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

Sing, glad heavens, and earth re - ply: Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 God has o - pened par - a - dise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Al - le - lu - ia!

The unknown editor of Lyra Davidica wanted music with more movement and spirit than found in the grave, slow-paced psalm tunes, with one note to a syllable. Easter Hymn was among the first of a new popular style.

Tune: EASTER HYMN 7.7.7.7. with alleluias
 Arr. from Lyra Davidica, London, 1708

The Day of Resurrection

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John of Damascus, 8th century
 Transl. John Mason Neale, 1862; alt.

Mark 16:1-6

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful, let earth its song be - gin,

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Christ who reigns e - ter - nal in res - ur - rec - tion light;
 the whole world keep high tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

From death to life e - ter - nal, from earth un - to the sky,
 We lis - ten for the teach - ings once heard so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad-ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 for we, too, want to fol - low and raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ a - gain has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

A Greek canon—an extended poem of eight or nine odes, each based on a scriptural canticle—was the source of this hymn.
 John of Damascus gave up a high government position to enter a monastery.

Tune: LANCASHIRE 7.6.7.6.D.
 Henry T. Smart, 1836

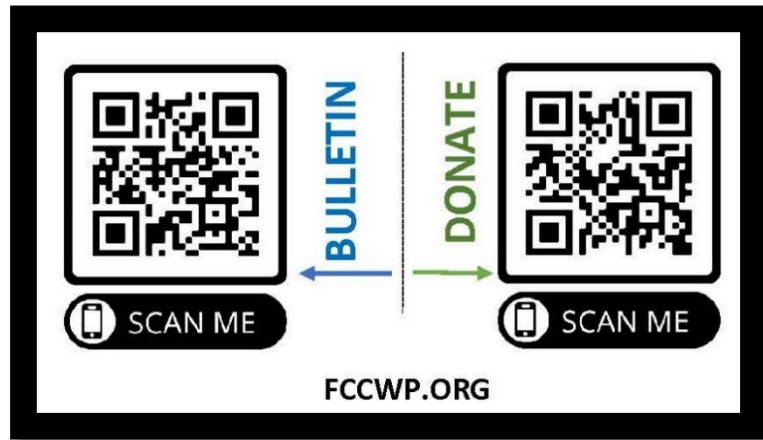
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March 31

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 flowers for the Easter Cross

(located on the front steps of the Sanctuary)

April 7

Guest Choir: Glen Oak Chorale

April 14

The Big Red Bus

April 21

Earth Day Expo – Immediately following worship

April 28

Graduate and Youth Sunday

May 5

Bring a Friend to Church

Legacy Society Luncheon and Presentation

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