

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*

*First Sunday in Lent*

FEBRUARY 18, 2024

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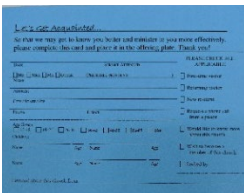
# WELCOME

*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

*Please refrain from applauding*

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

**People: We are grateful for your love for us, O God.**

\* **OPENING HYMN** "God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak" No. 531

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children please come forward for young church.

3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE BIBLE PRESENTATION

Mrs. Kerry Weisner

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. 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

*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

Genesis 9:8-17

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"Song of the Magi"

Soloist: Juliana Lind

Mitchell

*Please refrain from applauding*

**GOSPEL**

Mark 1:9-15

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**MESSAGE**

“Immediately”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*Mark's version of the Temptation In The Wilderness is incredibly brief. Yet one element of it is that Mark shares that after Jesus is baptized, the Spirit immediately drives him into the wilderness where he is tempted by Satan. What is it about the urgency of the Spirit that drives him there so quickly after his baptism? Why is it so important for him to do some discernment before his ministry can begin? What can that tell us about our own Lenten/Faith journey?*

*Responding to God's Word*

**CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERING DEDICATION**

Offertory

“Trumpet Tune”

*Arcangelo Corelli*

*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**

“On a Hill Far Away”

No. 195

\***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Garvey

**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 on Sunday, March 3, immediately following worship in the Parlor. We look forward to exploring the journey of faith with you.**



# LENTEN JOURNEY RETREAT

FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

All ages are invited to join this 1-day retreat that will help you set your goals and intentions for your personal journey through Lent.

Begin early with:

9am Bible Study

10am Worship & 10:15 Sunday school for children & youth

**\*11:30 – Retreat Luncheon**

w/conversation of community outreach introduction

\$5.00 children – 5<sup>th</sup> grade, \$12.00 youth/Adults

Variety of gourmet sandwiches, quinoa salad, green salad, chips, dessert

**\*12:15 -1:45 - Workshops (no fee)**

## **-Bible Study w/Rev. Shawn Garvey**

Join Rev. Shawn for an exploration of scriptures that explore what it is to be intentional. So often we are reactionary rather than intentional. Our sacred texts have some insight into that very thing, so as we enter into our season of Lent and being intentional about being and doing something different, we'll take a look at a number of passages that speak some wisdom to us about the value of wisely setting intentions for ourselves so our lives might be more calm, more fulfilled, and more attuned to benefiting the lives of those around us, as well.

## **- Creative – Flower Guild**

Join members of the FCCWP Flower Guild to explore the ways that flower arranging enhances our spiritual life. For many years flowers have been used to enrich worship services and help express our love for God and the natural world. They also help remind us of the beauty of the Earth and offer a means of creative expression. Take a peek behind the scenes of how our Flower Guild prepares offerings for our worship service each Sunday. Few members have any formal training and are united only by a love of flowers and a desire to exercise their creative muscles. Come learn some basic fundamentals of flower arranging and create an arrangement of your own to take home and remind you of your Lenten intentions. Who knows? Maybe you'd like to be the newest member of our guild.

## **-Health – Yoga w/Ms. Margo**

The root word of Yoga, “Yuj”, first appeared in the Rig Veda (c. 1200–900 BC), originally meaning to yoke horse to carriage. Today when people hear the word yoga they most likely think of group exercise classes. In good classes people do in fact connect their body (carriage) to their power source (horse). What is your power source? The 8 limbs of Yoga is a path to personal liberation, to awakening to your True Nature, or Self-Actualization. A liberated human being has had a direct experience of their True Nature - an experience of mind-body-spirit Peace, and equanimity of polarities. Collective liberation happens when liberated individuals come together - we can only get there as a collective. We find strength and endurance by leaning on each other. Together we will do this. It is done. Ms. Margo will guide a Gentle Hatha Yoga class which focuses on the breath, gentle postures, deep relaxation, and meditation. There will be time for questions and community sharing. Please bring your mat, blanket and wear comfortable clothes.

## **-Pre-K – K w/Ms. Sprinkle**

A time with story books and art the children will go on a scavenger hunt in the courtyard finding things that Jesus Loves and God created.

## **- 1<sup>st</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth & Children w/Ms. Christine & Ms. Cari**

During Sunday School we will watch a video about the Tiffany Chapel. After lunch we will walk to the Morse Museum and see the Tiffany Chapel.

Learn about Ward Chapel Food Pantry and hear firsthand how we partner with the community. We will also discuss our intentional food drive over the Lenten season.

Make sure you visit the Fellowship Hall Lenten “Charging Station” March 3-24, where you can add notes and pictures of your Lenten Journey or take new information each week that will guide you along the way. Special items will also be available for coffee hours treats.

\*Registration Required for food prep and supplies.



WITNESS

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# God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

*Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872; alt.*

1 God, speak to me, that I may speak in  
2 O lead me, God, that I may lead some  
3 O fill me with your full - ness, God, your  
4 O use me, God, use ev - en me just

liv - ing ech - oes of your tone; as you have sought, so  
wan - der - ers a - long life's way; O feed me so that  
ov - er - flow - ing love to know; In glow - ing word and  
as you will, and when, and where, un - til your bless - ed

let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.  
I may feed your hun - gry ones with - out de - lay.  
kin - dling thought, your love to tell, your praise to show.  
face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

*Daughter of the English hymnwriter William H. Havergal, Frances Ridley Havergal was a gifted poet and student of several languages, including Hebrew and Greek. She also composed several hymn tunes. Canonbury was adapted from one of Robert Schumann's piano pieces.*

Tune: CANONBURY L.M.  
Arr. from Robert Schumann, 1872

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# On a Hill Far Away

(The Old Rugged Cross)

Heb. 12:2; James 1:12

George Bennard, 1913; alt.

1 On a hill far a - way stood an old rug-ged cross, the  
 2 Oh, that old rug-ged cross, so de - spised by the world, has a  
 3 In that old rug-ged cross, which bore Love so di - vine, a  
 4 To the old rug-ged cross I will ev - er be true, its

em - blem of suf - fering and shame; And I love that old cross where the  
 won - drous at - trac - tion for me; For the dear Lamb of God left the  
 won - drous beau - ty I see, For up - on that old cross Je - sus  
 shame and re - proach glad - ly bear; When God calls me some-day to my

dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was slain.  
 glo - ry of heaven to bear it to cold Cal - va - ry.  
 suf - fered and died to par - don and sanc - ti - fy me.  
 home far a - way, there God's glo - ry for - ev - er I'll share.

*Refrain*

So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged cross, till my  
 cross, the old rug - ged cross,

tro - phies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rug - ged  
 cross, the

cross, and ex - change it some-day for a crown.  
 old rug - ged cross,

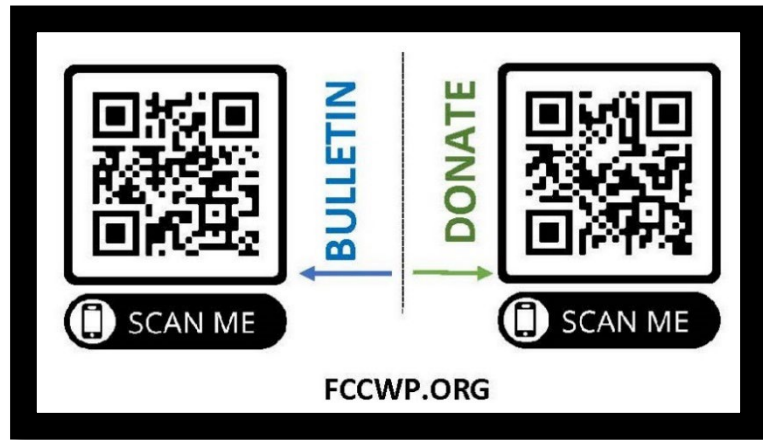


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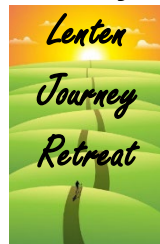
## 🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

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February 18  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bible Sunday

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February 25



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March 3  
Membership Conversation

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March 17  
Art Festival Sunday and Car Park

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March 24  
PALM SUNDAY & Eggstravaganza

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March 28  
Maundy Thursday Service – 7:00 p.m.

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March 30  
EASTER SUNDAY

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