

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

Second Sunday in Lent

FEBRUARY 25, 2024

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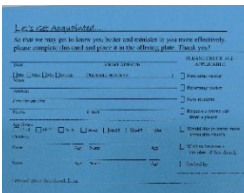
WELCOME

*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!



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.



MESSAGE

“Openly”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

When Mark tells us that Jesus teaches that the Son of Man must undergo suffering and be killed, he adds the detail that Jesus said this “quite openly.” Peter doesn’t like this and urges Jesus to stop saying such things, as it goes contrary to his idea of what the Messiah’s task is. The Voice of God, when heard openly and without constraint, can sometimes be difficult to listen to because of what it asks of us or is informing us to be and do. How do you find this to be true?

Responding to God’s Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Largo”

Antonio Vivaldi

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

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

No. 226

*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.





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.



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

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Medieval Latin, attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux (1091-1153)

German paraphr. by Paul Gerhardt, 1656

Transl. James W. Alexander, 1830; alt.

Isa. 53; John 19:1-3

1 O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down,
 2 What you, dear Sav - ior, suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank you, dear - est friend;

Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, your on - ly crown,
 Mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but yours the dead - ly pain.
 For this your dy - ing sor - row, your pit - y with - out end?

How pale you are with an - guish, with sore a - buse and scorn!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior, for I de - serve your place;
 May I be yours for - ev - er; and though my days be few,

How does your vis - age lan - guish which once was bright as morn!
 Look on me with your fa - vor, O grant to me your grace.
 O Sav - ior, let me nev - er out - live my love for you!

This hymn is drawn from an extended Latin poem in seven sections, each addressed to a member of Christ's body on the cross. It comes to us by way of a German translation by Lutheran pastor and hymnwriter Paul Gerhardt.

Tune: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D.
 (HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN)

Melody by Hans Leo Hassler, 1601

Harm. J. S. Bach, 1729

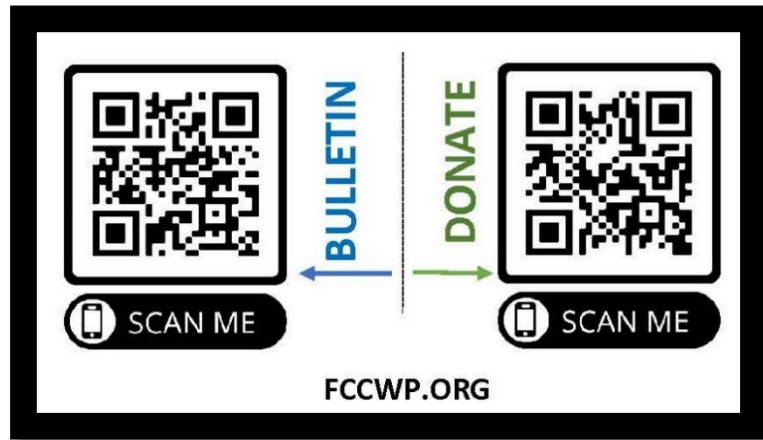
For another harmonization, see 179

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

February 25



March 3

Membership Conversation

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

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