



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*

**MAY 21, 2023**

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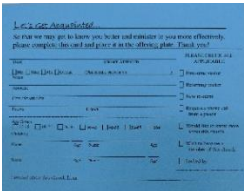
# WELCOME

***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](http://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](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**

**"Ave Maria"**

Schubert

Soloist: Frederick Blanchard

*Please refrain from applauding*

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

\* **OPENING HYMN**

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 1

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING**

**YOUNG CHURCH**

Ms. Kerry Weisner

*All children come forward and gather for young church.*

***"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> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade will leave for Sunday school in the Fellowship Hall. Please check your child out with the teacher.*

*Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the nursery located on the main floor of the Education Building. 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).*

**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**

**Minister:** Let us, members of the First Congregational Church of Winter Park, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

**People:** **We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.**

HEBREW

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL

John 17:1-11

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Eternal Life”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*We often think of eternal life as something that is yet ahead of us. Yet, Jesus says here that the Son was given authority over all people to give eternal life to them. He then says very clearly what eternal life is: to know God and to know Jesus. The remarkable thing about that statement is that it means eternal life isn't sometime out in the future ahead of us; it is here, now, and accessible to us in the knowing of God's spirit as experienced through Jesus and carrying on the work that Jesus began. In doing this work, in knowing God and Jesus, in being part of the eternal life of God's spirit through our living right here and right now, we become one as Jesus and God are one.*

### *Responding to God's Word*

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Fugue in G minor”

Nicolaus Bruhns

*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

“I Need You Every Hour”

No. 517

vv. 1, 2, & 4

\*BENEDICTION

### **IN REMEMBRANCE**

The flowers on the altar today are given by the family of Donald Schmaus, whose Celebration of Life was held in our Sanctuary yesterday.



### DONATE TO THE MISSION TRIP

Use the QR code to the left and donate to the Mission Trip. There are 23 members travelling to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and they can use your support for airfare, transportation, lodging, food, etc. Take a moment and scan the QR code and donate now. (Cash and checks are accepted also. Make sure you direct the gift to the Mission Trip on your check or envelope.)

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**BALDWIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** need to be in the church office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 1. 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.

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# *Welcome New Members!*

**Susan Blexrud**

**Ginger Smith**



5/21/2023

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# Mission Trip Participants

Annabelle Anderson

Linda Blankenship

The Fender Family  
Julie, Grace, & Max

Donna Guber

The Jones Family  
Russ, Shelby, Audrey, Madison, & Elana

Barbara Liston

The Montemurno Family  
Joseph & Asher

David & Lisa Rotenberger

The Schellhase Family  
Kristen & Lizzie

The Wheeler Family  
Kelly, Allana, & Grace

Nancy Wills

*Trip Coordinator and Leader:*  
Kerry Weisner

## 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

# I Need You Every Hour

Annie S. Hawks, 1872; alt.  
Refrain added by Robert Lowry, 1872; alt.

1 I need you ev - ery hour, O God of grace;  
2 I need you ev - ery hour, in faith or fear;  
3 I need you ev - ery hour, in joy or pain;  
4 I need you ev - ery hour; teach me your will,

the peace your voice af - fords, I now em - brace.  
temp - ta - tions lose their power when you are near.  
come quick - ly and a - bide or life is vain.  
and your rich prom - is - es in me ful - fill.

*Refrain*

I need you, how I need you! Ev - ery hour I need you;

O bless me now, my Sav - ior; I come to you.

First sung at a convention of the National Baptist Sunday School Association, this hymn was used by Dwight Moody and Ira Sankey in both England and the United States. Annie S. Hawks, a Baptist, was the author of some 400 hymns.

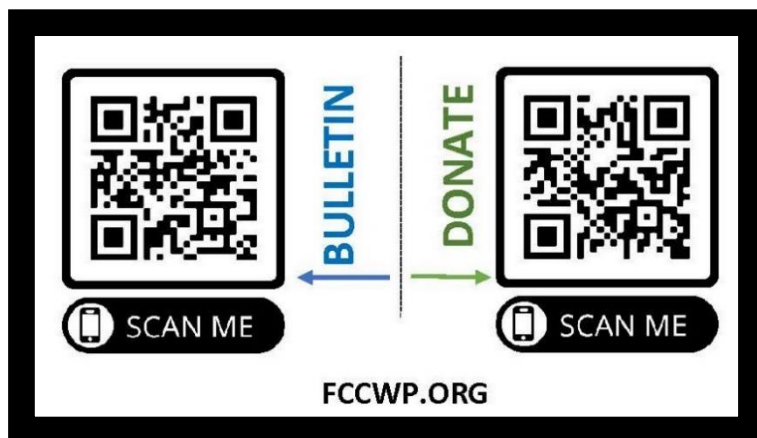
Tune: NEED 6.4.6.4. with refrain  
Robert Lowry, 1872



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## LOOKING AHEAD

May 21:

**Mission Trip Participants Commissioning**

**New Member Sunday**

**Beginning of  Celebration**

### JUNE EVENTS

**Mission Trip: June 3-10**

**Summer Art Camp: June 5-23 (Mon-Fri)**

**Vacation Bible School (VBS): June 26-30 (Mon-Fri)**

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