

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK



Communion Sunday

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

FEBRUARY 4, 2024

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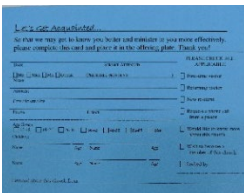
WELCOME

*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.



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

"Glory to God"

Chancel Choir

J.S. Bach

Please refrain from applauding

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

* **OPENING HYMN**

"Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

No. 329

* **OPENING PRAYER**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children please come forward and gather for young church.

YOUNG CHURCH

All children will remain in worship today.

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

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SONG OF SUPPORT

*Little children, welcome! Jesus cares about you;
Jesus now enfolds you, little children, welcome!
Little children, welcome! We, the church of Jesus,
We will help your growing, little children, welcome!*

(Hymn #323, verses 2 & 3)

HEBREW

Isaiah 40:21-31

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"Prayer to Jesus"

Chancel Choir

arr. Beck

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"On the Move"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Jesus makes it clear in this morning's story from Mark that part of what his gospel involves is not staying put in one place. His message is meant to be out on the road, on the move, and being shared in as many places to as many people as he can manage. Some may think that God's presence is more known and found in purposeful, sacred spaces like churches, synagogues, and mosques. Jesus feels that God's presence can be found on the road, in the village square, in people's homes, and in fellowship between people. How have you found this to be true, as well?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

A Service for the Spiritual Feast

WORDS OF INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (*Unison*)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior who taught us to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Communion"

Louis Vierne

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

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

No. 330

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

IN REMEMBRANCE

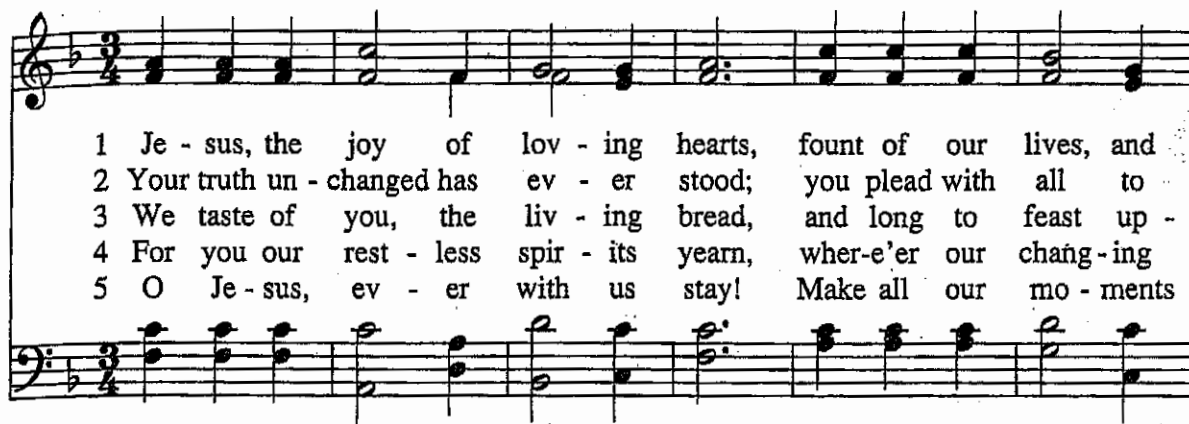
The flowers on the altar are given by Michele Vincent and family in memory of her mother Connie, who would have been 75 years old this month.

Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

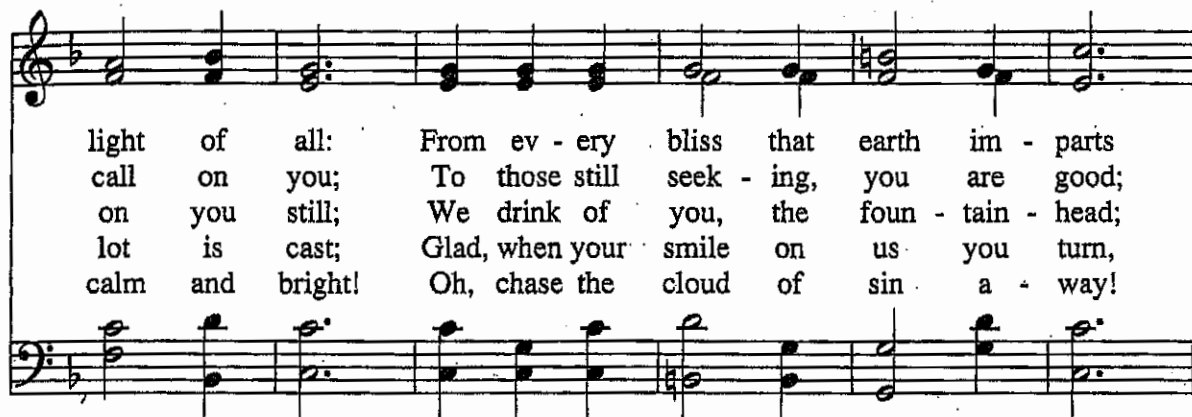
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*Attrib. to Bernard of Clairvaux, c. 1150
Transl. Ray Palmer, 1858; alt.*

John 6:52-58; Heb. 13:8



1 Je - sus, the joy of lov - ing hearts, fount of our lives, and
2 Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood; you plead with all to
3 We taste of you, the liv - ing bread, and long to feast up -
4 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our chang - ing
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our mo - ments



light of all: From ev - ery bliss that earth im - parts
call on you; To those still seek - ing, you are good;
on you still; We drink of you, the foun - tain - head;
lot is cast; Glad, when your smile on us you turn,
calm and bright! Oh, chase the cloud of sin a - way!



we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
to those who find you, life is new.
our thirst - y souls from you we fill.
blessed, when by faith we hold you fast.
Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

Bernard, founder of the monastery at Clairvaux, was respected by popes and royalty alike. From the forty-two-verse Latin poem, American Congregational minister Ray Palmer freely translated selected verses to create this version.

Tune: HESPERUS L.M.
(QUEBEC)
Henry W. Baker, 1854

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
 * 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
 let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

* "Share the cup" may be substituted for "drink wine."

The earliest version of this spiritual probably began with the current stanza three, and was a song some of the enslaved in Virginia used when gathering for secret meetings. The communion stanzas were added some time after the Civil War.

Tune: LET US BREAK BREAD
 10.10. with refrain
 Harm. David Hurd, 1983

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

2024

February 4

Neighborhood Group Leaders Luncheon
Immediately following worship – Conference Room

February 11

LUNCH BUNCH – brought to you by the Board of Membership
Immediately following worship – see announcements and What's Happening for details

February 18

Bible Sunday

February 25

Lenten Journey Retreat

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