

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*

APRIL 7, 2024

*Masking is welcomed, but not required.*

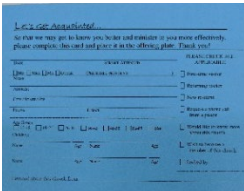
# WELCOME

*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](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.



April 7, 2024

First Congregational Church of Winter Park United Church of Christ  
Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m.

Kindly silence all cell phones during worship

\* All who are able to do so comfortably, please stand

## *Preparing to Hear God's Word*

**PRELUDE**

**"The Long Path"**

*Composer: Greg Jasperse  
Please refrain from applauding*

Drifters Vocal Jazz Ensemble

**WELCOME**

Rev. Shawn Garvey

**INTROIT**

**"Factum Silentium"**

*Composer: Richard Dering  
Please refrain from applauding*

GlenOak Chorale

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

**People: "The Risen Jesus comes to us saying, 'Peace be with you.'"**

\* **OPENING HYMN**

**"Alleluia! Gracious Jesus!"**

No. 257

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**YOUNG CHURCH**

Mrs. Kerry Weisner

*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**

*Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have sought us, we are found;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have sought us, we are found.*

**HEBREW**

Psalm 133

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

**"Even When He is Silent"**

*Composer: Kim Arnesen  
Please refrain from applauding*

GlenOak Chorale

**GOSPEL**

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

“Meeting Us Where We Are”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*Though it's easy to focus the last half of today's Gospel reading on Thomas, it's really about Jesus; the Jesus that even after death continues to love us so much that he meets us where we are, giving us just what we need for the sake of our faith. He does this for Thomas without judgment or condemnation, because Thomas' faith is more important than the basis of his faith. He needs to see and touch Jesus, so that's what Jesus gives him. How does this inform future disciples, future believers, on what Jesus will likewise do for them (and us) for the sake of our faith?*

*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

“Shalom”

GlenOak Chorale

*Composer: Dan Forrest  
Please refrain from applauding*

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

Rev. Garvey

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“London By Night”  
*Please refrain from applauding*

Drifters Vocal Jazz Ensemble

\*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

Rev. Garvey

\*CLOSING HYMN

“Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us”

No. 252

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Elijah Rock”  
*Spiritual/arr. Moses Hogan*

GlenOak Chorale

The word "Welcome" is written in a large, elegant, dark blue cursive font. The letters are connected and flow together, with a prominent 'W' and 'e'.

**We extend a warm welcome to the GlenOak High School Chorale from Canton Ohio. We thank you for sharing your gift of music with us today.**

### **Brian D. Kieffer, Director**

Brian D. Kieffer has been the lead choral music director at GlenOak High School in the Plain Local Schools (Canton, Ohio) for the past 33 years. He received his undergraduate degree in music education from Bowling Green State University and a masters degree in choral conducting from Kent State University. Along with his work at GlenOak High school, Kieffer is the founding artistic director of VOCAL FUSION; an acclaimed adult a cappella pop ensemble that has been coined as “Northeast Ohio’s a cappella singing sensation”. In addition, he serves as an adjunct fine arts faculty member at Malone University teaching applied voice, conducting, choral methods as well as conducting the women’s chorus and the high school honors choir. Having an extensive church music interest and background, he was the worship leader and director of worship ministries at The Chapel in North Canton for 20 years. An Ohio Music Educators Association adjudicator and sought after clinician, Kieffer’s choirs and vocal jazz ensembles have performed at music educators’ conferences and have received numerous awards at district, state and national competitions as well as accolades from leaders in the field of jazz and choral music. In 2018, he was honored as Stark County’s “Music Educator of the Year” by the Canton Symphony Orchestra.

### **GlenOak High School Chorale**

The GlenOak High School Chorale is from the Plain Local Schools located in the Pro Football Hall of Fame city, Canton, Ohio. Under the direction of Brian D. Kieffer, the Chorale is one of eight choirs in the GlenOak High School Choral Music Department. Studying and singing a wide variety of choral repertoire each year, this talented group of singers is dedicated to musical excellence as evidenced through their artistic interpretations.

The relationship between the GlenOak Chorale and the First Congregational Church of Winter Park began in the spring of 1998 where Dr. John Sinclair adjudicated the Chorale at their first appearance in the All-American Music Festival in Orlando. Since then, he has been gracious to invite the GOHS Chorale to sing for the lovely people of FCCWP each time they have traveled to Florida. The directors and students of the GlenOak Chorale are so very grateful for this partnership, the opportunity to share the gift of music and the warm hospitality that has been shown to them year after year.



**THE BIG RED BUS IS COMING SUNDAY, APRIL 14!** Please see the information page in this bulletin for more details.

# 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 on May 5 for two big events!!

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.

FCCWP

*Legacy Society*

**MAY 5, 2024**

**Luncheon immediately following worship.**

**Omelet bar and Mimosas!**

**Donations accepted for lunch.**

- **Speakers**
- **Learn about our history and how you can create a lasting legacy in your name.**



# DONATE BLOOD

**First Congregational Church  
of Winter Park**  
**Sunday, April 14th**  
**8:00am-1:00pm**

All donors receive\*:

- **\$20 eGift Card**
- **Insulated Tote Bag**
- **Wellness Checkup** including blood pressure, pulse, temperature, iron count, and cholesterol screening.

Donors  
Receive



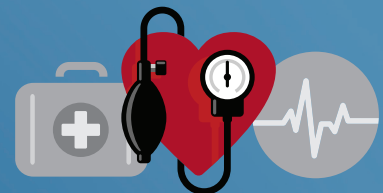
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Appointments are encouraged, please visit [https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/1479280](https://donor.oneblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/1479280)



**ID REQUIRED**

\*One offer per donor, per donation. No cash value. Not-transferable. Gifts may vary. For more information



1 Al - le - lu - ia! Gra - cious Je - sus! Yours the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are, we  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, you on  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ e - ter - nal, noth - ing

scep - ter, yours the throne! Al - le - lu - ia! Yours the  
 left in sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! You are  
 earth our food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the  
 can dis - rupt your reign; Al - le - lu - ia! Born of

tri - umph, yours the vic - to - ry a - lone!  
 near us; faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how.  
 sin - ful flee to you from day to day.  
 Mar - y, heaven and earth are your do - main.

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 Though the cloud from sight re - ceived you  
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 Hu - man life you ful - ly en - tered,

thun - der like a might - y flood; Je - sus, out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me, and the songs that  
 tend - ing those we count the least, serv - ing both as

ev - ery na - tion you've re - deemed us by your blood.  
 get your prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more."  
 sound in heav - en will re - peat your gra - cious plea.  
 Priest and Vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.



## Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

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Attrib. to Dorothy A. Thrupp (1779-1847)

From Hymns for the Young, 1836; alt.

St. 1 transl. to Hawaiian by Laiana (1807-1886)

John 10:1-29

1 Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care,  
 1 Ie - su no ke Ka - hu - hi - pa, Ka - hu - hi - pa ma'i-ka'i e,  
 2 We are yours, in love be - friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
 3 Let us al - ways seek your fa - vor; let us al - ways do your will;

in your pleas - ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.  
 Ei - a ma - kou ka 'o - ha - na ke ho'o-lo - he a ha - hai:  
 keep your flock, from sin de - fend us, seek us when we go a - stray.  
 Je - sus Christ our on - ly Sav - ior, with your love our spir - its fill.

Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
 E a - lo - ha, e a - lo - ha, a - la - ka'i a ha - nai mai,  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, hear your chil - dren when we pray;  
 Bless-ed Je - sus, bless-ed Je - sus, you have loved us, love us still;

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The theme of Christ as shepherd is familiar and beloved to Christians. Emma Lyons Doyle, granddaughter of Laiana (translator Lorenzo Lyons), once said, "If you want to know the full beauty of this hymn, hear it sung in Hawaiian."

Tune: BRADBURY 8.7.8.7.D.  
 William B. Bradbury, 1859

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## ☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

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

May 12

Mother's Day

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