

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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

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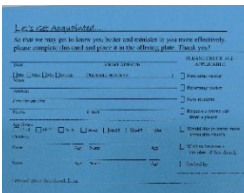
WELCOME

*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

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "May we always abide with you, Loving God"

* *OPENING HYMN* "From All That Dwell below the Skies"

No. 27

* *OPENING PRAYER*

Rev. Garvey

* *PASSING OF THE PEACE*

All children please come forward and gather for young church.

YOUNG CHURCH

*All children/youth will remain in church today for Communion Sunday.
Childcare is available for infants through 3 yrs. old in the Parlor located at the back of Fellowship Hall.
All children must be picked up by a parent.*

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SONG OF SUPPORT

*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.*

HEBREW

Psalm 15

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"I'm Trying to Be Like Jesus"

Soloist, Bryant Williams

Janice Kapp Perry

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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Jesus counters the Pharisees about dietary laws saying that it isn't what you put inside you from the outside that makes you less than what you can be, it's what is already inside that you put out into the world. Would that we and those around us, especially in our current time filled with such toxicity and divisiveness, would remember his words a little better.

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

Rev. Garvey

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Pastorale"

*Johann Sebastian Bach
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

Rev. Garvey

*CLOSING HYMN

"We Love Your Realm, O God"

No. 312

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

From All That Dwell below the Skies

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 117

Unison

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre - a - tor's praise a -
2 E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, God; your truth stands ev - er high and

(Harmony) *(Unison)*

rise; Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Let the Re - deem - er's name be
broad: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Your praise shall sound from shore to

(Harmony)

sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

(Unison)

lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Isaac Watts, author of more than 600 hymns, paraphrased the two verses of Psalm 117 into this two-stanza hymn, which was included in his *Psalms of David*, 1719. The tune originated in a German Catholic hymnal.

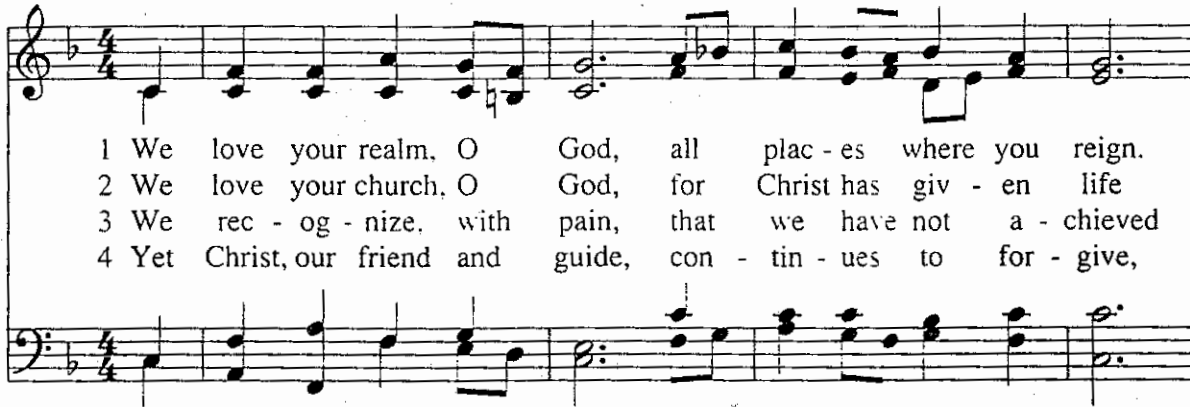
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
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Geistliche Kirchengesäng, Cologne, 1623
Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

We Love Your Realm, O God

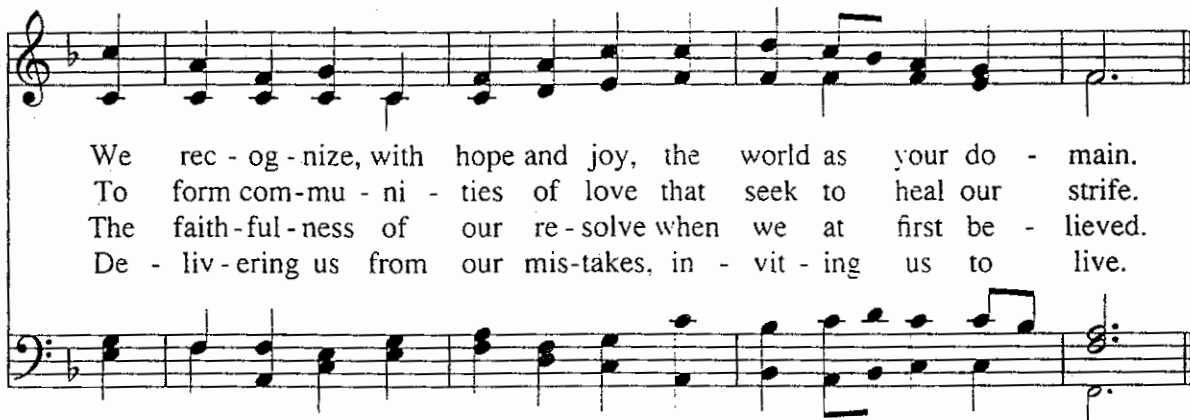
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Timothy Dwight, 1801
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

Ps. 26:8



1 We love your realm, O God, all places where you reign.
2 We love your church, O God, for Christ has given life
3 We recognize, with pain, that we have not achieved
4 Yet Christ, our friend and guide, continues to forgive,



We recognize, with hope and joy, the world as your domain.
To form communities of love that seek to heal our strife.
The faithfulness of our resolve when we at first believed.
Delivering us from our mistakes, inviting us to live.

5 Beyond our brokenness,
we seek to know your ways
Of deep communion, solemn vows,
and hymns of love and praise.

6 We know your truth will last.
We trust your reign is sure.
Equip us for those daily tasks
that help your world endure.

This poem by Lavon Bayler, a United Church of Christ minister, was inspired by and modeled after the oldest commonly used American hymn, "I Love Thy Kingdom" by Timothy Dwight.

Tune: ST. THOMAS S.M.
Williams' New Universal Psalmist, 1770

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☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

Next Sunday September 8

- **New Member Sunday**
- **Mission Moment with Board of Outreach and Social Justice**
 - **It's a Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood**
 - **Church Season Kickoff**

Sunday September 15

Mission Trip Info Meeting
After Worship in the Conference Room

Sunday September 29

US Hunger Packing Event
After Worship in Fellowship Hall

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