

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

OCTOBER 26, 2025

Masking is welcomed but not required.

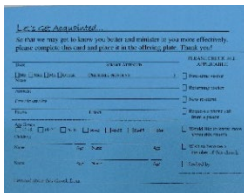
WELCOME

***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. 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
INTROIT

Rev. Shawn Garvey
Chancel Choir

"Song of Peace"

Jeffries

Please refrain from applauding

✱ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "Our neighbors are awed by God's works."

✱ OPENING HYMN

"Dear God, Embracing Humankind" V. 1,4&5

No. 502

✱ OPENING PRAYER

✱ PASSING OF THE PEACE

All children please come forward for Young Church

YOUNG CHURCH

"The Lord's Prayer or Prayer of Our Savior"

Age four years through kindergarten may leave for Sunday school in the LIBRARY.

Grades 1-5 and 6-12 may leave for Sunday school in the UPSTAIRS Fellowship Hall.

Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the PARLOR located at the back of Fellowship Hall.

Please check your child out with the teacher. Children are only released to the parent.

** 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

Joel 2:23-32

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"I Am Bound for the Promised Land"

Chancel Choir

Mulholland

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

"Not Quite Wise Enough"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

In this parable from Luke, the Pharisee is wise enough to be virtuous in his religious practice, but not wise enough to be humble and in so doing his religion actually distanced him from the tax collector rather than bringing them together. In what ways do you recognize this same dynamic at play in people around you today?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Voluntary"

Francis Linley

Please refrain from applauding

*Doxology (With Alleluias)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Rev, Garvey

*CLOSING HYMN

"If You But Trust in God to Guide You"

No. 410

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Chancel Choir

Lutkin

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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, November 16, immediately following worship in the Parlor. We look forward to exploring the journey of faith with you.





ADULT O.W.L.

We have been offering this amazing program to our youth and children for years. This year, we would like to offer it to adults. [Click Here](#) to learn more about this opportunity.



THE BOARD OF EDUCATION & FELLOWSHIP WANTS TO KNOW...



WHAT CHURCH EVENTS DO YOU ENJOY?

From youth group to family
nights to holiday celebrations -
we want your input!

Scan the QR code
and tell us what
kinds of programs
inspire and connect
you!



First Congregational Church of Winter Park



FCCWP of ALL Ages!!!

Children, Youth and All Grown-ups!!!!!!

OCTOBER 26, 2025

11am (after church lunch)

\$10 for children - \$15 for youth - adults

***Fall inspired salad w/apple cider vinegar**

***Shepherd's Pie - GF & Vegetarian option available**

By Chef Drew

***Pumpkin Pie & Whip Cream**

***Apple Cider**

Scan the link below for reservations

Trunks open at 11:30 for treats and voting

Trick or Treat in your costumes and
visit FCCWP members decorated car
trunks and get some treats!

**Oh, it's a contest. You will be able
to vote for your favorite trunk so
they can win a prize!**

Participating vehicles will be in our own church parking lot & driveway.

***Allergy friendly items will be available at each stop.**

1st 2nd & 3rd place prizes!!!!

Register with
Online link if you will be
joining.



**CLICK TO
REGISTER**

Sign up today



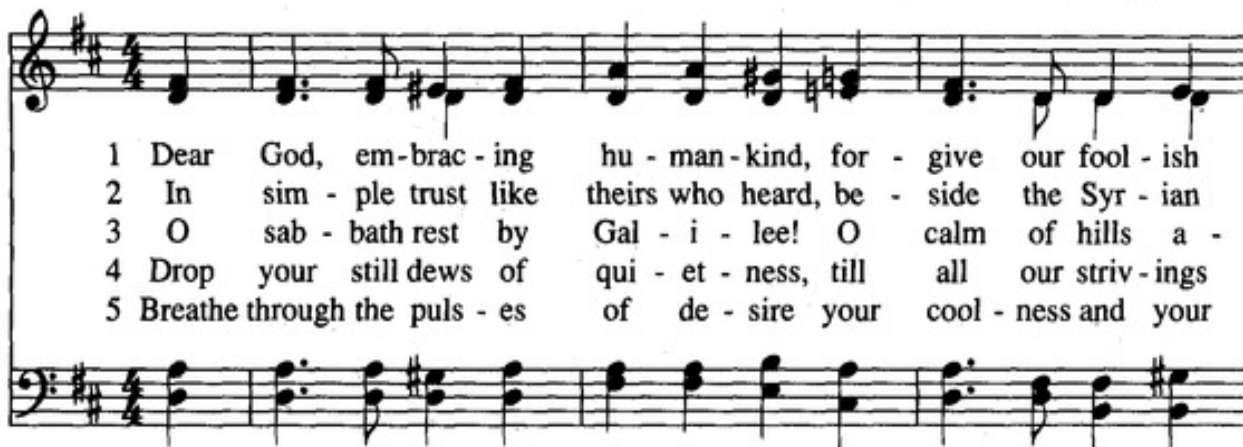
Contact Kerry if you
would like to enter your
trunk in the
contest

Dear God, Embracing Humankind

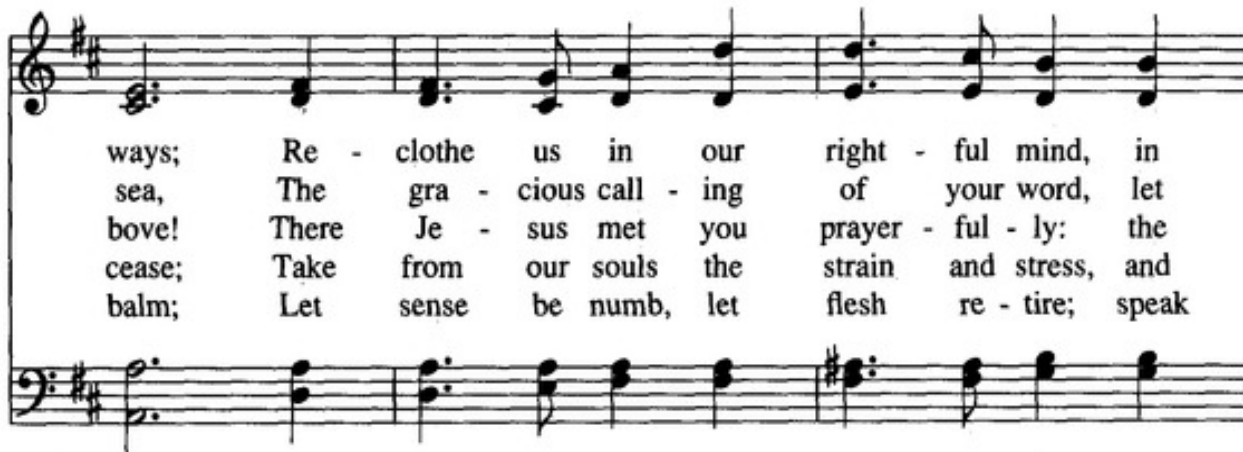
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John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; alt.

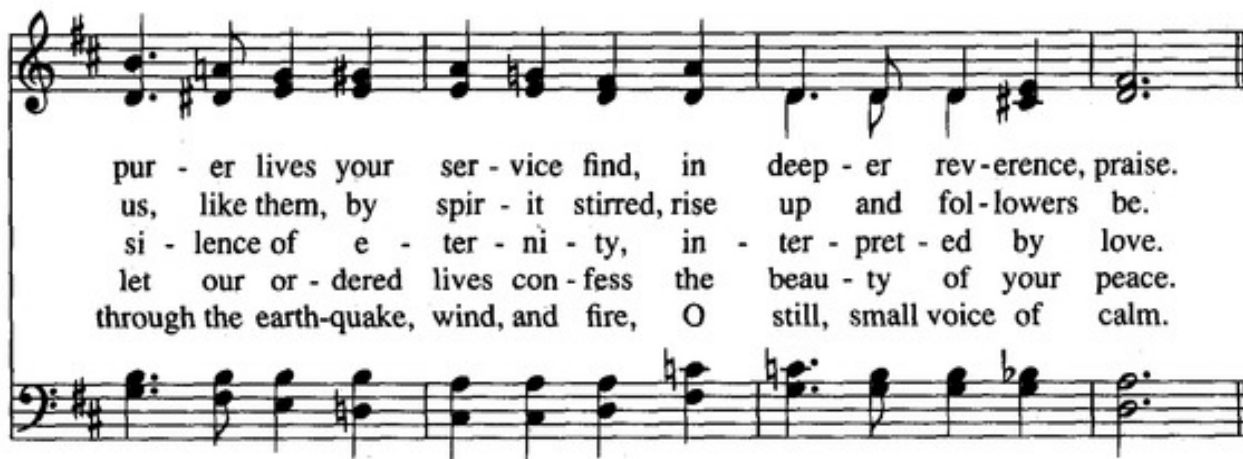
Mark 1:16-20; Matt. 14:22-23; 1 Kings 19:11-12



1 Dear God, em-brac - ing hu - man-kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop your still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the puls - es of de - sire your cool - ness and your



ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea, The gra - cious call - ing of your word, let
 bove! There Je - sus met you prayer - ful - ly: the
 cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; Let sense be numb, let flesh re - tire; speak



pur - er lives your ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, by spir - it stirred, rise up and fol - lowers be.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love.
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of your peace.
 through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

In his poem "The Brewing of Soma," New England poet John Greenleaf Whittier compares frenzied ecstasies of a sect of Hindu priests to the noisy Christian revivals he found so offensive. This hymn of quiet worship is from the final stanzas.

Tune: REST 8.6.8.8.6.
 Frederick C. Maker, 1887
 Alternate tune: REPTON
 (repeating last phrase)

If You But Trust in God to Guide You

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*Georg Neumark, 1641**Ps. 55:22**Transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.*

1 If you but trust in God to guide you, with hope-ful heart through
2 On - ly be still, and wait God's plea - sure in cheer-ful hope, with
3 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv-ing; of - fer your ser - vice



all your ways, you will find strength, with God be - side you,
heart con - tent, trust-ing that grace which knows no mea - sure
faith - ful - ly, and trust God's word, though un - de - serv-ing,



to bear the worst of e - vil days; For those who trust God's
will by un - bound - ed Love be sent; Nor doubt our in - most
there find the truth to set you free; God will not fail to



change-less love build on the rock that will not move.
wants are clear to One who holds us al - ways near.
guide and bless those who em - brace God's faith - ful - ness.

CHURCH GUEST WIFI

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❧LOOKING AHEAD❧

TODAY!! Sunday October 26
Pumpkinfest and Trunk or Treat

Sunday November 2
Picnic and tour at Rollins Museum of Art

Sunday November 9
Founders Day Service at Knowles Chapel

Sunday November 16
Membership Conversation
Parlor After Worship

Sunday November 23
Decorate the Church for Christmas
****Please Stay After Worship****

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