

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 19, 2024**

***Masking is welcomed, but not required.***

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**

“Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring”

Chancel Choir

*J.S. Bach*

*Please refrain from applauding*

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

\* **OPENING HYMN**

“Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise”

No. 529

\* **OPENING PRAYER**

\* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*All children please come forward for Young Church.*

**YOUNG CHURCH**

Ms. Kerry Weisner

### ***“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> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade will leave for Sunday school on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Fellowship Hall. Children through 5<sup>th</sup> grade may be picked up on the playground, by a parent, immediately following worship. Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the nursery located on the main floor of the Ed. Bldg.*

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

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**SONG OF SUPPORT**

*I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2x)*

*I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean.  
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (Repeat)*

**HEBREW**

Ezekial 37:1-14

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM**

“Gloria”

Chancel Choir

*W.A. Mozart*

*Please refrain from applauding*

**GOSPEL**

John 15:26-27; 16:4-15

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## MESSAGE

“Sometimes, Spiritual Growth is Hard”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*Jesus says that it is to the disciples' advantage that he is leaving, because the Advocate...the Holy Spirit...cannot come until he is gone. The growth of Jesus' movement and ministry cannot grow into fullness until he leaves. This is a hard fact for the disciples to accept, and that is a truth for many of us: growth often comes with things we would rather not have happened. How do you find this to be true in your own growth?*

## *Responding to God's Word*

### CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

### SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

### CALL TO OFFERING

### OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Meditation from Thais”

Joni Roos, violinist

*Jules Massenet*

*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

“Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

No. 76

### \*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

### CHORAL BENEDICTION

“Irish Blessing”

Chancel Choir

*arr. Molly Conole*

## IN CELEBRATION

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to Mary Joe Searl from all of us at FCCWP and beyond. In appreciation for all your tireless work. We thank you for holding our hand during difficult times, keeping us on track and helping us grow. You have been a light that we are thankful to have been surrounded by and we know will shine on all your future journeys. Thank you.

The rose on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Archer Cassian Searl, son of Preston and Malika Searl and grandson of Mary Joe and Ed Searl.



**Special Offering:** Please consider donating to the fund to help change the lighting from fluorescent to LED in the Education Building. Any amount is helpful. Envelopes are available in the pew pockets.

**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.

Membership Board invites you to join us!

# It's Lunch Bunch Time!

RSVP Required  
By May 26  
Scan QR to RSVP



Sunday, June 2nd  
Following Church Service


@ Cocina 214, 151 E Welbourne Ave, Winter Park





## Now Let Us All, in Hymns of Praise

Fred Pratt Green, 1982



*Unison*



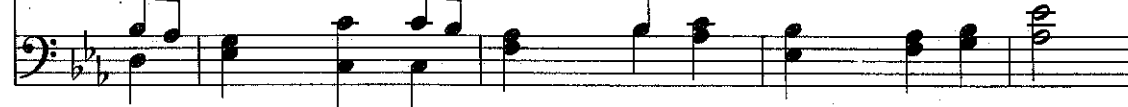

1 Now let us all, in hymns of praise, bear wit - ness with one voice  
 2 What chang-es, chal-leng - es, and tests the church of Christ sur - vives!  
 3 Of all our la - bors, who can say what har - vest there shall be,

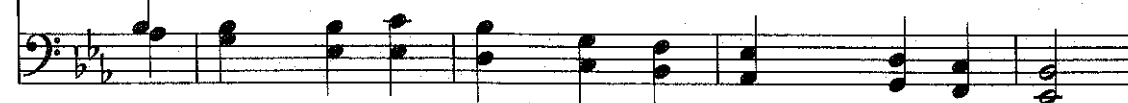
to God's re-deem-ing work in Christ, and bid the world re - joice.  
 How rich the rec - ords left to us of ded - i - cat - ed lives!  
 when time, that lim - its and dis-torts, be - comes e - ter - ni - ty?

To - day we call to mind the things that time can - not e - rode:  
 Still must the church pro - claim to all that now, and ev - er - more,  
 Then shall our hymns, re - hearsed be - low, be per - fect praise a - bove,

what God, Cre - a - tor of the world, is do - ing for our good.  
 the house of God is o - pen house, and Christ the O - pen Door.  
 as, face to face, we ful - ly know what this means: God is love!



*This setting of Fred Pratt Green's 1982 text appears in the composer's collection of thirty-five hymns, The Roy Hopp Hymnary (1990). Hopp holds master's degrees in both choral conducting and composition, and has served as a director of music in Michigan.*

Tune: OPEN DOOR C.M.D.  
 Roy Hopp, 1990  
 Alternate tune: ELLACOMBE

# Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Omer Westendorf, 1964

*Descant*

2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

*Unison*

1 Sent forth by God's bless-ing, our true faith con - fess-ing, the  
 2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er liv - ing, the

tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

peo - ple of God from this dwell-ing take leave. The ser - vice is  
 tasks of our ev - ery - day life we will face. Our faith ev - er

shar-ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil-dren of

end-ed, O now be ex - tend-ed the fruits of our wor-ship in  
 shar-ing, in love ev - er car - ing, em - brac - ing God's chil-dren of

Omer Westendorf, author of numerous hymns, compiler of several hymnals, and founder of World Library Publications, included this hymn in People's Mass Book, 1964, the first vernacular Roman Catholic hymn and service book to implement the decrees of Vatican II.

Tune: THE ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11.D.  
 Welsh folk melody  
 Harm. Leland Sateren, 1972  
 Descant, The New Century Hymnal, 1993

CLOSE OF WORSHIP

each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with  
 all who be - lieve. The seed of the teach - ing, re -  
 each tribe and race. With your grace you feed us, with

your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this  
 cep - tive hearts reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for  
 your light now lead us, u - nite us as one in this

life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -  
 God and for all. God's grace did in - vite us, and love shall u -  
 life that we share. Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks -

giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.  
 nite us to work for God's realm and to an - swer the call.  
 giv - ing give hon - or to Christ and that name which we bear.

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## 🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

**May 19**

**Retirement Party for Mary Joe Searl**

**The whole family is invited. This event is free, but we need your reservation!**

**Questions? Please see Kerry Weisner.**

**June 2**

**Lunch Bunch**

**Immediately following worship**

**Cocina 214, dutch treat**

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