

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

SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

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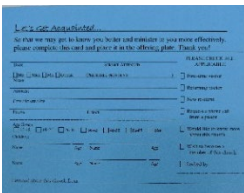
WELCOME

*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 "I Thought About You" Rev. Shawn Garvey
WELCOME "With a Voice of Singing" Chancel Choir
INTROIT *Martin Shaw*

Please refrain from applauding

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Garvey

People: "Surround us, O God, like the atmosphere around the earth."

* **OPENING HYMN** "Praise to the Living God" (vs. 1, 2 & 4) No. 8

* **OPENING PRAYER**

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children please come forward for Young Church.

YOUNG CHURCH Kerry Weisner

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

*PreK-Kindergarten will meet for Sunday school in the LIBRARY at the back of Fellowship Hall. Grades 1-12 may leave for Flock Sunday and continue the Sunday lesson, with the older youth helping to mentor the younger children.
Children and youth (infants through 5th grade) should be picked up immediately following the worship service.
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**

***It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood, A beautiful day for a neighbor.
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
It's a neighborly day in this beauty-wood, A neighborly day for a beauty.
Would you be mine? Could you be mine?
I have always wanted to have a neighbor just like you; I've always wanted to live in a neighborhood with you.
So, let's make the most of this beautiful day, since we're together, we might as well say.
Would you be mine? Could you be mine? Won't you be my neighbor?
Won't you please, won't you please? Please, won't you be my neighbor?***

HEBREW Psalm 146 Rev. Garvey
Minister: This is the Word of God.
People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Silly Love Songs" McCartney
Vocals: Michelle Mailhot, Piano: Ed Krout, Bass: Chuck Archard

GOSPEL Mark 7:24-37 Rev. Garvey
Minister: This is the Word of God.
People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

"The Need to Speak"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

In both encounters in Mark today, the uses of speech and of hearing are important. The woman is so skilled in speech that Jesus heals her daughter. The deaf man is given the gift of having his ears "opened" and his ability to speak clearly was restored. The ability to truly speak, to truly listen, and therefore to truly understand are crucial in Mark today. Without these, we cannot understand Jesus and his message. Do we understand this today, and how carefully do we really speak and listen in an effort to genuinely understand each other?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Autumn Leaves"

Joseph Kosma

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

"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

No. 76

*BENEDICTION

"Irish Blessing"

Laura Powalisz, Soloist

*POSTLUDE

"Roof Garden"



Altar Flowers

In Remembrance

The flowers on the altar today are dedicated in the loving memory of Libby Ward, given by her family. Libby's Celebration of life service was held yesterday.

The Food Pantry Needs our Help!!

Next time you go grocery shopping consider donating to the food pantry! Shop the BOGO's and specials! PULL TOP lids are very helpful for the homeless. Please only donate items that have not expired.

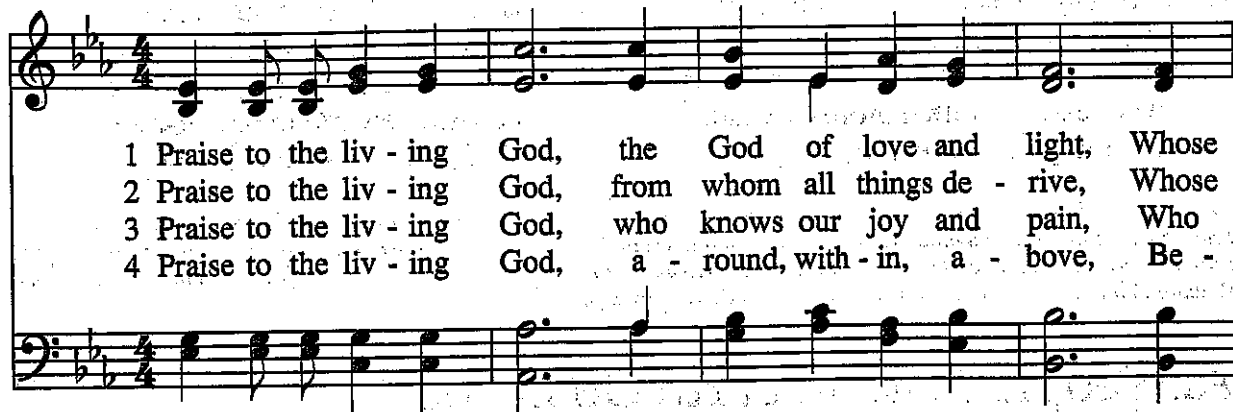
If you shop COSTCO – buy a case of microwaveable mac 'n cheese, Chef-Boyardee spaghetti or ravioli, canned meals, etc. (Remember, there are a lot of children that prepare their own meals while their parents are working.)



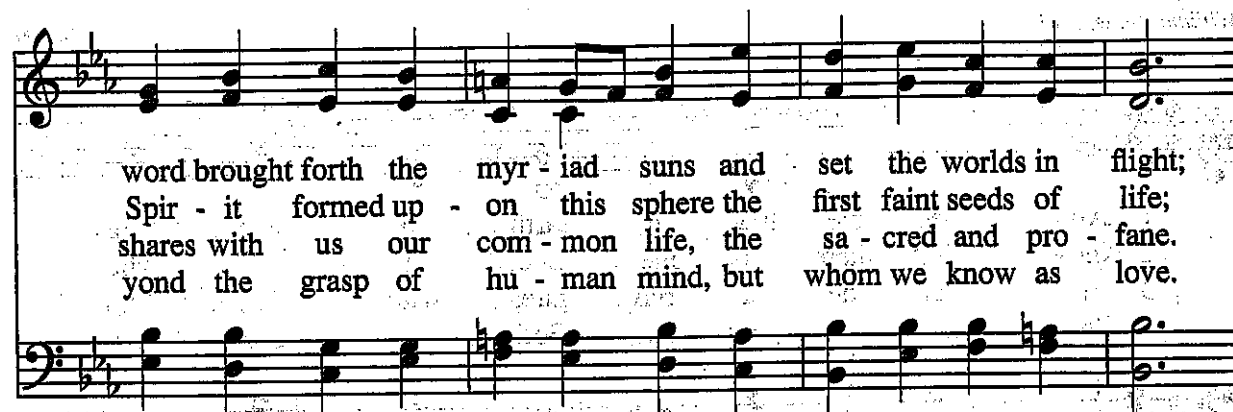
Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

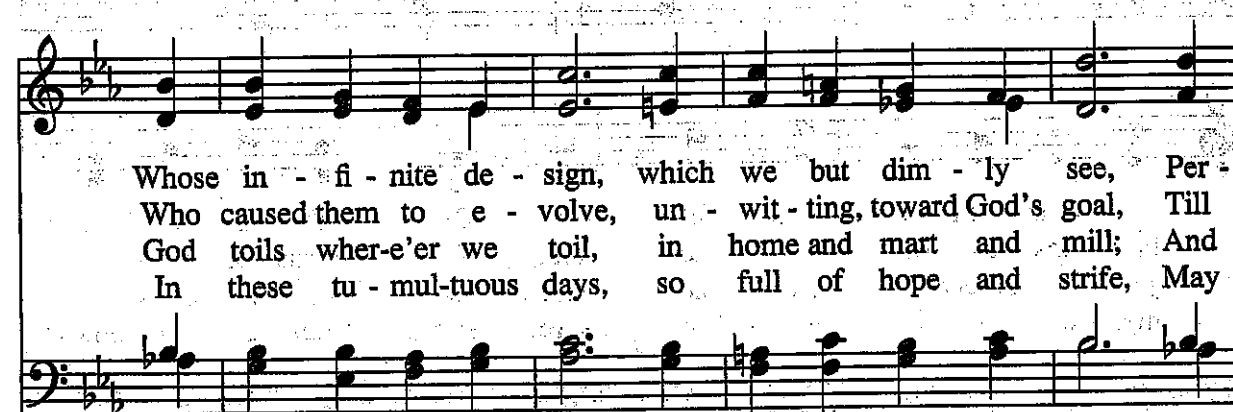
Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.



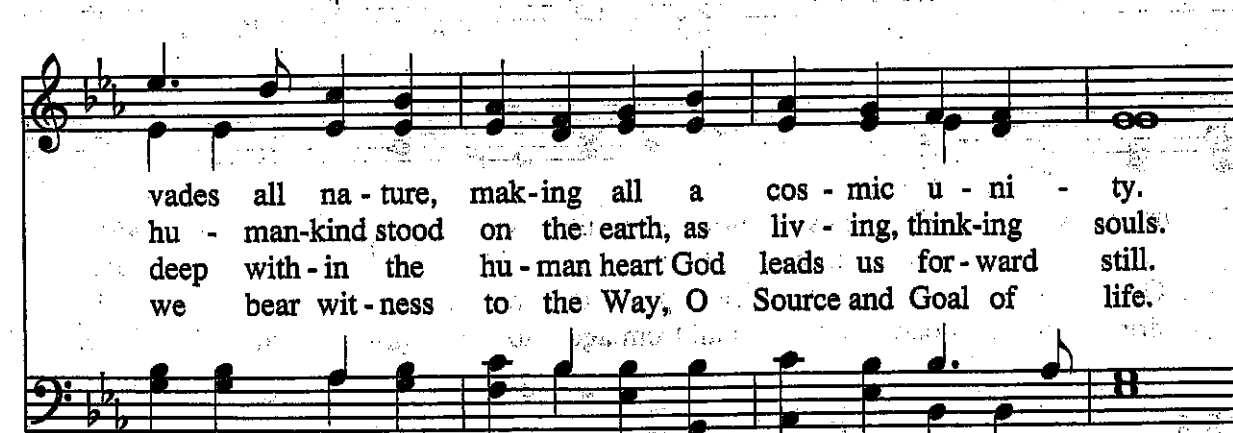
1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -



word brought forth the myr - iad - suns and set the worlds in flight;
 Spir - it formed up - on this sphere the first faint seeds of life;
 shares with us our com - mon life, the sa - cred and pro - fane.
 yond the grasp of hu - man mind, but whom we know as love.



Whose in - fi - nite de - sign, which we but dim - ly see, Per -
 Who caused them to e - volve, un - wit - ting, toward God's goal, Till
 God toils wher - e'er we toil, in home and mart and mill; And
 In these tu - mul - tuous days, so full of hope and strife, May



vades all na - ture, mak - ing all a cos - mic u - ni - ty.
 hu - man - kind stood on the earth, as liv - ing, think - ing souls.
 deep with - in the hu - man heart God leads us for - ward still.
 we bear wit - ness to the Way, O Source and Goal of life.

Curtis Beach, born into a family of several generations of ministers, was educated at Harvard University, the Boston University School of Theology, and the University of Southern California. A minister in the United Church of Christ, Beach authored The Gospel of Mark: Its Making and Meaning.

Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

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☞

TODAY! 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

Sunday October 6
Legacy Society Meeting

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