

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

MARCH 12, 2023

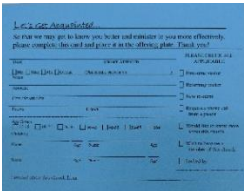
WELCOME

***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

Chancel Bell Choir

WELCOME

Rev. Shawn Garvey

INTROIT

"The Church's One Foundation"
Chancel Bell Choir

arr. Kevin McChesney

*** RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

*** OPENING HYMN**

"Praise to the Living God"
vv. 1, 2, & 4

No. 8

*** OPENING PRAYER**

*** PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children come to the front and gather for young church.

YOUNG CHURCH

Mrs. Kerry Weisner

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

4 yrs. through kindergarten will leave for Sunday school in the Education Building. 1st through 5th grade will leave for Sunday school in the Media Center. 6th through 12th grade will leave for Sunday school in the Youth Room. Children through 5th grade may be picked up on the playground, by a parent, immediately following worship. Please check your child out with the teacher.

Childcare for infants through 3 years old is available in the nursery located on the main floor of the Ed. Bldg.

Children are only released to the parent.

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SONG OF SUPPORT

*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

HEBREW

Exodus 17:1-7

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

"Jesus, in Thy Thirst and Pain"
Please refrain from applauding

Wood

GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

“Ripe for Harvesting”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

In this beloved exchange between Jesus and the Samaritan Woman at the Well, one of the things Jesus says is that the world needn't wait to reap the harvest that has been planted by him and by the prophets before him. He says that the fields are ripe for harvesting right now. One of the things Jesus stresses over-and-over again is that the Realm of God is not something that is in the future, it is something immanent, in the present, and we have a very important role to play in that truth. If we started living like the Realm of God had already arrived and wasn't a far-off future event, what would we be doing differently than what we are doing right now?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

“Behold a Sight”

Please refrain from applauding

Peter

*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

“Just as I Am”

No. 207

*BENEDICTION

IN CELEBRATION

The flowers on the altar are in celebration of the marriage of Laura Jones and Robert Stanford, who were married in our Sanctuary yesterday.

DONATE TO THE MISSION TRIP



Use the QR code to the left and donate to the Mission Trip. There are 23 members travelling to Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota and they can use your support for airfare, transportation, lodging, food, etc. They will be outside by the playground after worship to answer your questions and take your monetary donations (Check, cash, and credit cards are accepted. 😊)



LENTEN LUNCH

JOIN US FOR THE LENTEN SERIES LUNCH!

RSVP'S are needed.

- \$12 for 6th grade on up
- \$5 for 5 yrs through 5th grade

When: Sundays, Feb. 26, Mar.5, Mar. 12, Mar. 26

Time: 11:00 a.m. (or immediately following worship)

Reservations are required.



← **SCAN ME TO MAKE A LUNCH RESERVATION**

OR COPY AND PASTE THIS LINK INTO YOUR BROWSER: (to make a lunch reservation)

<https://onrealm.org/fccwp/PublicRegistrations/Event?linkString=MWJjMzE0ZGltN2YwYi00NjQ2LTk0ZWltYWY5ZTAXMDZkN2Nj>

A Journey Through Lent

Children 4 yrs - 5th Grade

What is God saying?

How does God speak to us?

Let's go on a walk and find out.

4 weeks during Lent the children will be going on walks to different locations in the area to learn, listen, and see how God may be speaking to them.

All while we have silly fun!

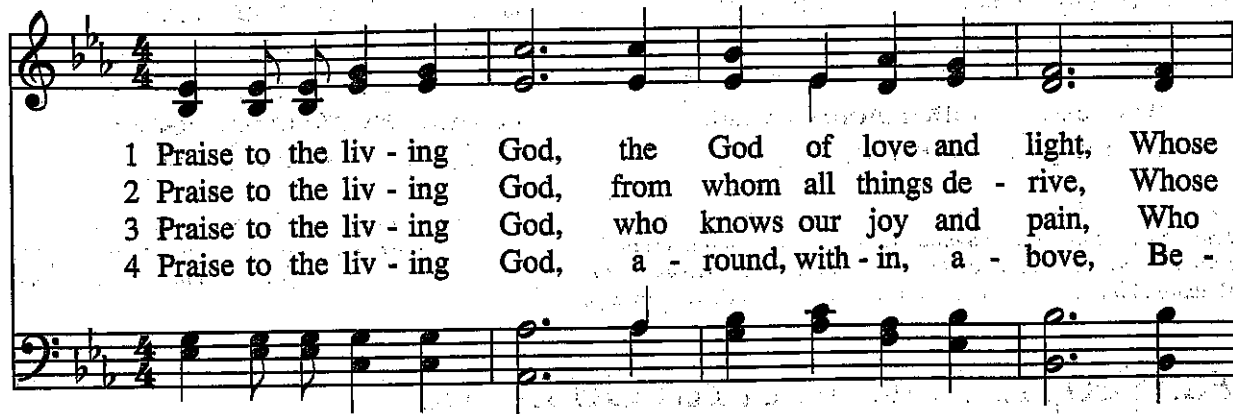
Adults & Youth - Join Rev. Shawn for a look at some of the **Gnostic Gospels**...the gospels about Jesus that were discovered in Nag Hamadi in the late 1940's. Explore books like the Gospel of Thomas, The Gospel of Judas, The Infancy Gospel of Thomas, The Gospel of Mary, and others! Learn more about what the early Jesus communities in the first few centuries were thinking about when it came to Jesus by reading their versions of "good news." Sure to be an interesting journey through some compelling and interesting writings about Jesus that perhaps you've never read before!

This class will be hybrid in the conference room.

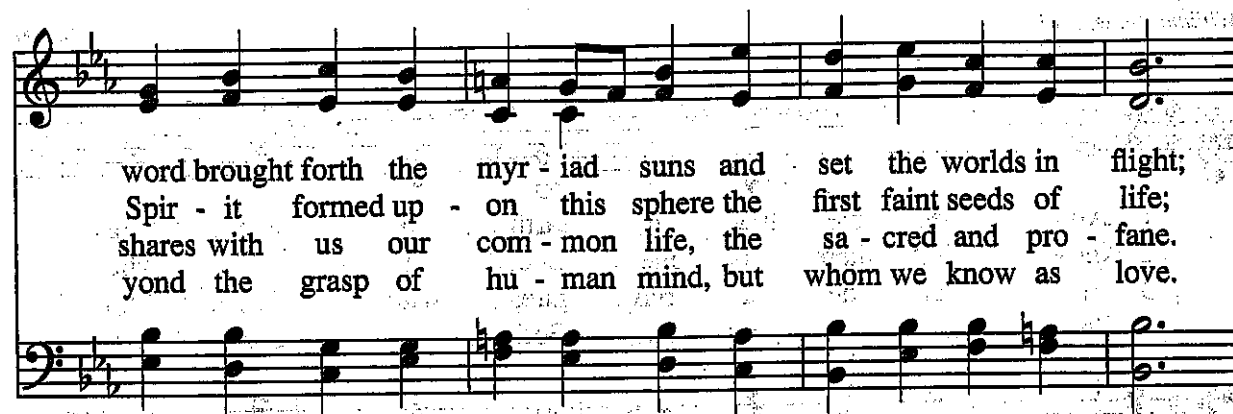
Praise to the Living God

Ps. 84:1-2

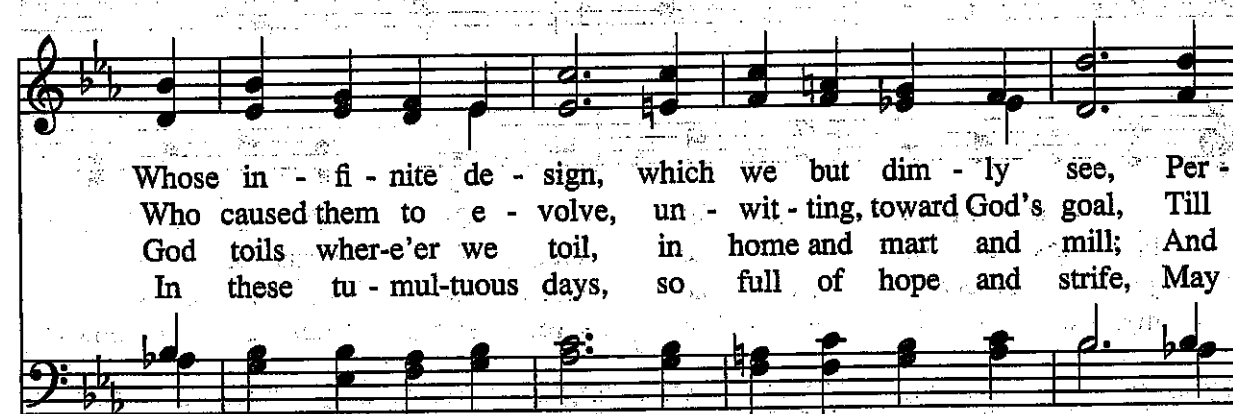
Curtis Beach, 1966; alt.



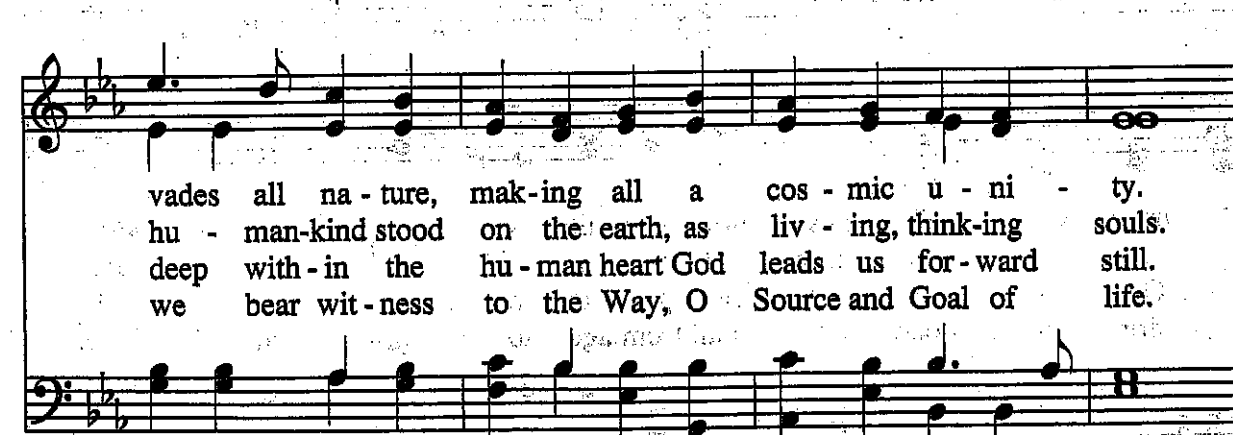
1 Praise to the liv - ing God, the God of love and light, Whose
 2 Praise to the liv - ing God, from whom all things de - rive, Whose
 3 Praise to the liv - ing God, who knows our joy and pain, Who
 4 Praise to the liv - ing God, a - round, with - in, a - bove, Be -



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*.

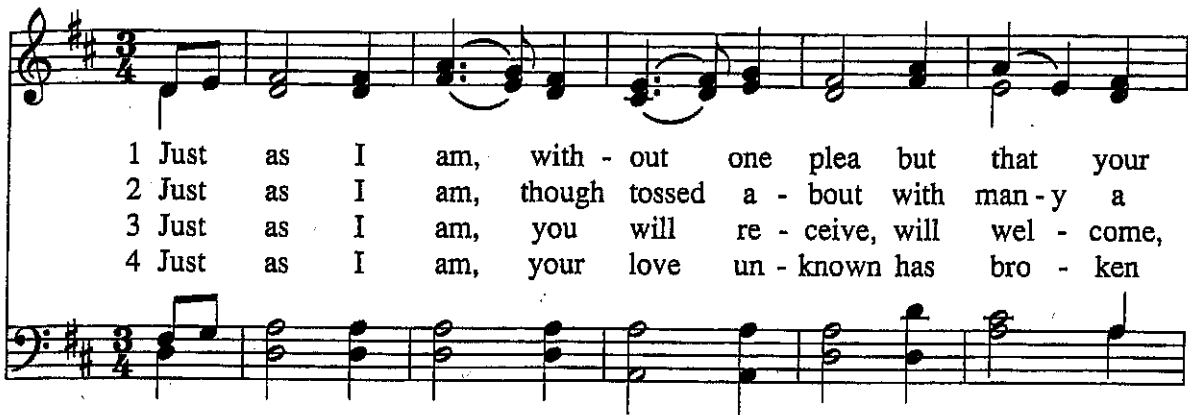
Tune: DIADEMATA S.M.D.
 George J. Elvey, 1868

Just as I Am

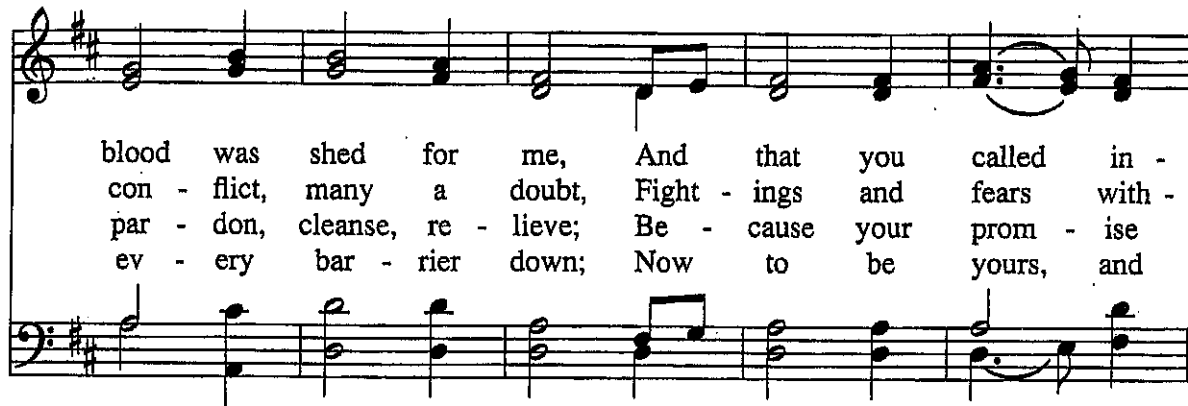
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Charlotte Elliott, 1836; alt.

John 6:37; Eph. 2:14



1 Just as I am, with - out one plea but that your
2 Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
3 Just as I am, you will re - ceive, will wel - come,
4 Just as I am, your love un - known has bro - ken



blood was shed for me, And that you called in -
con - flict, many a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause your prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be yours, and



vit - ing me, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
I be - lieve, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
yours a - lone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

This text appeared in Charlotte Elliott's Invalid's Hymn Book, published in England in 1836. Disabled at age thirty, she continued a career of writing and editing. This hymn has been translated into many languages.

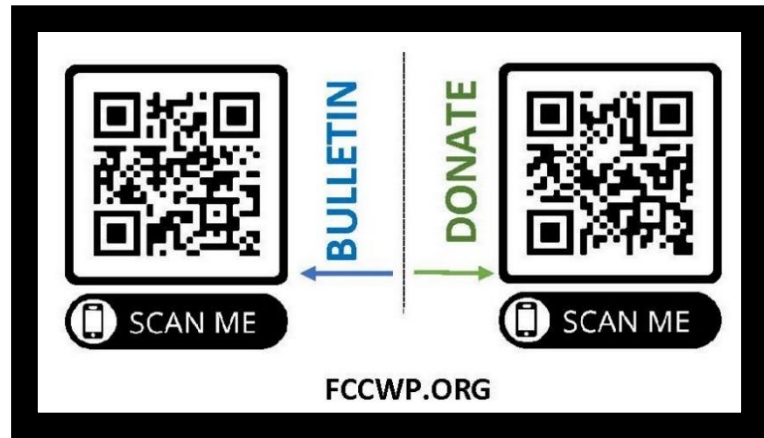
Tune: WOODWORTH L.M.
William B. Bradbury, 1849

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

March 12 – Lenten Luncheon *and* Lenten Series #3

March 17, 18, & 19 – CAR PARK

March 26 – Lenten Luncheon *and* Lenten Series #4

New Member Sunday

April 2 – Palm Sunday & Eggstravaganza

April 9:

7:00 a.m. Sunrise – Rollins

8:00-9:30 a.m. – Brunch – Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. Easter Worship – Sanctuary

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