

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 12, 2025

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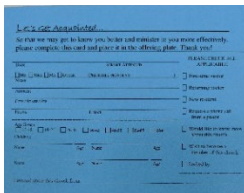
WELCOME

***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
INTROIT

"Give Me Jesus "

Kauffmann

Please refrain from applauding

Rev. Shawn Garvey
Chancel Choir

✱ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "Come and see what God has done!"

✱ OPENING HYMN "For the Beauty of the Earth" V. 1,2&4

No. 28

✱ 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

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Chancel Choir

Beck

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

"Seeing"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Sight, seeing, and being seen hold a central part in this morning's story of the healing of the ten lepers. Often, we are blind, or choose to be blind, to what is happening around us or to us. When our sight opens our eyes to the realities of life and circumstances, the central question for us is this: what do we do when we truly see? Some answers to that are found in this morning's story.

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Pastorale"

Charles Wesley

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

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

No. 553

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

*CHORAL BENEDICTION "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Chancel Choir

Lutkin

Please refrain from applauding



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.

Stay connected with the latest updates, events, and stories from the Florida Conference UCC by subscribing to the Sunshine Connection newsletter:

<https://www.uccfla.org/sunshine-connection-e-newsletter/>





**Join us October 18 when our church supports
the Come out with Pride event at Lake Eola!**

FCCWP and Windermere Union UCC are joining forces this year to have an even bigger presence and see if we should all sign up under the bigger umbrella of the Florida Conference next year.

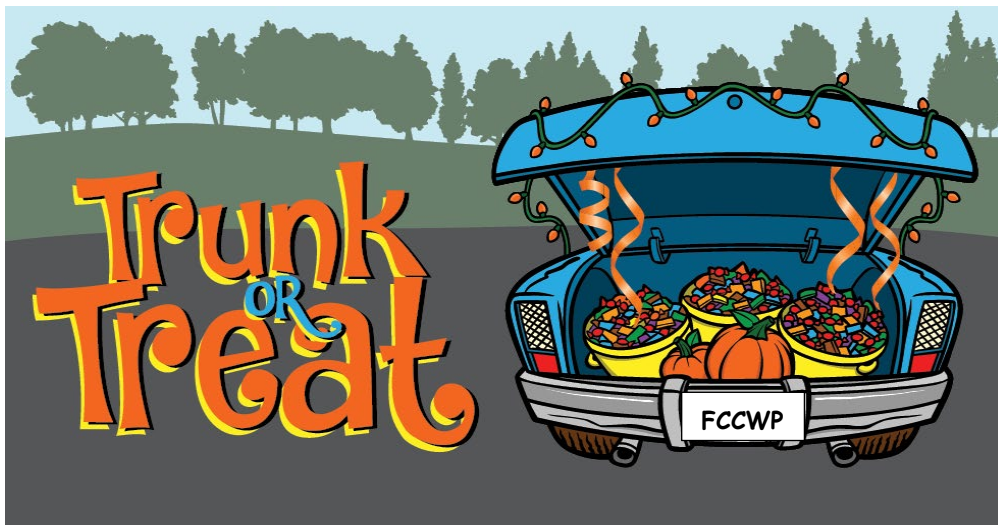
Ways to Volunteer:

- **Sign up as a parade walker (throw swag/candy, smile/wave, dance if the mood strikes you)**
- **Sign up as a parade walker AND an early arrival person (hold our spot before the parade)**
- **Cannot come - but want to contribute in another way? You can sign up to bring candy. There is never enough candy to throw out to the crowd. Donate Skittles, Dum/Dums, and/or Tootsie Pops (or whatever other candy you want that has a rainbow theme and does not melt).**

**Come Out With Pride Orlando is a fun day, and we hope you will all join the cause! Click
the link below to sign up**

Thank you! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0945ABA629A5F85-58625620-come#/>





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

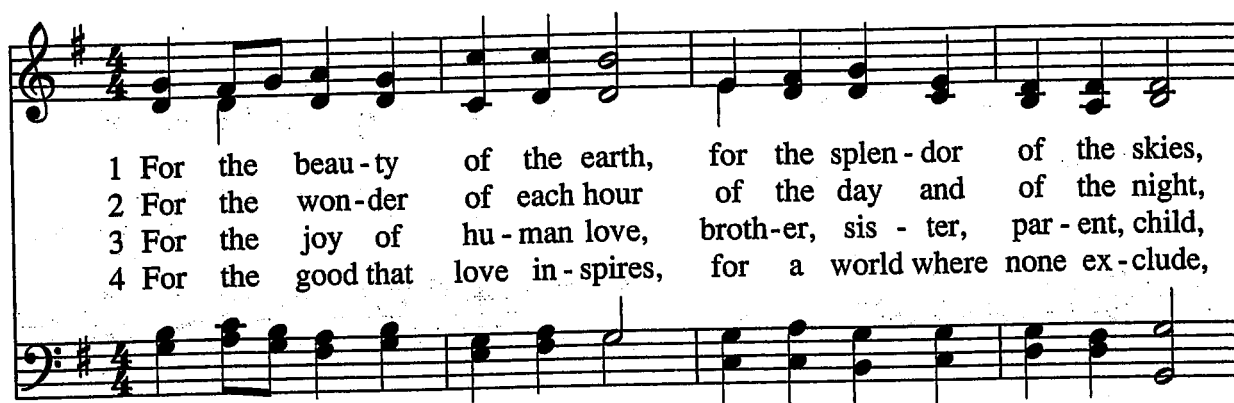


Contact Kerry if you
would like to enter your
trunk in the
contest

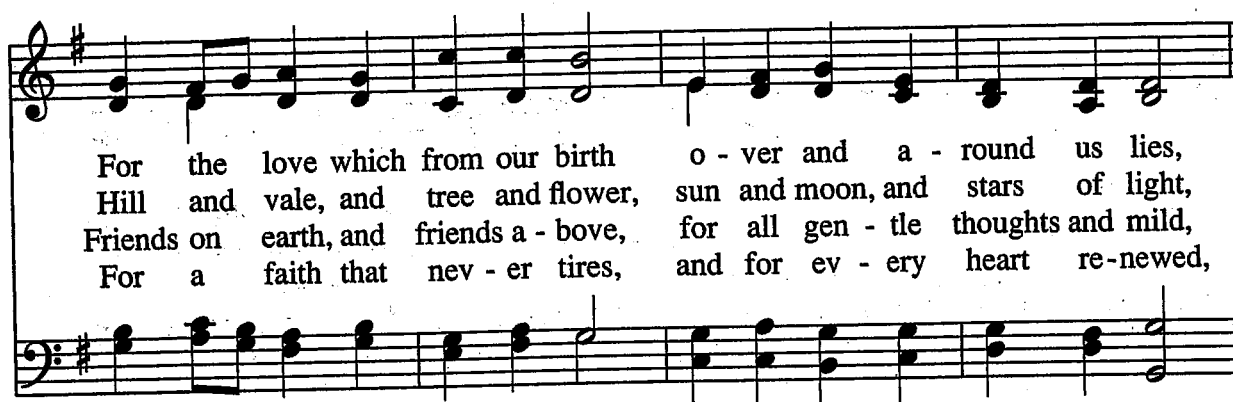
For the Beauty of the Earth

St. 1-3, Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

St. 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

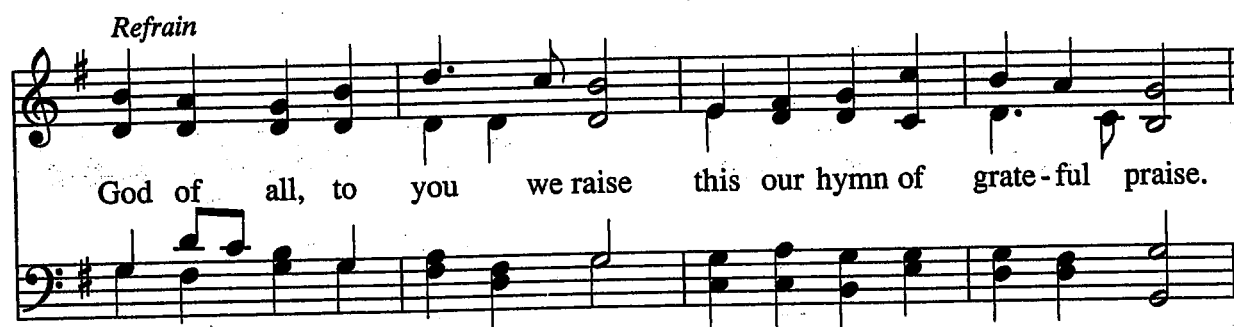


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the splen - dor of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 4 For the good that love in - spires, for a world where none ex - clude,



For the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light,
 Friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild,
 For a faith that nev - er tires, and for ev - ery heart re - newed,

Refrain



God of all, to you we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Folliott S. Pierpoint, author of numerous hymns, penned these verses near his native city of Bath, England, on a late spring day when flowers were in full bloom and all the earth seemed to rejoice.

Tune: DIX 7.7.7. with refrain

Conrad Kocher, 1838

Adapt. William H. Monk, 1861

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Jer. 8:18-22; 46:11; Acts 10:34-43

African-American spiritual; alt.

Refrain

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to make the wound-ed whole,

Last time, end

there is a balm in Gil-e-ad, to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged, and think my work's in vain,
 2 Don't ev - er feel dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend,
 3 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,

to Refrain

But then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 who, if you ask for knowl-edge, will nev - er fail to lend.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus, who died to save us all.

This is one of the most moving of the African-American spirituals because it illustrates the way in which the enslaved tried to encourage those who were feeling especially weighed down by the burden of their captivity.

Tune: BALM IN GILEAD Irr. with refrain
 African-American spiritual

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❧LOOKING AHEAD❧

THIS WEEKEND! October 11 and 12: All Day

Winter Park Art Fest Car Park Fundraiser

No Free Parking on Church Campus (other than Sunday worship)!

Saturday October 18

Come Out with Pride Parade

Lake Eola

Sunday October 26

Pumpkinfest and Trunk or Treat

Sunday November 2

Founders Day

Picnic behind Rollins Art Museum after Worship

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