

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK



Communion Sunday

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

JULY 14, 2024

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

Rev. Shawn Garvey

INTROIT

"You Raise Me Up"

Soloist, Gabe Navarez Quintero

Rolf Lovland

Please refrain from applauding

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

People: "Our hearts are full of gratitude to praise and worship you today."

* **OPENING HYMN**

"God the Omnipotent!" (vs. 1-3)

No. 577

* **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Garvey

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children please come forward and gather for young church.

YOUNG CHURCH

All children/youth will remain in church today for Communion Sunday.

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

All children must be picked up by a 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

Psalm 24

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"How Beautiful Are the Feet"

Soloist, Ruby Abreu

George Frideric Handel

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Mark 6:14-29

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

The story of the death of John the Baptist is, on a certain level, one about what the powers that be are willing to sacrifice to remain in power. Willingness to sacrifice others to maintain honor, prestige, and power remains one of the great temptations of persons in positions of authority. As people of faith, what should be our response when the powers-that-be act in such ways?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

A Service for the Spiritual Feast

WORDS OF INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Savior who taught us to pray:

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Voluntary in C"

Thomas Arne

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

"We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

No. 500

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

God the Omnipotent!

577

St. 1-2, Henry F. Chorley, 1842; alt.

St. 3-4, John Ellerton, 1870; alt.

1 God the Om - ni - po - tent! bold - ly or - dain - ing
 2 God the All - mer - ci - ful! earth has for - sak - en
 3 God the All - righ - teous One! earth has de - fied you,
 4 God the All - prov - i - dent! by your great chas - tening

thun - der and light - ning your strength to dis - play,
 all you make ho - ly, and slight - ed your way;
 yet to e - ter - ni - ty stands what you say;
 earth shall see free - dom and truth hold - ing sway;

Bring forth com - pas - sion where vi - o - lence is reign - ing;
 Bid not your wrath in its ter - rors a - wak - en:
 False - hood and wrong shall not tar - ry be - side you:
 Through the thick cha - os your reign is still has - tening:

give to us peace in our time, we pray.
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.
 give to us peace in our time, we pray.
 you will give peace in your time, we pray.

Two English hymns, one by Henry F. Chorley, a friend of Charles Dickens, and another by Church of England priest John Ellerton, are combined in this text. The tune was originally written for the Russian national anthem.

Tune: RUSSIAN HYMN 11.10.11.9.
 Alexis F. Lvov, 1833

DISCIPLESHIP

500

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Gen. 28:10-17

African-American spiritual

1 We are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, we are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der,
2 Ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er,
3 Rise, shine, give God glo - ry, rise, shine, give God glo - ry,

we are climb-ing Ja-cob's lad-der, bear-ers of the cross.
ev - ery round goes high - er, high - er, bear-ers of the cross.
rise, shine, give God glo - ry, bear-ers of the cross.

Like many spirituals, this one uses a story from the Hebrew scriptures as its starting point and the element of the ladder as a creative device to draw us into the narrative. In like manner, the following twentieth-century adaption of the song by Carole Etzler employs the story of Sarah, the matriarch of the Hebrew people, and extends the direction of the pilgrimage from the upward climb of the ladder to the outward embrace of a circle.

Tune: JACOB'S LADDER 8.8.8.5.
African-American spiritual

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☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

TODAY July 14
Communion Sunday

July 27
Board of Outreach and Social Justice
"Field trip" to Freedom Ride

July 28
Jazz Sunday



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