

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*

**JULY 7, 2024**

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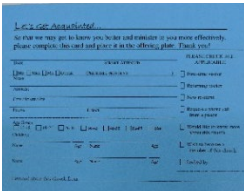
# WELCOME

*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!



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*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](http://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*

*INTROIT*

"Hear My Prayer, O Lord"

Laura Powalisz

*Antonin Dvorak*

*Please refrain from applauding*

*WELCOME*

Kerry Weisner

\* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation Responses in Bold)** Kerry Weisner

We gather for worship. Some of us are here for the music, some of us for friendships, and some of us for the cookies and coffee.

**People: We bring our whole self for many reasons.**

Before God spoke the first word of creation, and creating a space, there was love.

**People: We bring our curiosity.**

We share blessings and fears.

**People: We bring faith and doubt.**

Before anyone entered the sanctuary this morning, love was already here.

**People: We bring the need to be welcomed.**

We see light, hope, and joy.

**People: We bring heart, soul, mind and body.**

We are here because of the space that was created by God and the love that surrounds us.

**People: Now is the time to give thanks, to unload our hearts, to share our lives, and to listen in this created space for all. Amen**

\* **OPENING HYMN** "God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command" No. 592

\* **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 5<sup>th</sup> 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** *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 104 Kerry Weisner  
Minister: This is the Word of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God**

**ANTHEM** "Pie Jesu"  
Gabriel Fauré  
Please refrain from applauding Laura Powalisz

**GOSPEL** John 21:8-14 Kerry Weisner  
Minister: This is the Word of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God**

**MESSAGE** "Creating Space" Kerry Weisner

*When space is created for each of us, we feel loved, safe and welcomed. It gives us something we desperately crave. But what about those who create space. Those who tend the space and welcome us in? The space becomes expanse with an incredible learning and supportive opportunity with love and compassion, understanding and acceptance. The space has been created, now how do we use it?*

Responding to God's Word

**CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS** Kerry Weisner

**SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS**

**CALL TO OFFERING**

**OFFERING DEDICATION**

Offertory "Trumpet Tune"  
Johan Roman  
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** "How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies"

\***BENEDICTION**

No. 594  
Kerry Weisner

**In Celebration**

The flowers on the altar this morning are dedicated in honor of Bill and Mary Anne Tyson as they celebrate their 57th wedding anniversary this week







**Outreach** Freedom Ride Inc. offers therapeutic horseback riding to children and adults with disabilities. The Board of Outreach and Social Justice is raising money to help install smoke alarms in their stables. We are collecting donations and items from their wish list (their wish list can be found on their website: [freedomride.com](http://freedomride.com)) to bring with us on a field trip to Freedom Ride on the morning of July 27th. If you'd like to come along, please contact the church office.

## FREEDOM RIDE

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*A July  
Project for  
Smoke Alarms  
for the  
stables.*

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THERAPUETIC RIDING FOR CHILDREN  
AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES.

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THANK YOU FOR WORKING WITH THE  
BOARD OF OUTREACH AND SOCIAL  
JUSTICE.

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# God of the Ages, Who with Sure Command 592

*Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.*



1 God of the a - ges, who with sure com-mand  
 2 Your pur - pose, just, en - vi - sions mor-tals free;  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead-ly pes - ti - lence,  
 4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on life's toil-some way;



brought forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 God, set our path toward hu - man lib - er - ty.  
 with stead - fast care be ev - er our de - fense;  
 lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



of shin - ing worlds in splen-dor through the skies,  
 Still be our rul - er, guard-ian, guide, and stay—  
 Your love and faith with - in our hearts in - crease;  
 With truth and love guide us through er - ror's maze,



our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.  
 your Word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.  
 with boun-teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and we shall give you glo - ry, laud, and praise.



*Episcopal priest Daniel Crane Roberts wrote this hymn for a July 4, 1876, centennial celebration at Brandon, Vermont. George W. Warren, composer of the tune, was organist at St. Thomas' Church in New York City for thirty years.*

Tune: NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10.10.  
*George William Warren, 1892*

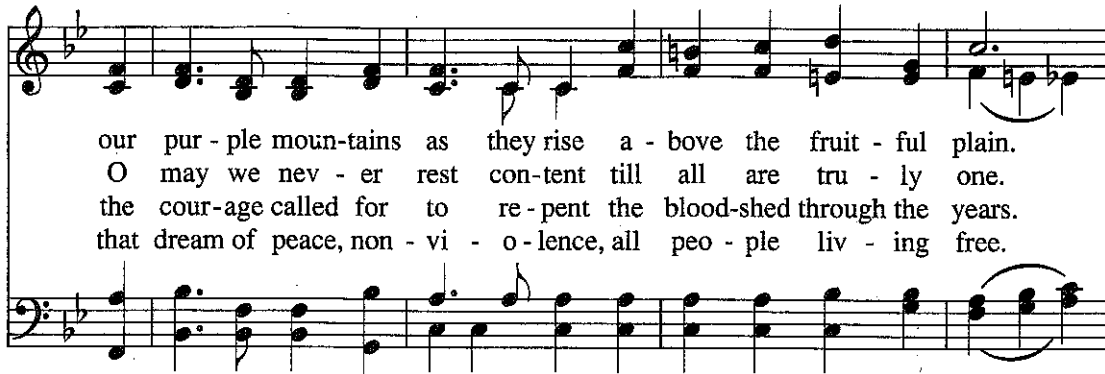
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## How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

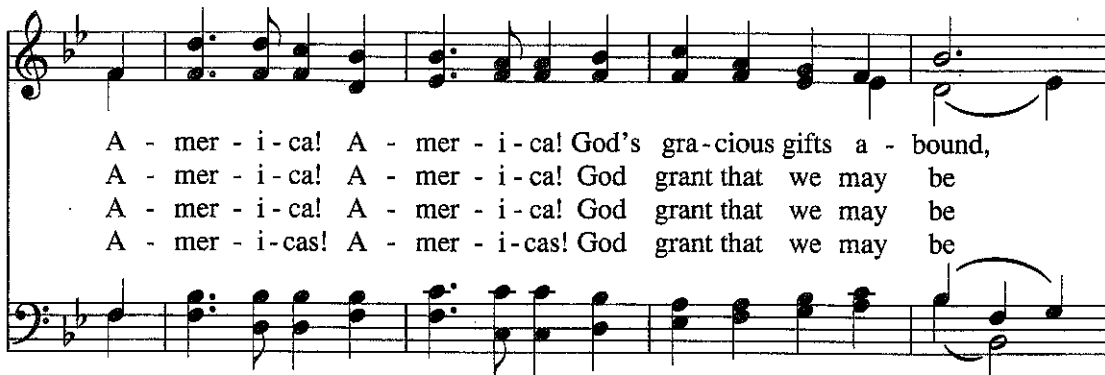
St. 1, Katharine Lee Bates, 1893; alt.  
St. 2, 3, 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993



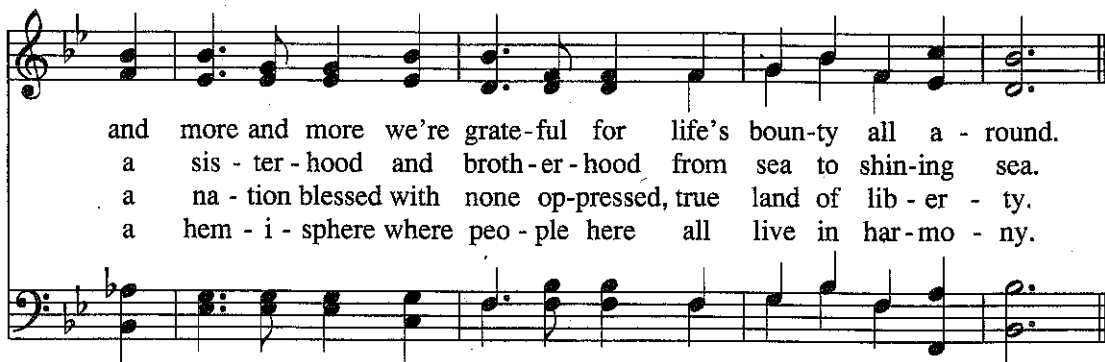
1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am-ber waves of grain;  
2 In-dig-e-nous and im-mi-grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:  
3 How beau-ti-ful, sin-cere la-ment, the wis-dom born of tears,  
4 How beau-ti-ful, two con-ti-nents, and is-lands in the sea



our pur-ple moun-tains as they rise a-bove the fruit-ful plain.  
O may we nev-er rest con-tent till all are tru-ly one.  
the cour-age called for to re-pent the blood-shed through the years.  
that dream of peace, non-vi-o-lence, all peo-ple liv-ing free.



A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God's gra-cious gifts a-bound,  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be  
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be  
A-mer-i-cas! A-mer-i-cas! God grant that we may be



and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a-round.  
a sis-ter-hood and broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.  
a na-tion blessed with none op-pressed, true land of lib-er-ty.  
a hem-i-sphere where peo-ple here all live in har-mo-ny.

On her first trip west in the summer of 1893 the distinguished New England educator Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to write "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." One hundred years later Miriam Therese Winter wrote new stanzas to clearly include all of the Americas.

Tune: MATERNA C.M.D.  
Samuel A. Ward, 1882

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## ☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

**TODAY July 7**

**No Communion**

**(Our next communion Sunday will be July 14<sup>th</sup>)**

**Saturday July 13 from 11:00AM – 1:00 PM**

**Young Innovators Academy Open House**

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