

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

MAY 5, 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

"Open Mine Eyes"

Macfarlane

Please refrain from applauding

Chancel Choir

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "We will love one another as we love you, and you love us."

* OPENING HYMN

"Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

No. 89

* OPENING PRAYER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

All children please come forward and gather for young church.

YOUNG CHURCH

Ms. Kerry Weisner

Children PreK-Kindergarten will leave for Sunday school on the main floor of the Education Building. Children/Youth 1st through 12th grade will leave for Sunday school in the Pottery Studio on the second floor above the Fellowship Hall.

Childcare is available for infants through 3 yrs. old in the Nursery located on the main floor of the Education Building.

All children must be picked up by a parent.

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SONG OF SUPPORT

*Little children, welcome! Jesus cares about you;
Jesus now enfolds you, little children, welcome!
Little children, welcome! We, the church of Jesus,
We will help your growing, little children, welcome!*

(Hymn #323, verses 2 & 3)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Amy Wareing, Board of Membership

Minister: Let us, members of the First Congregational Church of Winter Park, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

People: We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of this church. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we grow together in faith and be witnesses to the love of God and the peace of Christ.

HEBREW

Psalm 98

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

“Beautiful River”

Chancel Choir

arr. Deormier

Soloists: Luke Noles, Veronica Prevost

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

John 15:9-17

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“A Deeper Friendship; An Ultimate Love”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

These verses contain the most explicit statement of what love means to Jesus: to lay down one's life for one's friends. The word that is used here for “friend” is actually from a Greek verb meaning “to love.” Therefore, friendship as Jesus means it here is “those who are loved.” To love Jesus, and to be his friend, are one and the same. Likewise, to be loved by Jesus and be considered a friend to him are synonymous. In the midst of this deep love, the ultimate expression thereof is to lay down one's own life for the sake of those whom we love. In our lives today, right now, what does that mean to us?

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

“Offertoire”

Louis Vierne

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

“On River Jordan’s Banks I Stand”
vv. 1, 4, & 5

No. 598

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

CHORAL BENEDICTION

“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”

Chancel Choir

IN CELEBRATION



The flowers on the altar Commemorate 40 years of marriage for Lorelei Anderson-Francis and Clinton Franis. Matthew 19:6.

Welcome New Members!



Emily Bader

5/5/2024

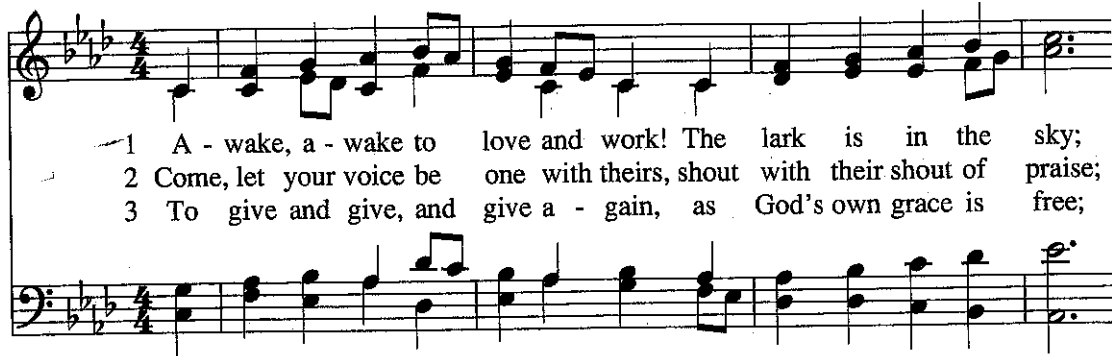
BALDWIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS need to be in the church office by 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2024. (This is a firm deadline.) Contact the church office if you need an application emailed to you.

This is for anyone pursuing avenues of higher education from High School graduates on up.

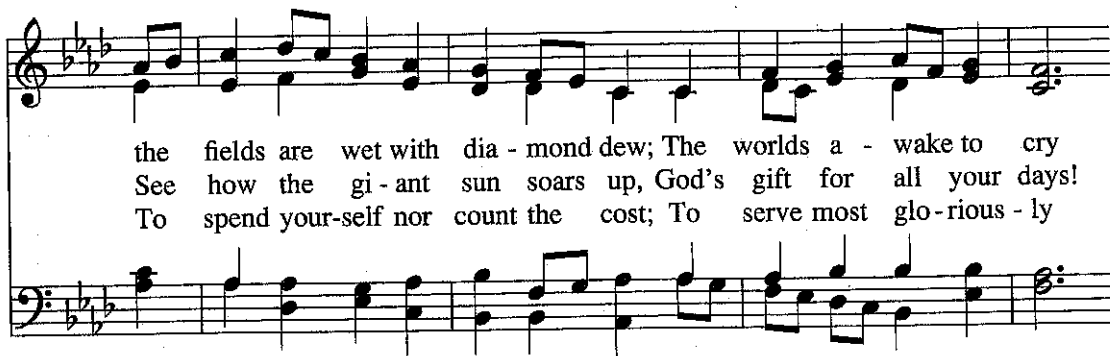


Awake, Awake to Love and Work

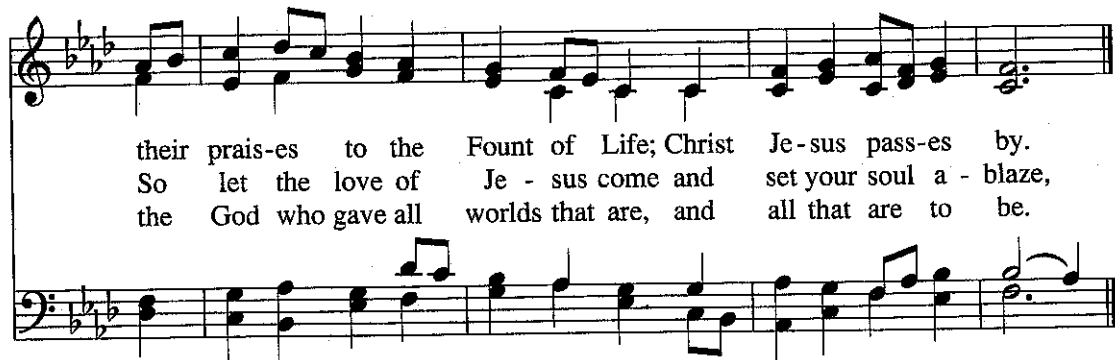
Geoffrey A. Studdert-Kennedy, 1921; alt.



1 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;
2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;
3 To give and give, and give a - gain, as God's own grace is free;



the fields are wet with dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry
See how the gi - ant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!
To spend your-self nor count the cost; To serve most glo - rious - ly



their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je - sus pass-es by.
So let the love of Je - sus come and set your soul a - blaze,
the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy was known in the United States as an eloquent preacher. He was a famed chaplain (Woodbine Willie) in World War I and later chaplain to the King of England. This hymn is part of a longer poem, "At a Harvest Festival."

Tune: MORNING SONG 8.6.8.6.8.6.
Kentucky Harmony, 1816
Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

On River Jordan's Banks I Stand

Samuel Stennett, 1787; alt.

1 On Riv - er Jor - dan's banks I stand, and cast a wish-ful eye
 2 There gen-erous fruits that nev - er fail on trees im - mor - tal grow.
 3 All o'er those wide ex - tend-ed plains shines one e - ter - nal day.
 4 When shall I reach that hap - py place, and be for - ev - er blessed?
 5 Filled with de - light, my rap-tured soul can here no long - er stay.

Up - on the fair and hap - py land where my pos - ses-sions lie.
 There rocks and hills and brooks and vales with milk and hon - ey flow.
 There God, the Sun, for - ev - er reigns, and scat - ters night a - way.
 When shall I see my Mak - er's face, when in God's bo - som rest?
 Though Jor - dan's waves a - round me roll, fear - less I'll sail a - way.

Refrain

I am bound for the prom-ised land, I am bound for the prom-ised land.

Oh, who will come and go with me? I am bound for the prom-ised land.

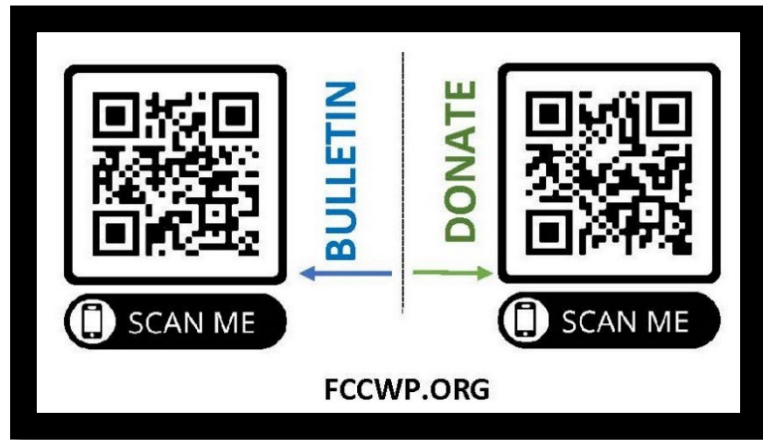
Born into an English family that had been active for generations in Seventh Day Baptist churches, Samuel Stennett became an outstanding Baptist preacher. He was a personal friend of King George III. The hymn originally had no refrain.

Tune: PROMISED LAND C.M. with refrain
 Southern Harmony, 1835; alt.
 Arr. Rigdon M. McIntosh, 1875

CHURCH GUEST WIFI

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

May 5

New Member Sunday

Bring a Friend to Church

Special pottery class for all children/youth 1st-12th grade during Sunday School.

Legacy Society Luncheon and Presentation

(This event is free, but we need your reservation!)

May 12

Mother's Day

May 19

Retirement Party for Mary Joe Searl

The whole family is invited. This event is free, but we need your reservation!

Questions? Please see Kerry Weisner.

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