

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 4, 2025

Masking is welcomed, but not required.

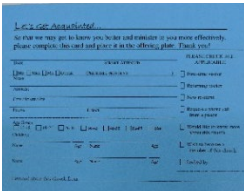
WELCOME

*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

INTRIOT

"Saints Bound for Heaven"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Chancel Choir

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

People: "He shows us the way to transformation is mutual beloved-ness"

* **OPENING HYMN**

"Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

No. 337

* **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Garvey

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children please come forward for Young Church

YOUNG CHURCH

Kerry Weisner

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.

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.

EPISTLE

Acts 9:1-6

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"Ave Verum"

Mozart

Chancel Choir

GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"Recognition"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

In this account of a morning breakfast by the sea, the disciples do not recognize Jesus until a miracle of a large catch occurs: a parallel to the miracle of the large catch when Jesus first calls some of the disciples. It is in this experience that the disciples go through a transformation that gives them recognition of Jesus in their midst. Has such an event happened to you; when something happens and suddenly you realize the presence of Jesus is right there with you when a moment before you didn't recognize him?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS
SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

Rev. Garvey

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

Rev. Garvey

Offertory

"Trumpet Voluntary in D major"

John Travers

**Doxology (Old Hundredth)*

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*

"Dear God, Embracing Humankind" (V. 1-4)

No. 502

**BENEDICTION*

Rev. Garvey



In Remembrance: The flowers on the altar today are given Memory of Madeline Turner. Remembering her birthday. Chuck, Sue and Shelly. Miss you, mom.



This FUN All
Church Party is

May 18th after
church

Presented by
Church Council

w/help from our 2025
Mission Trip Friends ~ join
them during service as the
group gets commissioned.

*Learn about FCCWP Summer Activities from
boards and social groups.

*Hot Dogs, Burgers and Sides
*Kona Ice Truck

*Be one of the first to buy a book by
church member Kim Michalak!
Guess what church is in the book!

The event is FREE ~
donations welcome to cover food
costs



Please Register for food count.

The Food Pantry Needs our Help!!

Due to recent reductions in Ward Chapel's food program from Second Harvest, which may persist for some time, we are experiencing a significant shortfall in non-perishable food. As a result, the Lil' Dab program has become even more crucial to those we serve.



Please consider increasing your contribution to help bridge this gap. Below is a list of items currently needed. The next time you go grocery shopping, consider picking up a few extra items for the food pantry—especially BOGO deals and specials!

Helpful reminder: Pull-top lids are especially beneficial for those who are homeless.

Please donate only items that have not expired.

Needed Items:

- Children's juice boxes (various flavors)
- Pancake mix and maple syrup
- Boxed cereal
- Canned fruit, vegetables, soup, chili, spaghetti, ravioli
- Canned meals (e.g., Dinty Moore Beef Stew)
- Snack pack pudding or Jello (shelf-stable)
- Microwavable mac and cheese
- Regular jars of spaghetti sauce and pasta
- Peanut butter and jelly
- Snack crackers (with cheese, peanut butter, etc.)

Thank you for your generosity and support!

FCCWP

SUPPORT OUR MISSION TRIP TO PINE RIDGE RESERVATION!

Our church is traveling to Pine Ridge Reservation, South Dakota, to serve needs identified by the community, for the community.

JUNE 7 – 14, 2025

South Dakota

**YOU CAN HELP MAKE THIS MISSION
POSSIBLE BY DONATING ANY AMOUNT.
YOUR SUPPORT WILL COVER:**

- ◆ Transportation & airfare
- ◆ Meals for our team
- ◆ Supplies for our service projects
- ◆ And many priceless moments of connection

Choose a specific need from the Quilt or Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall or give a general donation using the QR code above.



**EVERY
CONTRIBUTION,
BIG OR SMALL,
HELPS MAKE
THIS JOURNEY
POSSIBLE.**



**Thank you for
being part of this
mission with us!
Your generosity
will make a lasting
impact.**

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

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Percy Dearmer, 1925; alt.

Matt. 18:20

Unison

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name, two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the Giv - er,
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia!
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.
 Al - le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al - le - lu - ia! We may serve with faith a - new.

British hymnal editor Percy Dearmer originally wrote these stanzas under a pseudonym as part of a postcommunion hymn by George H. Bourne. The tune was adapted from an anthem by Harold Friedell and is named for Union Theological Seminary in New York.


Tune: UNION SEMINARY 8.7.8.7.4.4.7.
 Harold Friedell, 1957
 Adapt. Jet Turner, 1967

Dear God, Embracing Humankind



502

John Greenleaf Whittier, 1872; alt.



Mark 1:16-20; Matt. 14:22-23; 1 Kings 19:11-12




1 Dear God, em-brac - ing hu - man - kind, for - give our fool - ish
 2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Syr - ian
 3 O sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
 4 Drop your still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
 5 Breathe through the puls - es of de - sire your cool - ness and your

ways; Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
 sea, The gra - cious call - ing of your word, let
 above! There Je - sus met you prayer - ful - ly: the
 cease; Take from our souls the strain and stress, and
 balm; Let sense be numb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives your ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
 us, like them, by spir - it stirred, rise up and fol - lowers be.
 si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty, in - ter - pret - ed by love.
 let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of your peace.
 through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.



In his poem "The Brewing of Soma," New England poet John Greenleaf Whittier compares frenzied ecstasies of a sect of Hindu priests to the noisy Christian revivals he found so offensive. This hymn of quiet worship is from the final stanzas.

Tune: REST 8.6.8.8.6.
 Frederick C. Maker, 1887
 Alternate tune: REPTON
 (repeating last phrase)

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

Sunday May 11
Mother's Day
and
Graduation Sunday

Sunday May 18th
New Member Sunday
And
Summer Kick-Off!

Monday May 26
Memorial Day -Church Office Closed

Monday June 2
Baldwin Scholarship Applications Due!

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