

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*

**APRIL 27 2025**

***Masking is welcomed but not required.***

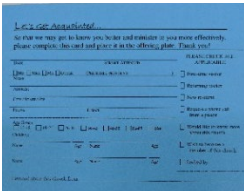
# WELCOME

*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](http://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](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

WELCOME

INTROIT

"Witness"

Johnson

*Please refrain from applauding*

Rev. Shawn Garvey  
Soloist, JaQuan Purcell

\* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

**People: "Jesus speaks peace among us. We do not carry this alone."**

\* OPENING HYMN

"The Churches One Foundation"

No. 386

\* 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"***

*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 UPSTAIRSs 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.*

EPISTLE

Acts 5:27-32

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"

Soloist, JaQuan Purcell

Boarder

*Please refrain from applauding*

GOSPEL

John 20:19-31

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

## MESSAGE

"Sent"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

*In John, the Resurrection and Pentecost are joined into one story. Part of this morning's passage is Jesus telling the disciples that they are now sent by him as God sent Jesus into the world. If we join this commission of sending with the Love Commandment during the Last Supper, we begin to see who and what we are called to be as individuals and as the Church. As always, though, it is up to us to choose whether we do this, and if we do, what it really means. How do you discern this process at work around you in the world right now?*

## *Responding to God's Word*

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Pastorale"

J.S. Bach

*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

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

No. 1

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



**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 **TODAY**, April 27th, immediately following worship in the Parlor. We look forward to exploring the journey of faith with you.

**BALDWIN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS** need to be in the church office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday June 2, 2025. (This is a firm deadline.) Applications are in the Narthex. 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.



**Sunday, April 27, 2025  
11:30 AM**

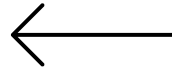
**FOR EARTH DAY  
YOUR OUTREACH AND SOCIAL  
JUSTICE BOARD PRESENTS**

**DR. LYDIA STAGGS  
SR. VETERINARIAN,  
SEAWORLD ORLANDO**

**TOPIC:  
THE HEALTH OF AMAZON RIVER  
DOLPHINS AND THE IMPACT OF  
HABITAT LOSS, POLLUTION, AND  
HUMAN ACTIVITY ON THEIR  
POPULATIONS**



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**TODAY!!**

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# 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.**

## The Church's One Foundation

Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11

Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.

1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,  
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three - in - One,

we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,  
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
 One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,

with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

*Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the holy Catholic Church."*

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
 Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

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Walter C. Smith, 1867; alt.

1 Tim. 1:17; Ps. 36:6

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 Your life is life - giv - ing— to both great and small;  
 4 So per - fect your glo - ry, so bril - liant your light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 not want - ing, not wast - ing, but rul - ing in might;  
 in all life you're liv - ing, the true life of all;  
 your an - gels a - dore you, all veil - ing their sight;

Most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 Your jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove,  
 We blos - som and flour - ish as leaves and as flowers,  
 All praise we now ren - der as your an - gels do:

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, your great name we praise.  
 your clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish— but naught dims your powers.  
 in awe at the splen - dor of light hid - ing you.

Walter C. Smith, minister of the Free Church of Scotland and later moderator of the Assembly, wrote poetry as a retreat from work and to say what could not be fully expressed in the pulpit.

Tune: ST. DENIO 11.11.11.11.  
 Adapt. from a Welsh ballad in John Roberts' Caniadaeth y Cysegr, 1839

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## 🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

TODAY! Sunday April 27

Membership Conversation in the Parlor after worship

And

Earth Day Presentation in Fellowship Hall

Sunday May 11

Mother's Day

and

Graduation Sunday

Sunday May 18<sup>th</sup>

New Member Sunday

And

Summer Kick-Off!

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