

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 30, 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

OUTREACH MOMENT

MISSION MOMENT VIDEO

INTROIT

"Bright Canon"

Parker

Please refrain from applauding

Rev. Shawn Garvey
Bill Sheldon (L'il Dab)
EGGstravaganza Team
Chancel Choir

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "With a heart of extravagant love, you are most welcome here!"

* OPENING HYMN

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

No. 459

* OPENING PRAYER

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

All children please come forward to participate in the Baptism

SERVICE OF BAPTISM

Rev. Garvey

Minister: Jesus Christ calls us to make disciples of all nations and offer them the gift of grace in baptism. Do you, who witness and celebrate this sacrament of baptism, promise your love, support, and care to Louise Fox Spears as she lives and grows in Christ?

People: We promise our love, support, and care.

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.*

HEBREW

Joshua 5:9-12

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"When I Survey The Wondrous Cross"

Chancel Choir

Martin

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"Pondering The Prodigal"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

The Prodigal Son, one of the most beloved parables and exclusive to Luke, is rich with meaning. The story revolves around three characters: the Father, the Older Brother and the Prodigal Son. At any given time in our lives, we may resonate more with one of these characters than the others. Today, with all that is happening in your life, which character do you most resonate with and why?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"A Trumpet Air"

John Reading

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

Rev, Garvey

*CLOSING HYMN

"In The Cross of Christ I Glory" V. 1-3

No. 194

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



In Celebration!

The flowers on the altar today are given by Martin and Amy Wareing in recognition of our family visiting from Dallas; Michael, Morgan and Celia Pipkin!

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.**



Easter Flower Fund

The Flower Guild will be decorating our church with beautiful spring flowers and plants for Easter. A special flower fund has been set up and you may donate (any amount) to the fund in memory of a loved one or in honor of a family member or friend.

Flower dedications received in the church office by **Tuesday, April 15**, will be listed in the Easter bulletin.

Checks should be made payable to First Congregational Church and marked "Easter Flower Fund" in the memo line.

Flower dedication given by: *(please print legibly)*

Name: _____

In Honor of: _____

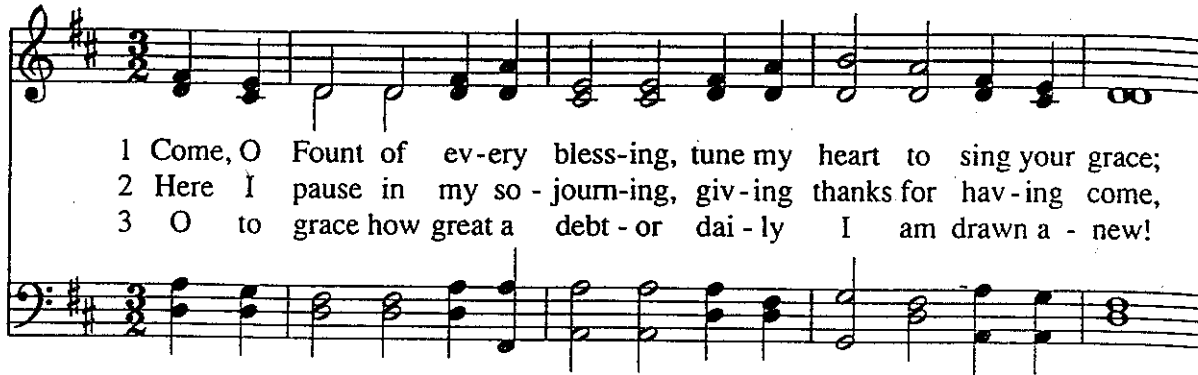
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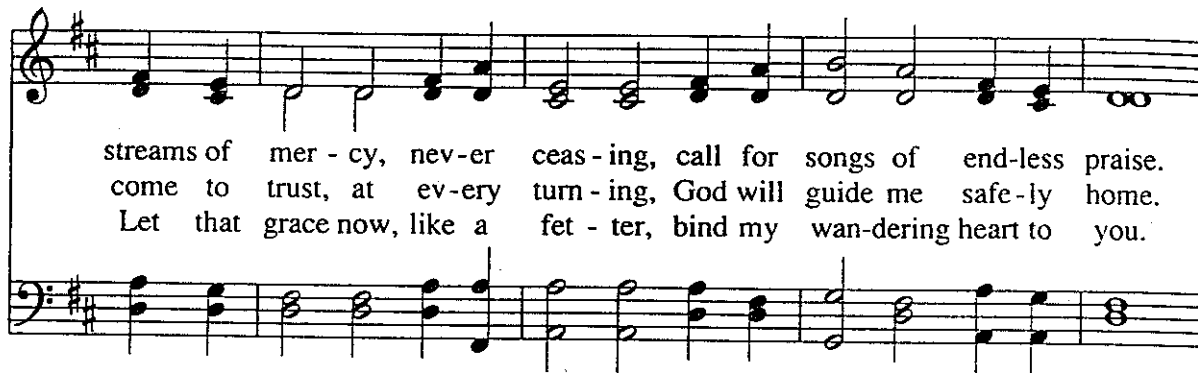
Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

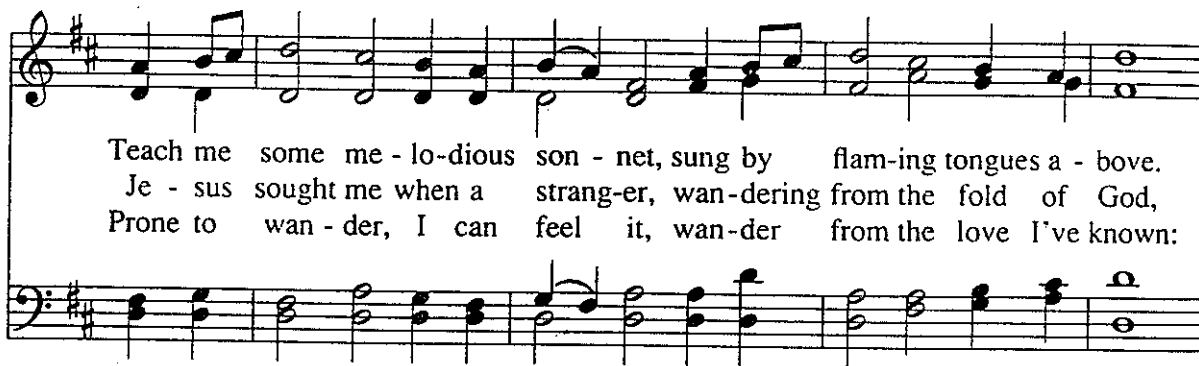
Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.



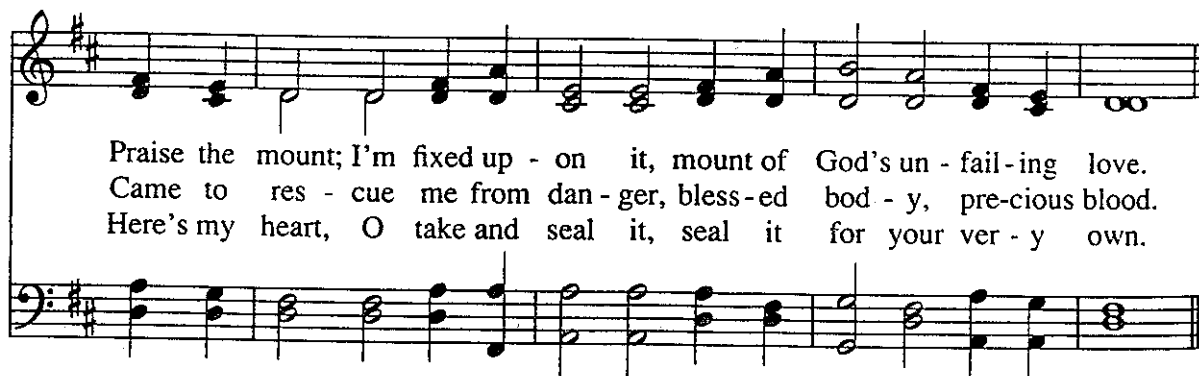
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail-ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless-ed bod - y, pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

John Bowring, 1825

Gal. 6:14



1 & 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing o'er the
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de - ceive, and
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and love up -
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the cross are



wrecks of time; All the light of sa - cred
 fears an - noy, Nev - er shall the cross for -
 on my way, From the cross the ra - diance
 sanc - ti - fied; Peace is there that knows no



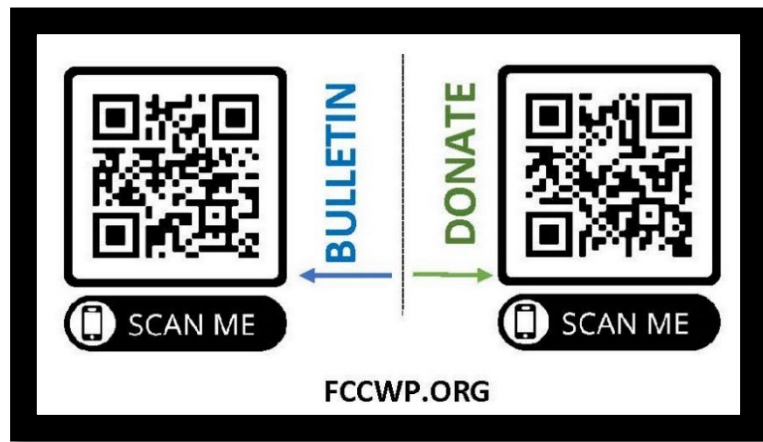
sto - ry gath - ers 'round its head sub - lime.
 sake me: Lo! it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide. (repeat first stanza)



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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

Sunday April 6

Easter Basket Assembly
Fellowship Hall After Worship

AND

W.I.N.G.S. Youth Night!
All Ages

Sunday April 13

Palm Sunday and Eggstravaganza!

Sunday April 20

Easter Sunday

Monday April 21

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