

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

MAY 18 2025

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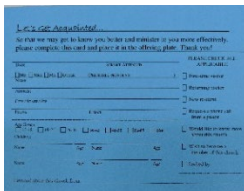
WELCOME

***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!



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

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

INTROIT

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

Please refrain from applauding

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Jim Schreiber

Chancel Choir

✱ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

People: "We come together to become Love's liberation, building collective power to resist injustice."

✱ OPENING HYMN

"Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven"

No. 243

✱ OPENING PRAYER

✱ PASSING OF THE PEACE

All children please come forward for Young Church

MISSION TRIP COMMISSIONING

Rev. Garvey

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 UPSTAIRS 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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Jenifer Ruby, 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.

EPISTLE

Acts 11:1-18

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"Grace"

Chancel Choir

Mark Hayes

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"How to Love"

Rev. Shawn Garvey

In this passage from John, Jesus instructs those who are listening with a new commandment, to love one another as he loved us. When we think about Jesus and the entire life and ministry that we are allowed to see through the Gospel authors, what does that love authentically look like, and how can we embody it ourselves?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Voluntary in C"

Jonas Blewitt

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

"O for a World"

No. 575

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



Altar Flowers

In Remembrance:

The flowers on the altar today are given by Joan Heck in loving memory of Bill Heck whose service was held here yesterday.

Party Today!



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.



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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.

Support our Youth Mission Trip!

Join us For Lunch Next Month!

Membership Board invites you to join us!

It's Lunch Bunch Time!

Sunday, June 22
Following Church Service

We will walk together from Fellowship Hall to
@ Cocina 214, 151 E Welbourne Ave, Winter Park

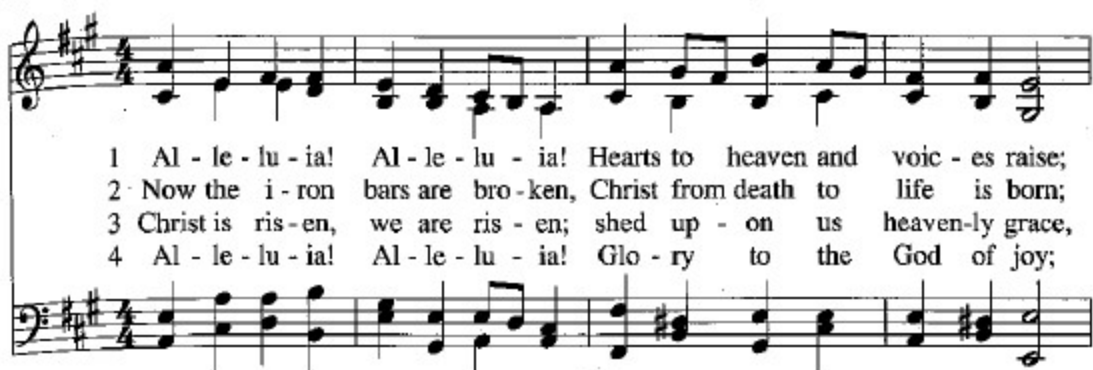
RSVP Required
By June 18
Scan QR to RSVP

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven

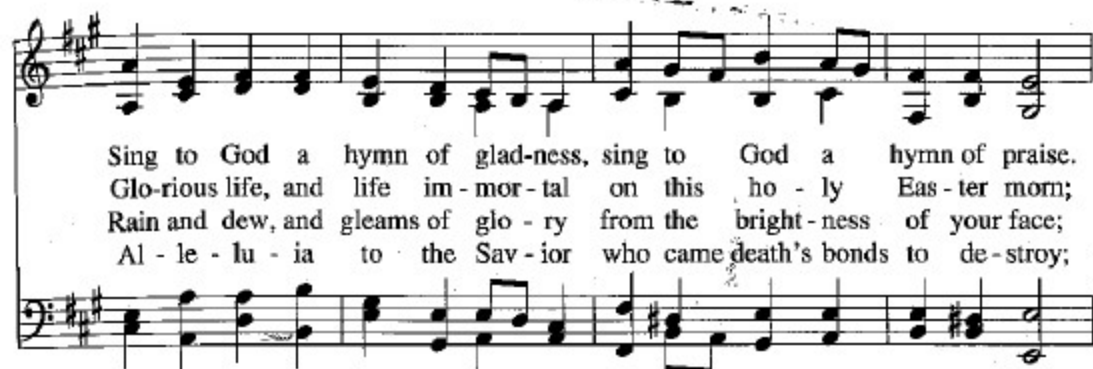
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Christopher Wordsworth, 1872; alt.

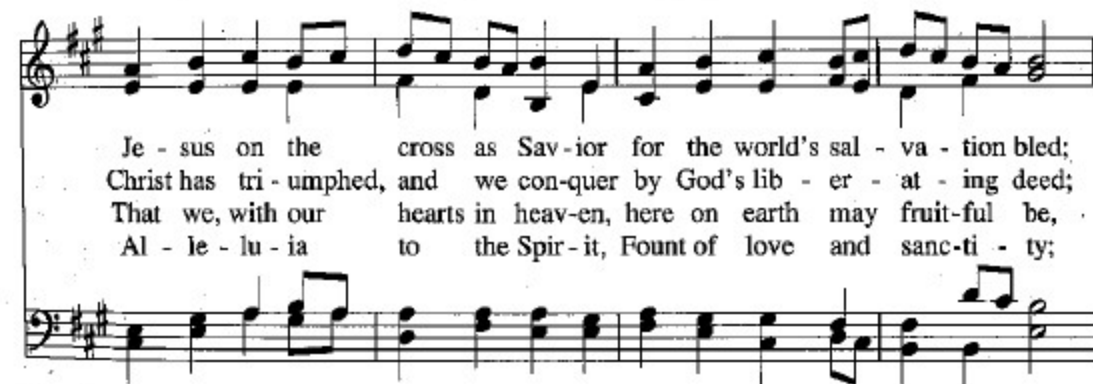
Matt. 28:5-8; Rom. 5:21; 6:4-11; 1 Cor. 15:20-22



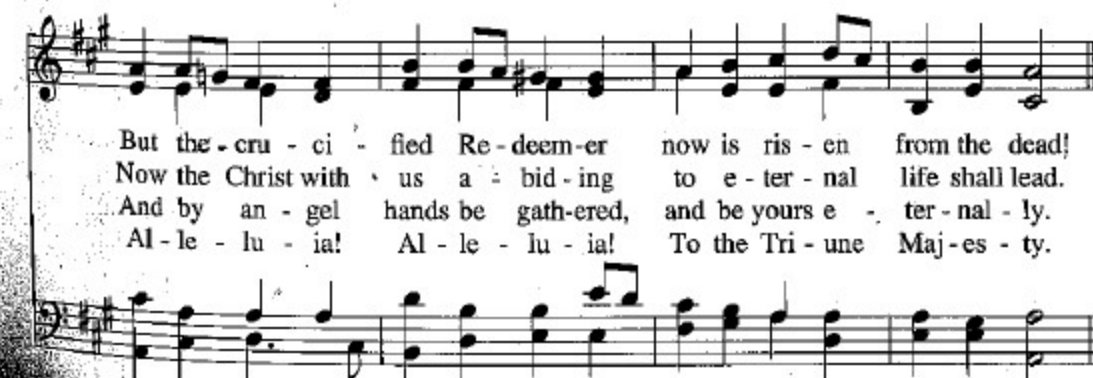
1 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise;
 2 Now the i - ron bars are bro - ken, Christ from death to life is born;
 3 Christ is ris - en, we are ris - en; shed up - on us heav - en - ly grace,
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - ry to the God of joy;



Sing to God a hymn of glad - ness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 Glo - rious life, and life im - mor - tal on this ho - ly Eas - ter morn;
 Rain and dew, and gleams of glo - ry from the bright - ness of your face;
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Sav - ior who came death's bonds to de - stroy;



Je - sus on the cross as Sav - ior for the world's sal - va - tion bled;
 Christ has tri - umphed, and we con - quer by God's lib - er - at - ing deed;
 That we, with our hearts in heav - en, here on earth may fruit - ful be,
 Al - le - lu - ia to the Spir - it, Fount of love and sanc - ti - ty;



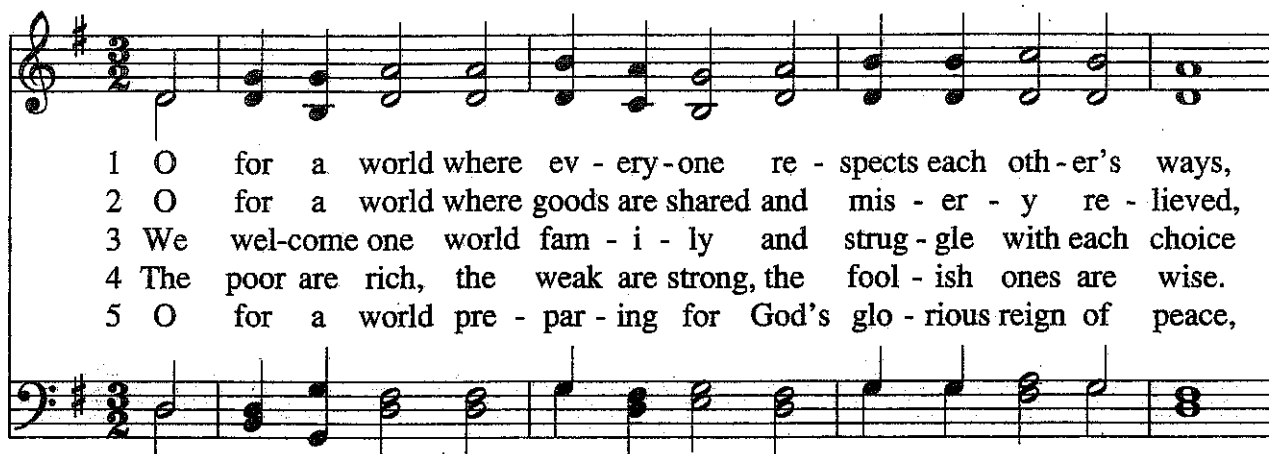
But the - cru - ci - fied Re - deem - er now is ris - en from the dead!
 Now the Christ with us a - bid - ing to e - ter - nal life shall lead.
 And by an - gel hands be gath - ered, and be yours e - ter - nal - ly.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! To the Tri - une Maj - es - ty.

O for a World

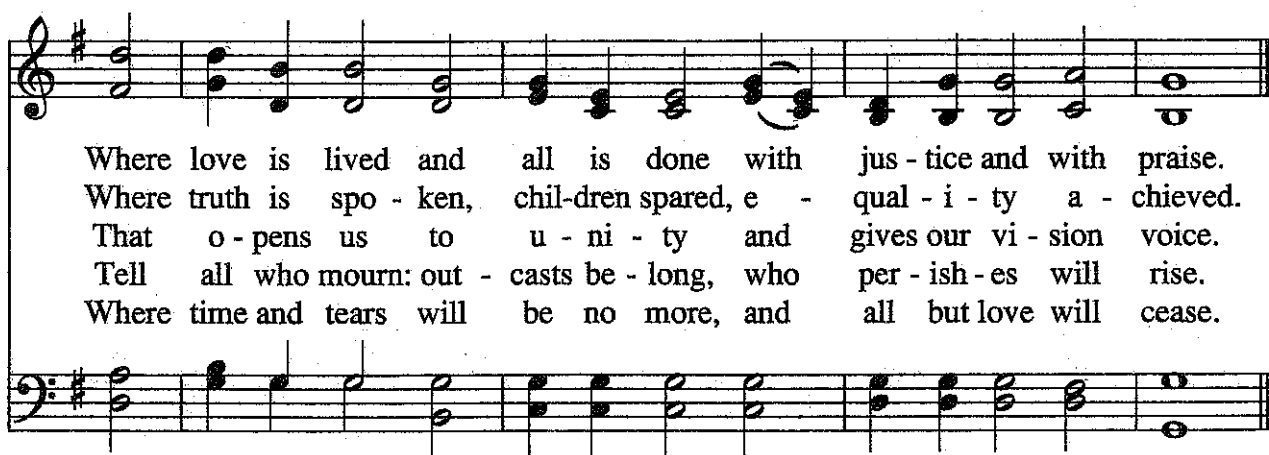
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Miriam Therese Winter, 1987

Acts 4:32-35; I Cor. 1:26-31; 1 Pet. 3:8-12



1 O for a world where ev - ery-one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,



Where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Inspired by Charles Wesley's phrase "O for a thousand tongues" and the familiar tune Azmon, Miriam Therese Winter wrote this hymn envisioning a new world order for the Presbyterian Women's Triennial Conference in 1982. It was later recrafted and recorded by the Medical Mission Sisters.

Tune: AZMON C.M.

Carl G. Gläser, 1828

Adapt. Lowell Mason in Modern Psalmody, 1839

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❧LOOKING AHEAD❧

TODAY! Sunday May 18th

New Member Sunday

And

Summer Kick-Off

with a special FCC Childcare Water Party during church service

Monday May 26

Memorial Day -Church Office Closed

Sunday June 1

No Communion

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