

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

APRIL 6, 2025

Masking is welcomed but not required.

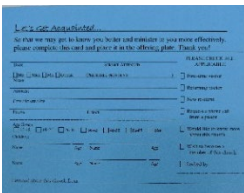
WELCOME

*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

MISSION MOMENT VIDEO

INTRIOT

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

Hogan

Rev. Shawn Garvey
EGGstravaganza Team
Soloist, Gabriel Quijano

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

People: "With our ancestors we pray and rejoice"

* **OPENING HYMN** "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" V. 1,3&4

No. 273

* **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Garvey

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children please come forward for Young Church

YOUNG CHURCH

*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.*

HEBREW

Isaiah 43:16-21

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Deep River"

Hogan

Soloist, Gabriel Quijano

GOSPEL

John 12:1-8

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Sacred Urgency”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

At this point in John, we are almost at the Passion Story. Jesus is anointed by Mary at a gathering as a foreshadowing of his foot washing at the Last Supper and also of his burial. With the end drawing near, Jesus makes a comment regarding how he won't always be here. There is an urgency, then, to honor his presence and do something. We often take Time, and each other, for granted. If we took each moment as the gift that it is, how much more urgent would we feel to act out of compassion and justice not knowing when any moment might be our last?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

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

Rev. Garvey

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Chorale"

Johannes Brahms

**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*

“Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped”

No. 22

**BENEDICTION*

Rev. Garvey

IN REMEMBRANCE



The beautiful new greenery in the Narthex is given by the Franz Family in loving memory of Thomas "Gramps" Franz Sr.

We extend a warm welcome to our newest member, Bryan Stowers who joined in absentia on March 27th.



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!

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.) Contact the church office if you need an application emailed to you. (fccwp@fccwp.org)



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

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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.**



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: _____

In Memory of: _____



Praise with Joy the World's Creator

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The Iona Community, 1985; alt.

1 Praise with joy the world's Cre - a - tor, God of jus - tice,
 2 Praise to Christ who feeds the hun - gry, frees the cap - tive,
 3 Praise the Spir - it sent a - mong us, lib - er - a - ting
 4 Praise the Mak - er, Christ, and Spir - it, one God: in Com -

love, and peace, Source and end of hu - man knowl - edge,
 finds the lost, Heals the sick, up - sets re - li - gion,
 truth from pride, For - ing bonds where race or gen - der,
 mu - ni - ty, Call - ing Christ - ians to em - bod - y

grace be - stow - ing with - out cease. Cel - e - brate the
 fear - less both of fate and cost. Cel - e - brate Christ's
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 one - ness and di - ver - si - ty. Thus the world shall

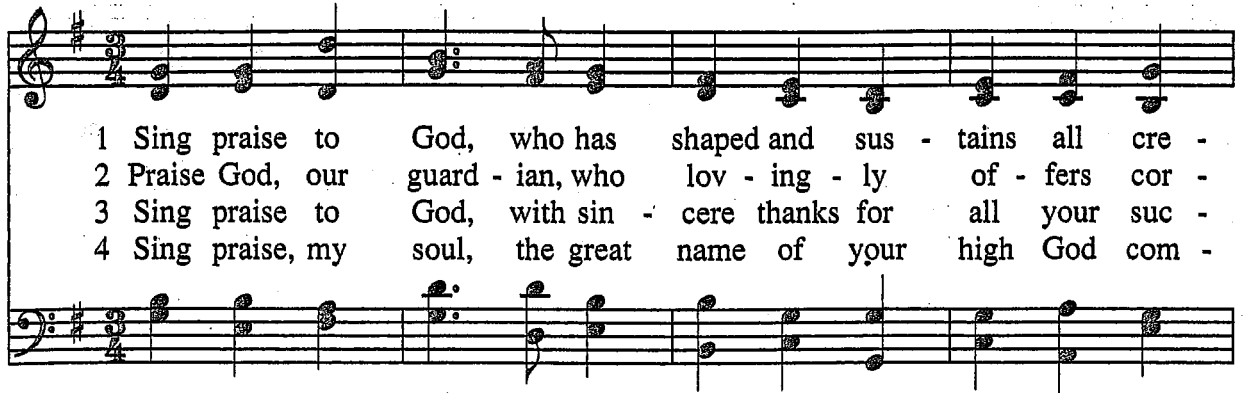
Ma - ker's glo - ry, power to res - cue and re - lease.
 con - stant pres - ence— Friend and Strang - er, Guest and Host.
 Spir - it's trea - sure— fool - ish - ness none dare de - ride.
 yet be - lieve when shown Christ's vi - brant un - i - ty.

Sing Praise to God, Who Has Shaped

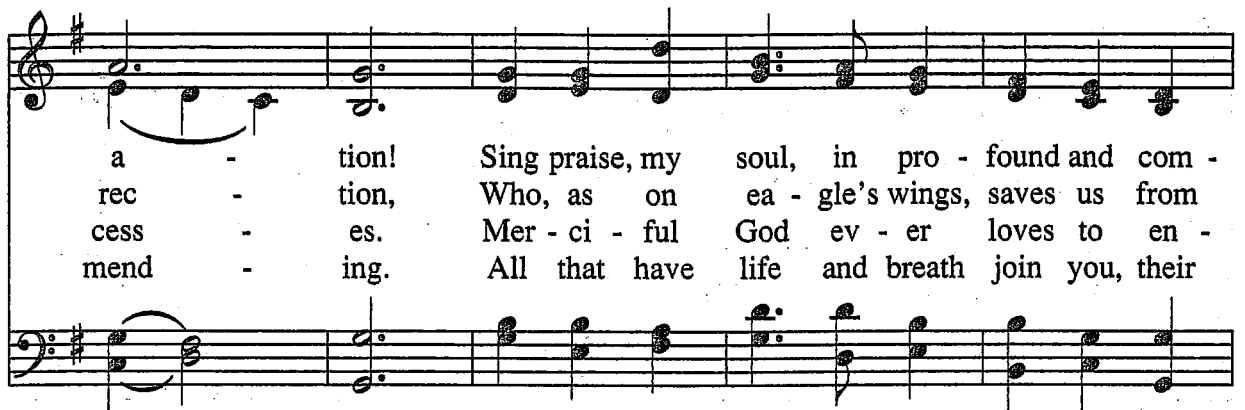
Ps. 68:4, 32; Ps. 105

Joachim Neander, 1680

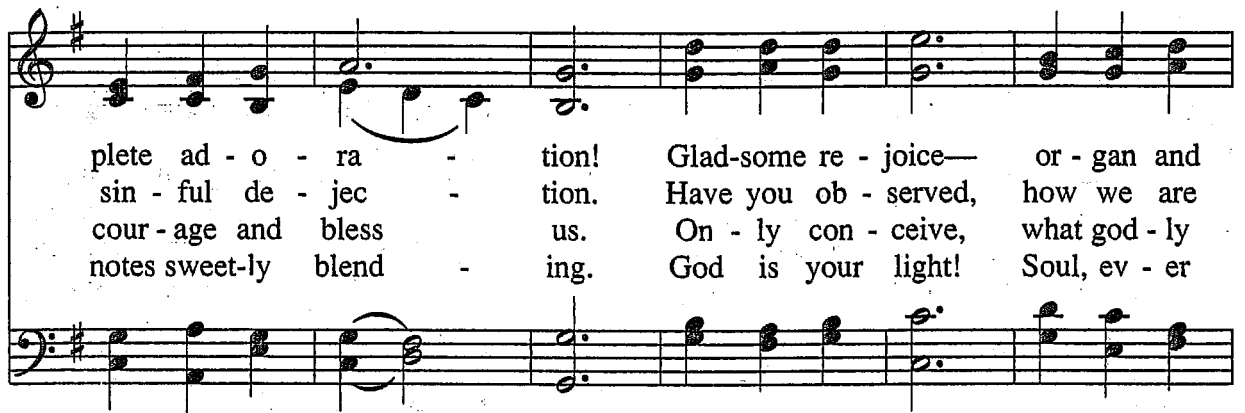
Transl. Madeleine Forell Marshall, 1993



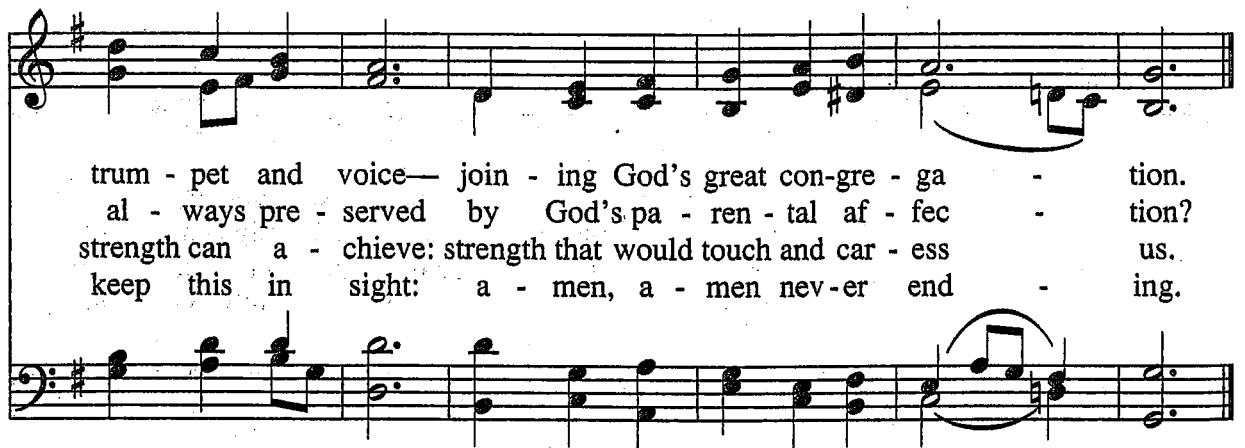
1 Sing praise to God, who has shaped and sus - tains all cre -
 2 Praise God, our guard - ian, who lov - ing - ly of - fers cor -
 3 Sing praise to God, with sin - cere thanks for all your suc -
 4 Sing praise, my soul, the great name of your high God com -



a - tion! Sing praise, my soul, in pro - found and com -
 rec - tion, Who, as on ea - gle's wings, saves us from
 cess - es. Mer - ci - ful God ev - er loves to en -
 mend - ing. All that have life and breath join you, their



plete ad - o - ra - tion! Glad - some re - joi - ce — or - gan and
 sin - ful de - jec - tion. Have you ob - served, how we are
 cour - age and bless us. On - ly con - ceive, what god - ly
 notes sweet - ly blend - ing. God is your light! Soul, ev - er



trum - pet and voice — join - ing God's great con - gre - ga - tion.
 al - ways pre - served by God's pa - ren - tal af - fec - tion?
 strength can a - chieve: strength that would touch and car - ess us.
 keep this in sight: a - men, a - men nev - er end - ing.

Joachim Neander was a dedicated, caring pastor of the Reformed Church in Düsseldorf, Germany. This was the most familiar of his fifty-six hymn texts, which were published along

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
 Erneuerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665
 Adapt. and harm. William S. Bennett, 1863

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PASSWORD:

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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

TODAY! 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!

Thursday April 17
6:00PM Seder Meal
7:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service

Sunday April 20
Easter Sunday

Monday April 21
Church Office Closed

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