

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
WINTER PARK



# *Stewardship 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*

SEPTEMBER 22, 2024

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

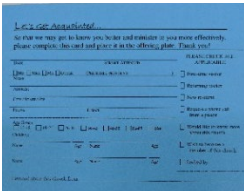
# WELCOME

*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!



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*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

Rev. Shawn Garvey

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

David and Lisa Rotenberger

INTROIT

"The Earth is the Lord's"  
Carl Nygard  
Please refrain from applauding

Chancel Choir

\* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Garvey

**People: "God is our helper, who upholds our very lives."**

\* OPENING HYMN

"Awake, Awake to Love and Work"

No. 89

\* 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"***

*PreK-Kindergarten will meet for Sunday school in the LIBRARY at the back of Fellowship Hall. Grades 1-12 may leave for Flock Sunday and continue the Sunday lesson, with the older youth helping to mentor the younger children.*

*Children and youth (infants through 5<sup>th</sup> grade) should be picked up immediately following the worship service.*

*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

Psalm 1

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

**People: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"A Flower Remembered"

Soloists, Catalina Arias  
and Luke Noles

John Rutter

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Mark 9:30-37

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“Servant Leader”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

Mark doesn't tell us what the disciples said to each other when they were arguing about who was the greatest among them, but all you need to do is imagine what a similar argument would sound like today and it's probably much the same. Jesus, by bringing a small child into their midst, reminds them what the spirit and composure of a true leader is: humility. In being humble and empowering/uplifting others, true Leadership is embodied. How do you see that being modeled in our “great leaders” today?

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Garvey

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Basse de Cromorne"

Jean-Adam Guilain

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

“Take My Life, God, Let It Be”

No. 448

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey



**In Remembrance**

The flowers on the altar today are given by The Stuart Family in remembrance of Jim and Ginny Stuart. A private celebration of life service was held here yesterday in their honor

**Stewardship 2025: Beautiful Possibilities!**

Please consider making a pledge gift to the church this year. You can pledge by using the pledge cards in our sanctuary, or by following the links on our website <http://www.fccwp.org> and [onrealm.org](http://onrealm.org)



## Awake, Awake to Love and Work

Geoffrey A. Studdert-Kennedy, 1921; alt.

1 A - wake, a - wake to love and work! The lark is in the sky;  
 2 Come, let your voice be one with theirs, shout with their shout of praise;  
 3 To give and give, and give a - gain, as God's own grace is free;

the fields are wet with dia - mond dew; The worlds a - wake to cry  
 See how the gi - ant sun soars up, God's gift for all your days!  
 To spend your-self nor count the cost; To serve most glo - rious - ly

their prais-es to the Fount of Life; Christ Je - sus pass-es by.  
 So let the love of Je - sus come and set your soul a - blaze,  
 the God who gave all worlds that are, and all that are to be.

*Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy was known in the United States as an eloquent preacher. He was a famed chaplain (Woodbine Willie) in World War I and later chaplain to the King of England. This hymn is part of a longer poem, "At a Harvest Festival."*

Tune: MORNING SONG 8.6.8.6.8.6.  
 Kentucky Harmony, 1816  
 Harm. C. Winfred Douglas, 1940

# Take My Life, God, Let It Be

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Frances R. Havergal, 1874; alt.

Rom. 12:1

1 Take my life, God, let it be con - se - crat - ed faith - ful - ly.  
2 Take my spir - it, let it move at the im - pulse of your love.  
3 Take my will; your will be done! Make your will and mine be one.  
4 Take my love and help it grow; let my lov - ing - ov - er - flow.

Take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
Take my in - tel - lect and use all its pow - ers as you choose.  
Take my heart, and by your grace make of it your dwell - ing place.  
Take me now, and help me be part of Christ's com - mu - ni - ty.

*Frances R. Havergal wrote her hymn following a visit to Areley House in Worcestershire, England. Among the ten persons at the house were "some unconverted . . . some converted but not rejoicing." Before she left, "everyone had got a blessing."*

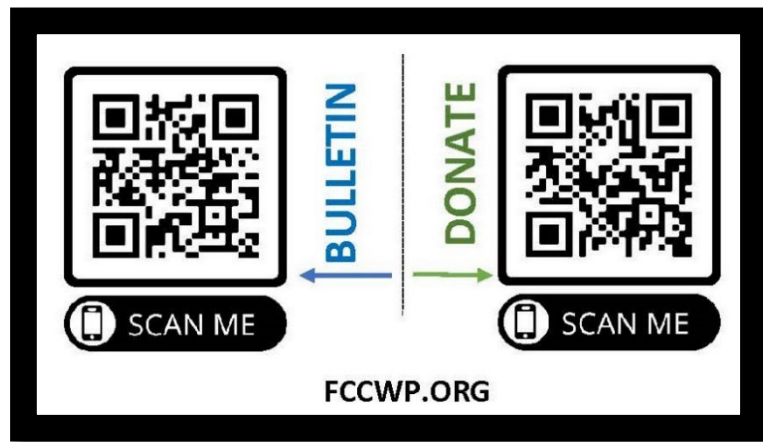
Tune: VIENNA 7.7.7.7.  
Justin H. Knecht, 1797  
Alternate tune: HENDON

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## ☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

**Sunday September 29  
US Hunger Packing Event  
After Worship in Fellowship Hall**

**Sunday October 6  
Legacy Society Meeting**

**Saturday October 12 and Sunday October 13  
Winter Park Art Festival  
Car Park Fundraiser**

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