

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

Second Sunday in Lent

MARCH 16, 2025

Masking is welcomed, but not required.

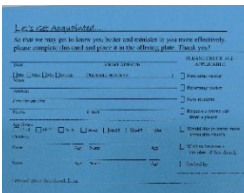
WELCOME

*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

Dr. Phil Toal

INTROIT

"Adoramus te, Christe"

Chancel Choir

Dubois

Please refrain from applauding

* RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Toal

People: "The Lord is my light and my salvation"

* OPENING HYMN

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"

No. 194

* 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.*

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.

HEBREW

Psalm 27

Dr. Phil Toal

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

Chancel Choir

Ray

Please refrain from applauding

GOSPEL

Romans 8:28-39

Dr. Toal

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

"Separated from Love: NOT!"

Dr. Toal

Responding to God's Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Dr. Toal

SILENT AND PASTORAL PRAYERS

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERING DEDICATION

Offertory

"Voluntary in C"

Thomas Arne

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**

Dr. Toal

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

No. 393

***BENEDICTION**

Dr. Toal

In Celebration!

The flowers on the altar today are given by Lorelei Anderson-Francis and Clinton Francis as a thank you to Karen and Mfundu Vundla and the beautiful people of the Republic of South Africa.



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.



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Membership Board invites you to join us!

It's Lunch Bunch Time!

RSVP Required
By March 9
Scan QR to RSVP



Sunday, March 16

Following Church Service

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



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)

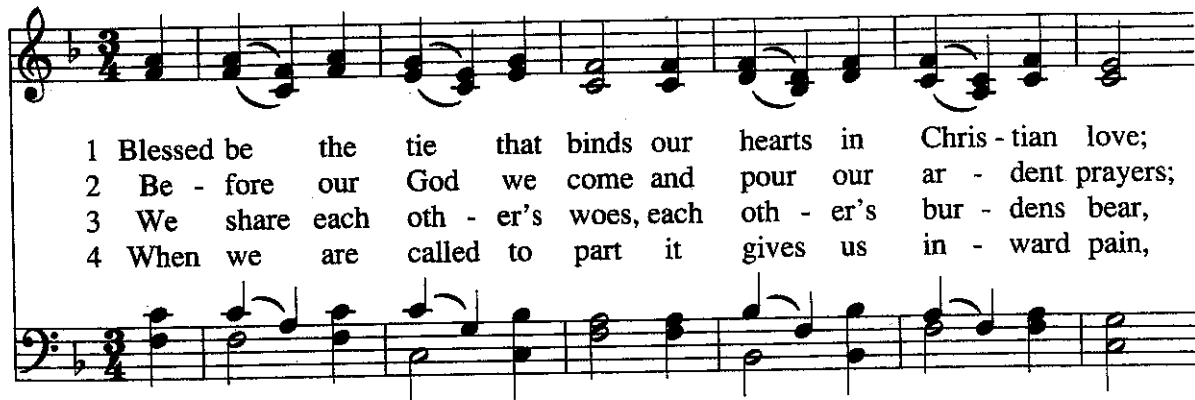


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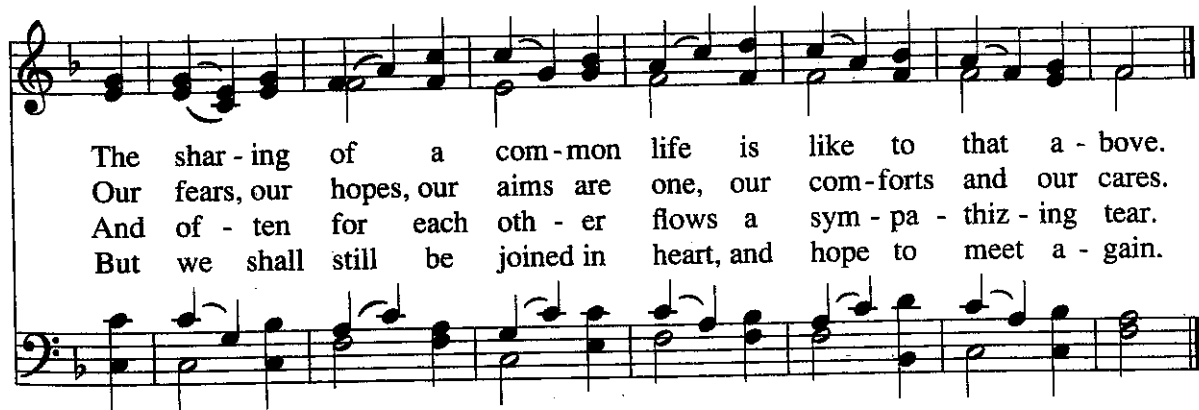
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John Fawcett, 1782; alt.

Gal. 3:28; 6:2; Col. 3:13-15



1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris-tian love;
2 Be - fore our God we come and pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share each oth - er's woes, each oth - er's bur - dens bear,
4 When we are called to part it gives us in - ward pain,



The shar - ing of a com - mon life is like to that a - bove.
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
And of - ten for each oth - er flows a sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
But we shall still be joined in heart, and hope to meet a - gain.

An English Baptist minister, John Fawcett published a number of poetic works. His entire ministry was spent at a church near Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire, where he wrote most of his hymns to follow his sermons.

Tune: DENNIS S.M.
Melody by Johann G. Nügeli (c. 1768-1836)
Adapt. Lowell Mason, 1845

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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: _____



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🌀LOOKING AHEAD🌀

TODAY! Sunday March 16

Lunch Bunch!

Cocina 214 after worship

Friday March 21 Through Sunday March 23

Winter Park Art Fest

Car Park Fundraiser

Sunday April 6

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

All Ages

Sunday April 13

Palm Sunday and Eggstravaganza!

Sunday April 20

Easter Sunday

Monday April 21

Church Office Closed

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