

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WINTER PARK



Communion 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

JANUARY 5, 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!



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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. 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

INTRIOT

"Go Tell It on The Mountain"

Arr. Patsy Simms

Please refrain from applauding

Soloist, Ashley Duve

* **RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Garvey

People: "She bestows grace and redemption and makes mystery known. Praise Wisdom!"

* **OPENING HYMN**

"Great Is Your Faithfulness" V 1&3

No. 423

* **OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Garvey

* **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

All children please come forward and gather for young church.

YOUNG CHURCH

Kerry Weisner

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.

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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 147:12-20

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

arr. Jay Althouse

Please refrain from applauding

Soloist, Ashley Duve

GOSPEL

John 1:1-18

Rev. Garvey

Minister: This is the Word of God.

People: Thanks be to God

MESSAGE

“What He Gave Us”

Rev. Shawn Garvey

John tells us that while the Law came to the people through Moses, what Jesus gives us is grace and truth. When you read those words, what do they mean to you? How are grace and truth different from the Law of God that Moses brought to the people? How does the grace and truth that Jesus brings empower Jesus to fundamentally change the Law?

Responding to God’s Word

CALL TO PRAYER/JOYS AND CONCERNS

Rev. Shawn 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

"Prelude for Epiphany"

Maurice Durufle

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

“Arise, Your Light Is Come” V 1, 2&4

No. 164

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Garvey

1 Great is your faith - ful - ness, O God, Cre - a - tor,*
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace so en - dur - ing,

with you no shad - ow of turn - ing we see.
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove,
 your own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide.

You do not change, your com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

all of your good - ness for - ev - er will be.
 to your great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 bless - ings all mine with ten thou - sand be - side.

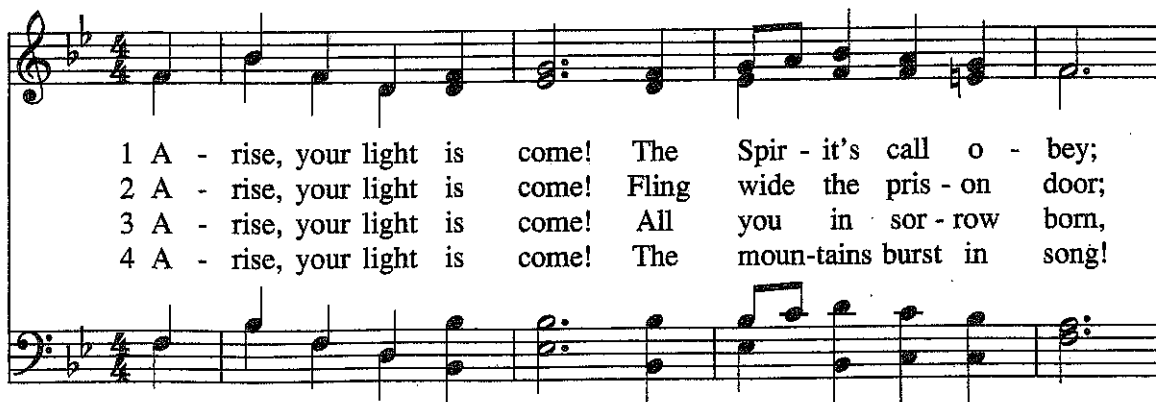
Refrain

Great is your faith - ful - ness! Great is your faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

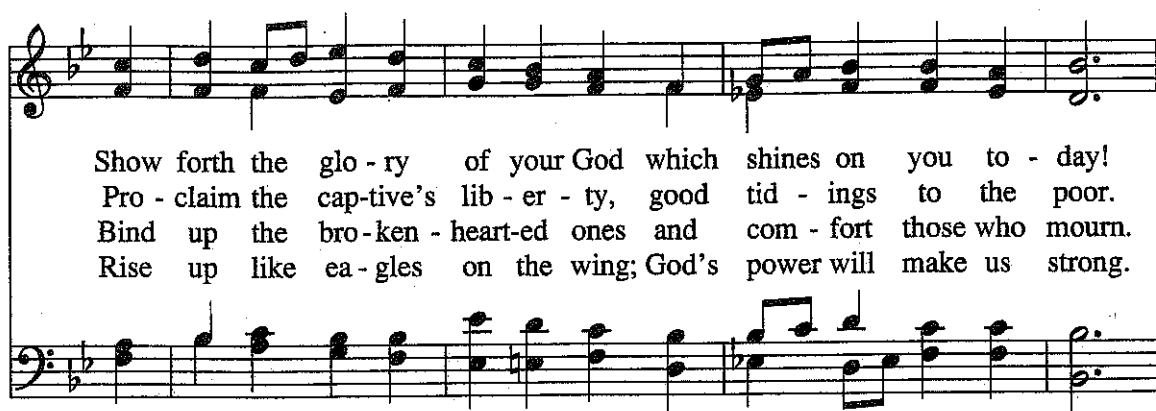
morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed your

hand has pro - vid - ed, Great is your faith - ful - ness, God, un - to me!

Arise, Your Light Is Come

*Isa. 60:1; 61:1-2; Luke 4:14-21**Ruth Duck, 1973*


1 A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light is come! The moun-tains burst in song!



Show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day!
 Pro - claim the cap-tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 Bind up the bro-ken - heart-ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

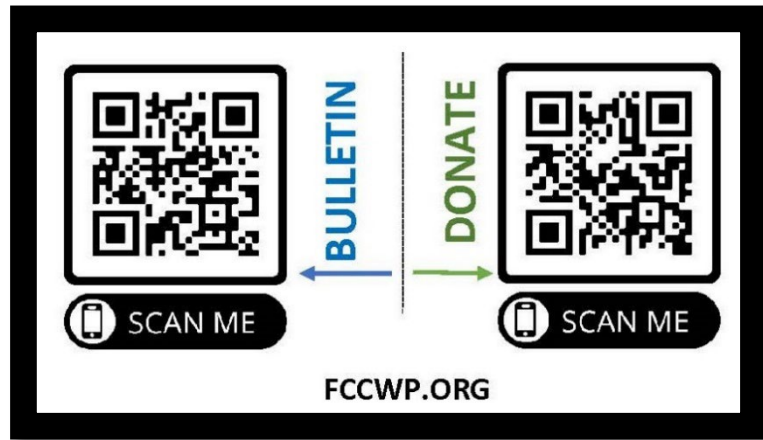
This hymn was first published by the Ecumenical Women's Center of Chicago in the 1974 collection of hymn adaptations, Because We Are One People. Ruth Duck later included it in her own collection, Dancing in the Universe.

Tune: FESTAL SONG S.M.
 William Walter, 1872

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☞LOOKING AHEAD☞

Next Sunday January 12th

**Christmas Decoration Take Down
After Worship**

NOTICE

TOWN HALL MEETING: January 19, 2025

Immediately following worship

Introduction to the proposed 2024 budget

This is an informational meeting only. *No voting.*

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: January 26, 2025

Immediately following worship

Presentation of the budgets, capital expenditures, board nominations, etc.

This is a voting meeting. **Members only.**

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