



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Nr. 3. Concerto del Sigr. Meck,
appropriato all-Organo
(Allegro ~ Adagio)*

J. G. Walther

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #56

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

INVOCATION

All: O God, we yearn for peace – so we come for quiet. We long for joy – so we come to sing. We need to let things go – so we come for forgiveness. We desire hope – so we come to hear the word and to experience community. We come this morning with many needs; help us to leave with unexpected gifts of grace, in the name of Jesus the Christ, 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE #589

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

FESTAL SONG

**O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret: help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**Teach me thy patience—still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong;**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

TIME FOR COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Take Up Your Cross
Sanctuary Choir*

Ronald Corp

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:27-38

NT pgs. 44-45(NRSV)

MUSICAL RESPONSE #64

*O God Beyond All Praising
Heather Vicevic, soloist (verse 1)*

THAXTED

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end;
we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your Word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty
Lord.**

Congregation (verse 2)

**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we may know your favor
may serve you as our King; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your
ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

*Please rise in body or spirit.



SUNDAY ST

RETURN TO TWO SERVICES: OCTOBER 7

We will return to two worship services on Sunday, October 7, at 9 and 11 a.m. Please mark your calendars.

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

13 THINGS MENTALLY STRONG PEOPLE DON'T DO by Amy Morin

Wednesdays, October 3 – November 14, 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. Join Rev. Deb and Dr. Tim McCarthy in this journey through this thought provoking book. This study is the first one sponsored by the WISE Task Force on Mental Health at NUCC. Books are available for purchase for \$15 in the church office during the week.

WHEN THE HEART WAITS
by Sue Monk Kidd

Mondays, October 15 – November 12, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
Led by: Deb Kaiser-Cross and Sharon Harris-Ewing. From the bestselling author of *The Secret Life of Bees*, this book is an inspiring autobiographical account of personal struggle, spiritual awakening, and divine grace. Books are available for purchase for \$15 in the church office during the week.

*SPEAKING OF FAITH: WHY RELIGION
MATTERS - AND HOW TO TALK ABOUT IT*
by Krista Tippett

The New Chapters Men's Study Group is a weekly Men's spirituality forum with David Kaiser-Cross and Dawson Taylor. Every Wednesday, 11:00 a.m. – 12 Noon, N104. Join us each week for a time of laughter, serious contemplation, prayer, and refreshment! Come and go as it fits your schedule! Let us know your intentions by signing up in the Gathering Place! Starting October 31, we will be exploring the book *Speaking of Faith*. Books are available for purchase for \$15 in the church office during the week.

EVENING OPEN BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be this Wednesday, September 19, from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in Nelson Hall 104. We will be reading and discussing Acts chapter 2. Bible beginners are always welcome! This fall, our study will be led by Howard Best, member of the Board of Christian Education. Bring your own Bible and come as you are!

WOMEN ENGAGE!

The next Women Engage! meeting will be this Thursday, September 20, at 10 a.m. in Nelson Hall Room 101. The topic that will be discussed is "The New Gilded Age." Reading materials can be picked up in the church office.

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

The summer book club will meet on Monday, September 24 at 2 p.m in Nelson Hall Room 104. We will discuss *Clock Dance* by Anne Tyler.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

Caregivers Support Group will meet Friday, September 28, at 2 p.m. in Nelson 104 for sharing and support.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES

As summer winds down, and fall quickly approaches, we are excited to begin this year's Junior Disciples Program. This free weekly program includes snacks, games, music, and crafts. Each week the children engage in interactive, hands-on spiritually driven lessons that follow a creative, strong emotional-social based curriculum. Children's choir is available during this time, as is homework help. Children attending Seagate Elementary will be picked up at dismissal and brought to the NUCC campus. However, the program is available to any student aged Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade. Highlights for this year's program include movie and popcorn days, cooking activities, bounce house parties, and other adventures. Registration forms are available on the NUCC website, and in the church office. For more information you can reach out to Leanne Badham, Director of Precious Cargo Academy at 239-261-7442 or email at Leanne.badham@outlook.com. We hope to see you there!

SANCTUARY CHOIR

Have you ever thought of singing in our sanctuary choir? Now is the time to give it a try! We sing every Sunday. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Please call Dr. Becky in the church office if you're interested.

MISSION@HOME

If you need simple one-time help, including but not limited to: a drive to the doctor's office, grocery shopping, picking up prescriptions, etc, please let us know by calling the church office (M-F, 8-4:30). We will send your request to the Mission@Home team.

TRANSPORTATION

Rides to and from Sunday worship services are available. Make arrangements by calling Wendy at the church office.

NEW PHOTO DIRECTORY AVAILABLE

For those members who had their pictures taken for the 2017 picture directory, or had them taken in the last round of portrait sessions, your updated 2018 NUCC Member Directory is ready! You can pick it up in the office during the week. For our out-of-town members, we will hold your directory until you can pick it up in the fall!



Care for God's Creation: Before packing away those summer clothes, go through them and determine what else (cleaning rags, craft projects, etc.) and which to donate. And if you donate, don't forget about the Bazaar

STEEPLELIGHTS

W.I.S.E. SPEAKER EVENT: THE DARK SACRED NIGHT: STORYTELLING AND WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

Wednesday, October 10, 5-7 p.m. (Dinner served)
Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund. The W.I.S.E. (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged) Task Force at NUCC is excited to welcome Rev. Sarah Lund as their keynote speaker highlighting mental health issues in the church, as she shares a part of the story of her family, her faith, and the intersection of both with mental illness. Currently, she serves as Senior Pastor at First Congregational Church, Indianapolis, while continuing her work in increasing awareness of mental health issues in the national setting of the United Church of Christ as the Minister for Disabilities and Mental Health Justice. She is the author of *Blessed Are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness, Family, and Church* (2014, Chalice Press). Sign-ups are in the church office or in the Gathering Place after worship. A basket will be available for donations to cover the cost of the dinner. We hope you can join us!

SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING FOR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF THE CHURCH

On Sunday, September 30, immediately following the service, there will be a Special Church Meeting for members and friends of the church to learn more about the firing of Miss Nancy and other violations of our bylaws by Dawson and our lay leadership. The Committee of Concerned Church Members will present the facts of what has been happening at the church this summer. Dawson and the lay leaders will have ample opportunity to respond. This meeting will be livestreamed and archived on the church website, in case you are unable to attend.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Palette Pals

Palette Pals Open Studio is taking a break until Tuesday, October 2, at 10 a.m.

Golf for Fun

The next golf outing is scheduled for Friday, September 21, at the Wilderness Golf Club. Tee time will be at 9 a.m. and lunch will follow. Sign up in the Gathering Place today or in the church office during the week.

Fine Food and Fellowship for Women

The next meeting will be at Alberto's on Fifth, 868 5th Ave S. on September 27 at 11:30 a.m. To sign up for this delightful combination of catered perfection and casual conversation, please call Margaret Jack, (239) 272-5452, or the church office, or sign up in the Gathering Place after worship.

Thursday at the Movies and Dinner

Our last movie for the summer will be on October 4. We will be watching *Maudie*, a true story about a Canadian folk artist. There will be a dinner at a local restaurant following the movie for those who wish. Sign up in the Gathering Place or the church office during the week.

Bazaar 2018

November 10, 2018! Are you crafty? Please start making those incredibly wonderful items you make in your spare time that are so desired by our patrons at the Bazaar. Share your talents in whatever field: knitting, cross-stitch, wood-working, candle making, and any other crafts. Bring items to the office to be sold in the Monday Morning Ladies craft booth. Or join the ladies on Monday Morning at 9:30. You will love it! We also accept crafts and sweets from the kitchen.

NUCC Cuba Getaway Cruise

4-night cruise from Ft. Lauderdale to Key West and Havana. February 26 – March 2, 2019, on *Majesty of the Seas*. Rates include cruise, port charges, taxes, and round-trip bus from Naples. Stop in the Gathering Place and pick up a flyer about this great opportunity.

Gentlemen's Morning Out: Explore Collier County's History Through its Railroads - 401 10th Street South (Maybe some ladies, too?)

Friday, October 19, 10 a.m. Cost: \$7. Plenty of free parking. Visit the "Naples Train Museum" and "Naples Depot Museum", both located in the restored National Landmark 1927 Seaboard Coast Line Railway passenger depot. See a scenic, interactive, multi-level model train display featuring original Lionel locomotives and rolling stock. Included in the admission fee is a ride on an outdoor scale train pulled by steam or diesel locomotives. In the same building, The Depot Museum has spacious rooms filled with exhibits highlighting early days of Naples – free. Afterwards, stroll across 10th Street South to Sambusac Coney Island Café (cash only – ATM onsite) for a chili dog and cold beer.

Sunset Good Fortune NUCC Rookery Cruise

Saturday, October 27, 5:45 p.m. Cost: \$35
Maximum: 35 people. Deadline: October 21
Join us for one of those awesome, natural, memorable spectacles that life in Southwest Florida offers. The setting sun signals a return to roost of hundreds of seabirds as we float in a flat bottom boat in their midst. Our private charter tour will be led by a Coast Guard-certified captain and a Conservancy naturalist. If desired, bring your own liquid refreshment and snacks, mindful that space is limited. Please allow enough time for arrival, accounting for the 10-minute drive through the wildlife area on Shell Island Road.

Walking Moai ("Mo-eye")

Saturday, October 6, 8:30 a.m. Interested in walking with friends? Join us at Clam Pass or meet at the church for a ride to the beginning of the Clam Pass walk! We do need you to sign up in the Gathering Place so we know who to expect. Future walk times and locations can be found weekly in our Sunday Steeplelights. For information, call Bobbi Richardson at 239-207-6615.

ch items to keep, which items to re-purpose into something
ar or our Bargain Box donation options.

<p><u>Today in the Gathering Place</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social Activities Sign-ups • Bazaar Donation Bin (Portico) • W.I.S.E. Dinner Sign-up
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THIS WEEK AT NUCC (SEPTEMBER 16-23)

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9/16 10 a.m. . . . Worship Service (S)
 11 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)

Monday
9/17 9:30 a.m. . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104)
 3 p.m. . . . PCA Committee Meeting (ACR)
 4:30 p.m. . . Centering Prayer (P)
 5 p.m. . . . Youth Choir (BH)
 6 p.m. . . . Trustee Meeting (N104)

Wednesday
9/19 5:45 p.m. . . Open Bible Study (N101)
 7 p.m. . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

Thursday
9/20 9:30 a.m. . . Preschool Chapel (S)
 10 a.m. . . . Women Engage! (N101)
 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg (N205)
 2 p.m. . . . Bargain Box Committee Meeting (ACR)
 7 p.m. . . . PFLAG Meeting (N104)

Friday
9/21 12 p.m. . . . Al Anon Meeting (N207)

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9/23 10 a.m. . . . Worship Service (S)
 11 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)

S = Sanctuary P = Parlor N = Nelson Hall
 MH = McSpadden Hall GP = The Gathering Place
 ACR = Administrative Conference Room GC = Gates Chapel

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Bargain Box Thrift Store

Sandy Goldstein, Manager

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL (Ages 4 to 5th Grade) will meet after the "Time for Children."

JUNIOR DISCIPLES is not meeting this Wednesday, in observance of Yom Kippur.
They will meet next on Wednesday, September 26, at 3:30 p.m.

YOUTH CHOIR meets on Mondays, 5 p.m., in Beverly Hall.

PRAYER LIST

Nicholas Vincent Adamo
Barbara
Joel Basham
Joe Bejcek
Roberta and Ben
Jared Billips
Cheryl Borgman
Carolyn Briggs
Al Cahen
Jay Cahill
Steve Chalfant
Carol Chidister
Chris
Ann Culshaw
Cynthia and Family
Ken Davis
Diego
Jamie DePalo
Veli Dimitrova
Gill Doyle
Barbara Dunnigan
Ben Dyals
Beth Endres
Erin and Leslie
Tom and Kate Frantz
Gayle
Debbie Graham
Calvin Grayson
Betty Hardesty
Shelly and Katie Hull
Karen Howick
Alley Hoza
Margaret Hustad-Perrin

Alan and Susan
Mario Jimenez
Sandra Johnston
Jennifer Jolls
George Kessel
Rev. Dr. Kathy Kircher
Irv Koehler
Mary Ellen LeMasters
Jon Lindblom
Lynn and Marilyn
Susi Martinsen
Mervyn Maxwell
Helene Melnick
John McGowan
Dinny Nemachek
Jean Partridge
Tracie Pustizzi
Sharon Rainey
Ray
Dave Remley
Tara Reynolds
Rose and Jim
Roger Rhodes
Bob Robida
Carol Rudolph
Carol Saul-Smith
Sean, Jo and Kevin
Deb Scott
David and Andrew Silver
Mary Simeone
Dean Smith
Derek Smith
Damon Surgener

Dawn Teston
Brenda Taylor
Tor and Sunny
Bill Uhlemann
Vera L
Monika Vincent
Bob Waller
Debbie White
Joshua Wills
Nancy Wyckoff
Ashley Young
Darlene Zoretich

Our Children

Maggie Bella
Maxwell Bost
Clayton
Ella
Emmanuel
Gracie Faith
Michael Jerrold
Jonathan
Garrett Kaulbars
John Kennedy
Baby Miles
Olin
Phoebe
Finn Sears
Vanessa
Jackson Varty
Violet

In Service to our Nation: Captain Keagan Callanan, Staff Sergeant Corey Cunningham,
Captain Robert Cook, TSgt Donovan Fredericksen, MSgt Matthew Fredericksen,
Lieutenant Commander Timothy Minor, SPC Austin Payne and Major Matthew Wright.

WELCOME, FIRST-TIME WORSHIPERS

First-time guest information cards are located in the pew racks, and can be brought to the first-time-guest welcome kiosk in the narthex, or placed in the offering plate. We invite you to journey with us as a visitor or unite with us as a Full or Associate Member.

 Our sanctuary is equipped with the T-Loop (Telecoil Loop) Hearing System. Additional hearing devices are available in the narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Though children of all ages are welcome in our worship services, there is nursery care for infants and toddlers available. There is also a "cry room" near the nursery if you wish to stay with your child and observe the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Sunday, October 14: Visitor Information Brunch | After 10 a.m. service in Nelson Hall room 104.

Thursday, October 18: An Evening With Your Pastors at the Kaiser-Cross Home

Sunday, October 21: New Member Sunday

Next Sunday
September 23 at 10 a.m.
The Barnabas Factor
Acts 4:32-37
Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross, preaching

The 2018 flower calendar is available on the reception desk. Please enter the date (or call the office) to reserve your Sunday for donating chancel flowers.

Our Services are livestreamed and recorded. DVDs from today's service are available for a suggested donation of \$5. Please fill out the order envelope located in the church office on the reception desk and place it either in the offering plate or leave it on the reception desk. A recording of today's service may be found at www.naplesucc.org.

Cans for Communion - We welcome your donations of nonperishable food items on the first Sunday of each month as we celebrate Communion together. These donations will be delivered to the Grace Place food pantry.

Weekly Steeplelights arrives via email each Friday. If you are not receiving it, please contact Wendy in the church office, or at wendy@naplesucc.org to sign up.

Come visit our Bargain Box Thrift Store at 3906 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL 34112 to find great items for any occasion or to volunteer! We also accept lightly-used donations. We can also assist in the pickup of larger donated items. If you have questions, please contact the store at (239)262-3802.

4 WAYS TO GIVE

Envelopes are available in worship



Online via our website



Text to Give
Text NAPLESUCC to 73256 and click on the link in the reply text to complete your gift.



Stocks & IRA's

Please call Sharon in the church office.



As a **mission-driven congregation**, Naples United Church of Christ strives to show that actions speak louder than words. We are not only active in community outreach, but passionate about social causes. As an **intergenerational congregation**, we engage with people of all ages and stages of life to be a place where people not only believe, but also belong. As a **growing church**, we do not ask people to "check their brains at the door," rather to ask deep questions of faith of each other and of God.

We are an Open and Affirming congregation that not only welcomes, but celebrates all people. We are proud to be one of more than 5,000+ congregations in the United Church of Christ and of our identity as a "Traditional Church for Progressive People."

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