



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *Adagio from Viola da Gamba Sonata no. 1 in G Major, BWV 1027* Bach  
Adam Satinsky, cello

## CALL TO WORSHIP

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #581 *Called as Partners in Christ's Service* BEECHER

## INVOCATION

**All: Gracious God, we ask your blessed presence among us. We are here with faces turned toward Your Face. We come with hands strengthened by long use, hands calloused from labors, hands softened into tenderness—all reaching toward Your Hand. Bless this church family—singers, pray-ers, workers, servers of all kinds. May our worship be to your greater glory, as we offer the prayer Jesus taught us:**

**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.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #475 *Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ* SURSUM CORDA

**Eternal Spirit of the living Christ,  
I know not how to ask or what to say;  
I only know my need, as deep as life,  
and only you can teach me how to pray.**

**Come with the vision and the strength I need  
to serve my God, and all humanity;  
fulfillment of my life in love outpoured---  
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me.**

TIME FOR COMMUNITY *Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*  
Sanctuary Choir ♦ Elena Mola and Pamela Jimenez, soloists

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING James 1:17-25 NT pgs. 246-247(NRSV)

SERMON Word Play Rev. Beverly L. Duncan

## OFFERTORY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*Be Ye Doers of the Word* Deen E. Entsminger  
Sanctuary Choir ♦ Bonnie Thayer, soloist

## LORD'S SUPPER

At this table all are welcome guests. Jesus is our host. We hold the bread and cup until all are served and then we commune together. Our cups contain grape juice. There are gluten-free wafers in the center of each bread plate.

## INVITATION

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

*Andante from Viola da Gamba Sonata no. 2 in D Major, BWV 1028*  
Adam Satinsky, cello

Bach

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**All: Eternal God, you have called your people from East and West and North and South to feast at the table of Jesus Christ. We thank you for Christ's presence and for the spiritual food he offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, keep us faithful to your will. Go with us to the streets, to our homes, and to our places of work, that whether we are gathered or scattered, we may be the servant church of the servant Christ, in whose name we rejoice to pray. Amen.**

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #552

*We Are All One in Mission*

AURELIA

## \*WORDS OF BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Allegro ma non tanto from Viola da Gamba Sonata no. 1 in G Major, BWV 1027*  
Adam Satinsky, cello

Bach

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Today we welcome Adam Satinsky, Principal Cellist of the Naples Philharmonic Orchestra. His presence is generously underwritten by the Music Gift Fund.

If you have a concern and would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor after the service for a visit with today's Stephen Minister. The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

The church office will be closed on Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. As always, there will be a pastor available for emergencies at (239) 595-2141.

## THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, THE EUCHARIST, THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the United Church of Christ, several terms are used to refer to our sharing of the bread and the cup. Historically, views concerning Communion in our tradition have run the gamut from those who believe that Christ is symbolically present in the blessed bread and cup, to those who believe that we are sharing in a simple memorial meal as Jesus asked us to do "in remembrance of me." It is not unusual for some members of UCC congregations to hold views on Communion which stress the "real" presence of Christ in the bread and the cup (a traditional Roman Catholic view) or to believe that sharing the bread and the cup is a simple way to express our oneness as a faith community. Our theological differences enliven rather than divide.

### PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES:

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister

Rev. Beverly Latif Duncan, Minister for Visitation

Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross, Minister for Congregational Care

Wesley Snedeker, Student Minister

Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music and Organist

Nick Hernandez, Audiovisual

GREETERS: J Cunha and Dominique O'Connell

USHERS: Bob Miller, head usher; John Ballew, Nancy Bruce, J Cunha, Carolyn Keller, Bill Rumpf, Janet Tosca

STEPHEN MINISTRY



STEPHEN MINISTER: Carol Hunt

Chancel flowers are given by Valerie Eilers in memory of Connie Carter.



## OUR GUESTS THIS MORNING

### THE COALITION OF IMMOKALEE WORKERS (CIW)

Silvia Perez, farmworker leader of the CIW, and Alex Schelle, faith coordinator, of the Alliance for Fair Food join us this Labor Day weekend in bringing the call for farmworker justice to our reflections around work in this country. The CIW is a human rights organization and Presidential Medal recipient internationally recognized for its achievements in the fields of social responsibility, anti-sexual violence efforts, community organizing, and ending slavery. Learn how you can join farm workers, people of faith, students, and community members in the national campaign calling on Wendy's to ensure the end of violence in its supply chain and to join the CIW's award-winning Fair Food Program, a ground-breaking partnership among farm workers, Florida tomato growers, and fourteen major food retailers.

### 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 McArthy 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 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 in the church office during the week.

### JUNIOR DISCIPLES

As summer is winding down, and the fall is quickly approaching, we are excited to begin this year's Junior Disciples Program. Starting on Wednesday, September 5, 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. Open House is on the 5th from 5:30-6:30 p.m., with a special presentation at 6 p.m. 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](mailto:Leanne.badham@outlook.com). We hope to see you there!

### 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 14, at 2 p.m. in Nelson 104 for sharing and support.

### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Prayer Shawl Ministry resumes Tuesday, September 4, at 3 p.m. in the parlor. Come join us and bring your shawls that are finished and something to work on. Looking forward to seeing you on the fourth.

### TRANSPORTATION

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



**Care for God's Creation:** Plant some native plants. There are many reasons why you should do this, but here are some reasons to plant native species in your garden. Of course, one of the best reasons is that you won't waste so

# STEEPLELIGHTS

## 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.

## EVENING OPEN BIBLE STUDY

Open Bible Study will resume on September 12! We meet from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in Nelson Hall 104. This fall we will be reading through the book of ACTS, the sequel to Luke's Gospel. Our format is simply to read one chapter at a time, highlight the interesting points, and share our own thoughts. 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! Mark your calendars, and see you on the 12th!

## 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!

## WOMEN ENGAGE!

The next Women Engage! meeting will be on Thursday, September 20, at 10 a.m. in Nelson Hall Room 104. The topic that will be discussed is "The New Gilded Age." Reading materials can be picked up in the church office.

## 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.

## SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Looking ahead for coming social activities? Check out the complete descriptions in the Gathering Place or in the monthly Steeplelights:

### **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.

### **Thursday at the Movies and Dinner**

The next Thursday at the Movies and Dinner will be September 6 at 4 p.m. The movie is *The Intern*, and there will be an optional dinner at a local restaurant for those who wish. Sign up in the Gathering Place after worship or in the church office during the week.

### **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.

### **Bazaar 2018**

November 10, 2018! Please sort through your linen closet this week! Place mats, table runners, tablecloths and napkins, dresser scarves, doilies, pillowcases, throws, handkerchiefs, bedspreads, quilts, fabric pieces, guest towels, afghans, and wall hangings. Please bring to the church office now or at the Sunday drop-off. It is extremely helpful to have them early for sorting, touch up and pricing! Call Marty at 591-8373 if you have questions!

There are a few good things about drinking too much water.

**Today in the Gathering Place**

- Social Activities Sign-ups
- Bazaar Donation Bin (Portico)

**THIS WEEK AT NUCC (SEPTEMBER 2-9)**

**Sunday** Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**9/2** 8 a.m. . . . Cans for Communion Staging Area (MH)  
 10 a.m. . . . Worship Service (S)  
 11 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)

**Monday** **Labor Day (Office Closed)**  
**9/3** As always, there will be a pastor available for emergencies at (239) 595-2141.

**Tuesday**  
**9/4** 3 p.m. . . . Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)

**Wednesday**  
**9/5** 3:30 p.m. . . Junior Disciples (N207)  
 4:15 p.m. . . Alleluia Singers (Grades 3 - 5) (BH)  
 4:45 p.m. . . Joyful Noise (4yr - 2nd Grade) (BH)  
 5:30 p.m. . . Junior Disciples Children's Programming  
 Open House (N207)  
 7 p.m. . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

**Thursday**  
**9/6** 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg (MH)  
 4 p.m. . . . Thursday at the Movies (BH)

**Friday**  
**9/7** 12 p.m. . . . Al Anon Meeting (N104)  
 7 p.m. . . . Naples Philharmonic Chamber Concert (S)

**Sunday** Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
**9/9** 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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YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION  
 CHURCH SCHOOL (Ages 4 to 5th Grade) will meet after the "Time for Community."  
 JUNIOR DISCIPLES resumes for the fall this Wednesday (September 5).  
 YOUTH CHOIR meets on Mondays, 5 p.m., in Beverly Hall (except Labor Day).

## PRAYER LIST

Condolences: To Betty Schlemmer and family, on the passing of her husband, Ron.  
 To Michelle Carney, on the passing of her husband, Patrick.  
 To Dale Simonson, on the passing of his wife, Judith.

Nicholas Vincent Adamo  
 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  
 Irv Koehler  
 Mary Ellen LeMasters  
 Jon Lindblom  
 Lynn and Marilyn  
 Susi Martinsen  
 Mervyn Maxwell  
 Helene Melnick  
 John McGowan  
 Dinny Nemachek  
 Bob and 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  
 Mary Simeone  
 Dean Smith  
 Derek Smith  
 Damon Surgener  
 Dawn Teston  
 Brenda Taylor

Tor and Sunny  
 Bill Uhlemann  
 Vera L  
 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

October 14: Visitor Information Brunch | After worship services in Nelson Hall room 104.

October 18: An Evening With Your Pastors at the Kaiser-Cross's Home

October 21: New Member Sunday

Next Sunday  
September 9 at 10 a.m.  
Tools for Turbulence  
Mark 7:24-30  
Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, preaching  
Joshua Myers, cello

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](http://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](mailto: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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