



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Christians, We Have Met to Worship
Jamie Hardesty and Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, piano four-hands

Mark Hayes

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #604 *Great God, as We are Gathering*

MORNING SONG

INVOCATION

All: From the moment we awake to face the day ahead, O God, you are with us, through good times and bad, your presence is enough for our needs. Through the hours of the day, in our travels and work, you are with us. In decisions we must make, your wisdom is enough for our needs. As we lay down to rest at the end of the day, you are with us. As we lay our fears at your feet, your peace is enough for our needs. And we praise you for it all, as we share the words 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, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

MUSICAL RESPONSE #602 *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?*

KINDRED

**Who is my mother, who is my brother? All those who gather round Jesus Christ:
Spirit-blown people, born from the gospel sit at the table, round Jesus Christ.**

**Differently abled, differently labeled widen the circle round Jesus Christ,
crutches and stigmas, cultures' enigmas, all come together round Jesus Christ.**

TIME FOR COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

I Will Be a Child of Peace
Given in memory of Meryl Roth by his wife, Helen Roth

Elaine Hagenberg

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 4:32-37

NT pgs. 126-127 (NRSV)

MUSICAL RESPONSE #602 *Who Is My Mother, Who Is My Brother?*

KINDRED

**Love will relate us—color or status can't segregate us, round Jesus Christ:
family failings, human derailings—all are accepted, round Jesus Christ.**

**Bound by one vision, met for one mission, we claim each other, round Jesus Christ:
here is my mother, here is my brother, kindred in Spirit, through Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

The Barnabas Factor

Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross

OFFERTORY

Be Thou My Vision
Pamela Jimenez, soloist

Bob Chilcott

*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #596

Help Us Accept Each Other

BECK

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Kenneth Leighton

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES:

Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, Executive Minister

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

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

Jamie Hardesty, Assistant Director of Music and Accompanist

Megan Black, Audiovisual

Sanctuary Choir

GREETERS: Al and Ann Olson

USHERS: David Bogin, head usher; John and June Ballew, Bob Miller, Joe Rickard, Bill Rumpf, Ron Sanson, Cheryl Turner



STEPHEN MINISTER: Jan Abbott

Chancel flowers are given by Nancy Lasheid, in memory of her husband, Dr. William Lasheid.



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.

EVENING OPEN BIBLE STUDY

Our next meeting will be this Wednesday, September 26, from 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. in Nelson Hall 104. We will be reading and discussing Acts chapter 3. 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 Thursday, October 18, at 10 a.m. in Nelson Hall Room 101. The topic that will be discussed is "Florida's Marketing of Humans."

SUMMER BOOK CLUB

The summer book club will meet tomorrow, 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 this Friday, September 28, at 2 p.m. in Nelson 104 for sharing and support. The meeting will be followed by a special lecture from Clarke Pollard on "Dealing with Dementia with Dignity."

THE CHALLENGE OF PAUL, A VIDEO SERIES

by John Dominic Crossan

Tuesdays, October 16 - November 20, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Led by Bob or Martha Selby, bselby5186@aol.com or (239) 414-2055. This video series asks several important questions: Is the Apostle Paul appealing or appalling? How should we read a Pauline letter? Does Luke's description of Paul conflict with the actual letters of Paul? Did the theology of Rome impact the Gospels? Does Paul have a message for us today? In the video series, Dr. Crossan invites us to imagine Paul writing a letter to Americans today. In addition to Dr. Crossan's presentation, we will explore several other authors' understandings of Paul, including Karen Armstrong, Bart Ehrman, James Tabor, Paula Fredrickson, and Marcus Borg. We will watch the PBS video, "Peter and Paul and the Christian Revolution." Sign up in the Gathering Place after worship or in the church office during the week.

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, Challice 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!

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.

CITY OF NAPLES PROCLAIMS BABY BASICS OF COLLIER COUNTY WEEK

The city of Naples proclaimed Sept. 24-30 as Baby Basics of Collier County Week at its Sept. 17 city council meeting. Baby Basics of Collier County Week is in support of the National Diaper Bank's annual Diaper Need Awareness Week, an initiative created to bring national attention and mobilize efforts to end diaper need or the lack of a sufficient supply of diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy. Baby Basics of Collier County has impacted more than 1,600 families in Collier County and Bonita Springs by providing over 7.5 million diapers since it began in 2004.

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.



Care for God's Creation: Truly turn off electronics before bed. Plug your devices — the TV and DVD player, or the computer and printer — into a UL-certified power strip; switch the whole group off for the evening to prevent phantom electrical draw.

EEPLELIGHTS

BOOKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE \$15 EACH

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.

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.

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*.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Fine Food and Fellowship for Women

The next meeting will be at Alberto's on Fifth, 868 5th Ave S. this Thursday, 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.

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.

Bazaar 2018

November 10, 2018! What do we need for a successful Bazaar? We need you to donate your favorite cookies! Your favorite homemade salsa! Your best strawberry jam! Your prize winning coffee cake! Homemade candies! Popcorn balls? Pound cake? Cherry pie? Or how about cinnamon rolls? A plate of appetizers? A great casserole! Did we say "cookies"? It is only a little over a month away. Time to make plans for a delicious donation! And, we still have NUCC cookbooks available!

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. 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.

Palette Pals

Palette Pals Open Studio will resume on Tuesday, October 2, at 10 a.m.

Today in the Gathering Place

- Social Activities Sign-ups
- Bazaar Donation Bin (Portico)
- W.I.S.E. Dinner Sign-up
- Challenge of Paul video series Sign-up

THIS WEEK AT NUCC (SEPTEMBER 23-30)

Sunday Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9/23** 10 a.m. . . . Worship Service (S)
11 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)

Monday

- 9/24** 9:30 a.m. . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104)
2 p.m. . . . Book Club: *Clock Dance* (N104)
4:30 p.m. . . Centering Prayer (P)
5 p.m. . . . Youth Choir (BH)

Tuesday

- 9/25** 6 p.m. . . . Full Council Meeting (N104)

Wednesday

- 9/26** 3:30 p.m. . . Junior Disciples (N207)
4:00 p.m. . . Alleluia Singers (Grades 3-5) (BH)
4:45 p.m. . . Joyful Noise (4yr - 2nd Grade) (BH)
5:45 p.m. . . Open Bible Study (N101)
7 p.m. . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

Thursday

- 9/27** 9:30 a.m. . . Preschool Chapel (S)
11:30 a.m. 3F Women's Lunch Group (Off-site)
12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg (N205)

Friday

- 9/28** 12 p.m. . . . Al Anon Meeting (N207)
2 p.m. . . . Caregiver's Support Group (N104)
3 p.m. . . . Caregiver's "Dementia with Dignity" lecture featuring Clarke Pollard (N104)

Sunday Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

- 9/30** 10 a.m. . . . Worship Service (S)
11 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)
11:15 a.m. Special Congregational Meeting (S)

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 will meet this Wednesday, September 26, at 3:30 p.m.

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

PRAYER LIST

Condolences: To Jamie Hardesty and family, on the passing of her Mother-in-Law Betty.

Nicholas Vincent Adamo	Alan and Susan	Dawn Teston
Barbara	Mario Jimenez	Brenda Taylor
Joel Basham	Sandra Johnston	Tor and Sunny
Joe Bejcek	Jennifer Jolls	Bill Uhlemann
Roberta and Ben	George Kessel	Vera L
Jared Billips	Kathy Kircher	Monika Vincent
Cheryl Borgman	Irv Koehler	Bob Waller
Carolyn Briggs	Mary Ellen LeMasters	Debbie White
Al Cahen	Jon Lindblom	Joshua Wills
Jay Cahill	Lynn and Marilyn	Nancy Wyckoff
Steve Chalfant	Susi Martinsen	Ashley Young
Don Chaulk	Mervyn Maxwell	Darlene Zoretich
Carol Chidister	Helene Melnick	
Chris	John McGowan	<u>Our Children</u>
Ann Culshaw	Dinny Nemachek	Maggie Bella
Cynthia and Family	Jean Partridge	Maxwell Bost
Ken Davis	Tracie Pustizzi	Clayton
Diego	Sharon Rainey	Ella
Jamie DePalo	Ray	Emmanuel
Veli Dimitrova	Dave Remley	Gracie Faith
Gill Doyle	Tara Reynolds	Michael Jerrold
Barbara Dunnigan	Rose and Jim	Jonathan
Ben Dyals	Roger Rhodes	Garrett Kaulbars
Beth Endres	Bob Robida	John Kennedy
Erin and Leslie	Carol Rudolph	Baby Miles
Tom and Kate Frantz	Carol Saul-Smith	Olin
Gayle	Sean, Jo and Kevin	Phoebe
Debbie Graham	Deb Scott	Finn Sears
Calvin Grayson	David and Andrew Silver	Vanessa
Shelly and Katie Hull	Mary Simeone	Jackson Varty
Karen Howick	Dean Smith	Violet
Alley Hoza	Derek Smith	
Margaret Hustad-Perrin	Damon Surgener	

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 30 at 10 a.m.
A Preacher Looks at 40
Psalm 8
Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, 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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