



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Prelude from Cello Suite No. 3
Joshua Myers, cello ♦ Loretta Myers, piano

J. S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #96

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

INVOCATION

All: May your perfect peace, O God, be with each of us this morning as we gather in the name of Christ. May we keep our eyes on Jesus through seasons of both storm and serenity, and may the Holy Spirit continue to be our comforter and counselor. To you we lift our hearts in gratitude as we pray with the words given to us by the Good Shepherd:

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 #634

Jesus' Hands Were Kind Hands

AU CLAIR DE LUNE

**Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all, healing pain and sickness,
blessing children small, washing tired feet and saving those who fall;
Jesus' hands were kind hands, doing good to all.**

**Take my hands, Lord Jesus, let them work for you; make them strong and gentle,
kind in all I do; let me watch you, Jesus, till I'm gentle too,
till my hands are kind hands, quick to work for you.**

TIME FOR CHILDREN

TIME FOR COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Open My Eyes
Sanctuary Choir

K. Lee Scott

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7:24-30

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MUSICAL RESPONSE

Open My Eyes
Sanctuary Choir

Gilbert Martin

SERMON

Tools for Turbulence

Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross

OFFERTORY

Movement II from Cello Concerto #2
Joshua Myers, cello ♦ Loretta Myers, piano

Kabalevsky

*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 #93

Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

NETTELTON

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Today we welcome Joshua Myers as our guest instrumentalist. Joshua currently studies cello with Adam Satinsky and is a member of the Naples Philharmonic Youth Orchestra.

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. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, Executive Minister
Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross, Minister for Congregational Care
Jamie Hardesty, Assistant Director of Music and Organist
Megan Black, Audiovisual
Sanctuary Choir

GREETER: Rich and Nancy Kirschner

USHERS: Joe Rickard, head usher; David Bogin, Susan Melick, Bob Miller, Ron Sanson, Ren Smith



STEPHEN MINISTER: Ronnie Bellone

Chancel flowers are given by Tami and David Wallace and family,
in memory of Dr. Charles and Marilyn Zinn.



SUNDAY ST

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.

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.

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.

TRANSPORTATION

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

WOMEN ENGAGE!

The next Women Engage! meeting will be on
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.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES

As summer is winding down, and the fall is quickly
approaching, 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.



Care for God's Creation: Many waste-creating daily habits actually have green-living alternatives. For example, the need for plastic bottled water, and using inexpensive tote bags for shopping errands eliminates the need for

STEEPLELIGHTS

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!

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 WISE (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!

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!

By using a reusable water bottle, purchasing a durable water bottle eliminates the plastic bags that will later be thrown away.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

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

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! Doug's Tool Shop is still getting ready for business! If you have any tools, gardening, or sports equipment not being used, call the church office for pick-up or drop off in the yellow bin in the portico on Sunday mornings. We will be glad to store these items for you now. And any other items you might have for the Bazaar.

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.

Today in the Gathering Place

- Social Activities Sign-ups
- Bazaar Donation Bin (Portico)
- W.I.S.E. Dinner Sign-up

THIS WEEK AT NUCC (SEPTEMBER 9-16)

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

Monday
9/10 9:30 a.m. . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104)
 4 p.m. . . . Baby Basics Diaper Pickup (MH)
 5 p.m. . . . GLSEN Meeting (N104)
 5 p.m. . . . Youth Choir (BH)

Tuesday
9/11 9 a.m. . . . NUCC Cares Meeting (N101)
 1 p.m. . . . Social Committee Meeting (N101)

Wednesday
9/12 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)
 7 p.m. . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

Thursday
9/13 9:30 a.m. . . Preschool Chapel (S)
 10 a.m. . . . Green Justice Team (N101)
 12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg (N207)
 6 p.m. . . . Newcomer's Dinner (Off-site)

Friday
9/14 12 p.m. . . . Al Anon Meeting (N207)
 2 p.m. . . . Caregivers Support Group (N104)

Sunday Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
9/16 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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Sandy Goldstein, Manager

YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
CHURCH SCHOOL (Ages 4 to 5th Grade) will meet after the "Time for Children."
JUNIOR DISCIPLES will meet on Wednesday, September 12, at 3:30 p.m.
YOUTH CHOIR meets on Mondays, 5 p.m., in Beverly Hall.

PRAYER LIST

Condolences: To Jean Partridge and family, on the passing of her husband Bob.
To Beth Curry on the passing of her friend Ralph Devine.
To the friends and family of Marianne and Bob Anderson, on their passing.

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
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Calvin Grayson
Betty Hardesty
Shelly and Katie Hull
Karen Howick
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Jennifer Jolls
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Irv Koehler
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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
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

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 16 at 10 a.m.
You Want Me to...What?!
Mark 8:27-38
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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