



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Adagio & Allegro from Sonata IX in E Major, Op. 2*  
Leelo Basham, flute ❖ Glenn Basham, violin

G. F. Handel

## CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #31

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

## INVOCATION

**All: Loving God, thank you for the gift of this day. We are grateful for your presence with us. Guide us to be more loving and remind us that we are created in your image and called good. We offer this in the name of Jesus, who showed us the ways of peace and justice and 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.**

## TIME FOR COMMUNITY

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

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*Though children of all ages are welcome in our worship services, children age 4 to 5th grade are invited to meet Miss Merrill and Miss Leanne in the back of the Sanctuary for Sunday school at 9 a.m.*

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*We Sing Alleluia*  
Sanctuary Choir Women ❖ Elizabeth Feins, soloist

Tom Shelton and Camilla Pruitt

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

### SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 1:24-31a

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### SERMON

Original Blessing

Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers

### OFFERTORY

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*  
Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

\*Please rise in body or spirit.

\*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 #644 *God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens*

HOLY MANNA

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Allegro from Sonata IX in E Major, Op. 2*  
Leelo Basham, flute ❖ Glenn Basham, violin

G.F. Handel



Today we welcome guest instrumentalists Leelo Basham, flute and Glenn Basham, violin. Their 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.

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

Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers, Distinguished Speaker, Senior Minister, Mayflower UCC, Oklahoma City, OK  
Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister  
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  
Rebecca Best, Accompanist  
Megan Black, Audiovisual  
Sanctuary Choir

**GREETERS:** 9 a.m.: provided by the ushers 11 a.m.: Marty and Dick Weinthaler

**USHERS:**

9 a.m.: David Bogin, head usher; Kevin Fuller, June Hart, Carolyn Keller, Jean Ann and Dick Lynch, Joe Rickard, Richard Ryder

11 a.m.: Bill Rumpf, head usher; Mark MacLean, Bob Nordland, Richard Ryder, Ren Smith, Leslie Stevens, Janet Tosca, Pat Wiedner



**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** 9 a.m.: Katie Ogden 11 a.m.: Joyce Cameron

Chancel flowers are given by: Joan Byerhof, "You alone created my inner being."

Chancel flowers are given by Laurie and Dave Randall, Anne and Mike Armstrong, in memory of our mother, Carolyn Gossett.

# THIS WEEK AT NUCC (FEBRUARY 10-17)

<b>Sunday</b> 2/10	Fifth Sunday after Epiphany 9 a.m. . . . . Worship Service (S) 10 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P) 11 a.m. . . . . Worship Service (S) 12 p.m. . . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P) 12:30 p.m. . . Pre-Lecture Brunch (\$10) (MH) 2 p.m. . . . . Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers: <i>Quantum Physics and the Future of God</i> (MH)
<b>Monday</b> 2/11	9:30 a.m. . . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104) 9:30 a.m. . . . Gentle Yoga with Shannon (BH) 11:30 a.m. . . Women's Fellowship Luncheon (MH) 1 p.m. . . . . Bell Choir (Bell Room) 4 p.m. . . . . Baby Basics Diaper Pickup (MH) 4 p.m. . . . . <i>Building Irresistible Community</i> Follow-up Discussion (N207) 4:30 p.m. . . . Centering Prayer (P) 5 p.m. . . . . GLSEN Meeting (N104) 5 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir (BH)
<b>Tuesday</b> 2/12	9 a.m. . . . . NUCC Cares Meeting (N101) 12:30 p.m. . . Stephen Ministry Training (N207) 1 p.m. . . . . Social Committee Meeting (N101) 4 p.m. . . . . Music Committee Meeting (ACR) 5:30 p.m. . . . Membership and Growth Committee Meeting (N104)
<b>Wednesday</b> 2/13	9 a.m. . . . . Palette Pals Open Painting Studio (N201) 10 a.m. . . . . Chair Yoga (BH) 11 a.m. . . . . New Chapters Men's Study Group (N104) 3 p.m. . . . . Junior Disciples (N207) 4 p.m. . . . . Task Force on Justice and Witness Ministry (N101) 4 p.m. . . . . Alleluia Singers (BH) 4:45 p.m. . . . Joyful Noise (BH) 5:30 p.m. . . . <i>The Road Back To You</i> Book Study (N104) 7 p.m. . . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)
<b>Thursday</b> 2/14	9 a.m. . . . . Board of Mission and Outreach Meeting (N104) 9:30 a.m. . . . Gentle Yoga with Shannon (MH) 10 a.m. . . . . Green Justice Team Meeting (ACR) 12:30 p.m. . . Mah Jongg (MH) 1 p.m. . . . . <i>Beyond the Broken Heart</i> Grief Group (N101) 1 p.m. . . . . <i>On the Brink of Everything</i> Book Study (N104) 6 p.m. . . . . Newcomer's Dinner (Off-site)
<b>Friday</b> 2/15	12 p.m. . . . . Al Anon Meeting (N207)
<b>Saturday</b> 2/16	9:30 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Training (N207) 1:30 p.m. . . . Keith Johnson Memorial Service (S)
<b>Sunday</b> 2/17	Sixth Sunday after Epiphany 9 a.m. . . . . Worship Service (S) 10 a.m. . . . . Visitor Information Brunch (N104) 10 a.m. . . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P) 11 a.m. . . . . Worship Service (S) 12 p.m. . . . . Visitor Information Brunch (N104) 12 p.m. . . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)

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## YOUTH CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHURCH SCHOOL (Age 4 to 5th Grade) meets during 9 a.m. service in Nelson Hall Room 207.

JUNIOR DISCIPLES meets this Wednesday, February 13, from 3 - 5:15 p.m. in Nelson Hall Room 207.

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

## PRAYER LIST

Condolences: To Lyle and Akiko Bultman, on the passing of Lyle's uncle, Dale Hull.

Mark Agnew  
Barbara Auxier  
Maria Badham  
Mary Baum  
Jeffrey Bramley  
Al Cahen  
Jay Cahill  
Pete Casper  
Bob Clement  
Karin Cusic  
Nick Disette  
Sally Vining Driscoll  
Peter Fahey  
Jacob Francis  
Nancy Galazzo  
Mary Heller  
Henry  
Ruth Himburg  
Stu Homer  
Karen Howick  
Irma  
Jamie

Justine  
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Irv Koehler  
Kristi and Mike  
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Scott Masi  
Ali McKee  
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Dinny Nemecheck  
Elizabeth Perrin  
Jean Partridge  
Frank Pliml  
Timothy Pratt  
John and Linda R.  
Pauline and John R.  
Sharon Rainey  
Dave Remley  
Roger Rhodes  
Tom and Angie Reuter  
Claire Schelske  
Carol Sellman  
Deb Scott

Dean L. Smith  
Ronald Smith  
Brenda Taylor  
Barbara Toms  
The Whitt Family  
Don Williams  
Nancy Wyckoff

Our Children  
Luciano Derisio  
Skylin Freeman  
Gracie Faith  
Laila Grace  
Garrett Kaulbars  
Sebastian and Floretta  
Finn Sears  
Baby Jackson Ryder  
Jackson Varty  
Michael Yarwood

In Service to our Nation: SPC Austin Payne, LTCR Erik Sand, and Pamela Nolasco and Family.



### **BUILDING IRRESISTIBLE COMMUNITY**

with the Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers, Sr. Pastor, Mayflower U.C.C., Oklahoma City  
Today at 2 p.m.

Robin Meyers is a minister, activist, philosophy professor, and author of seven books on progressive Christianity and western society. We have asked him to come to speak to us about what it means for us, as a traditional church, to be a progressive people in matters of faith, community, and outreach.

There will be a follow-up lecture this afternoon entitled, "Quantum Physics and the Future of God." A brunch in McSpadden Hall will be offered (\$10) for those who want to stay for the afternoon lecture. Sign up for lecture and brunch in McSpadden Hall after services.

A follow-up discussion session to Dr. Meyers' visit will be held tomorrow, February 11, 4-5 p.m., N-207.



## TODAY:

### PCA VALENTINE GIVING TREE

Today is the last Sunday to take an ornament from the Valentines Giving Tree. On this "tree" there will be paper ornaments with items that PCA is always in need of. If you are able, you can take one of these ornaments and then deliver the item to the church office. We sincerely appreciate the generous support from NUCC. Happy Valentine's Day!

### *ON THE BRINK OF EVERYTHING: GRACE, GRAVITY, AND GETTING OLD*

by Parker J. Palmer. Thursday, February 14, 1 - 2:30 p.m., in Nelson Hall Room 104. Led by Ginny Gilmore and Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing. In this new book, distinguished author, speaker, and activist Parker Palmer uses his own experience to help others "re-frame aging as a passage of discovery and engagement, not decline and inaction."

### PALETTE PALS

Artwork donated to Habitat for Humanity homes will be in the gallery from February 10 through February 17. If members of NUCC or their friends have original paintings they would like to donate to Habitat, please contact the church office or Sue McNaghten at 566-3086.

### WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Tomorrow, February 11, at 11:30 a.m., we will meet in McSpadden Hall for lunch and a musical program. Llew Williams, NUCC member and his friend's band will play songs from the 40s, 50s, 60s, 70s, and beyond. It will be a fun filled time you don't want to miss! Bring a salad, sandwich, or dessert to share. Friends are welcome too! Sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday.

### TUESDAY AT TWILIGHT CONCERT

February 19, 7 p.m., Beverly Hall. Tickets are \$30 per person. Tuesday at Twilight Concert with Adam Satinsky, cello, and Alexandra Carlson, piano. You may purchase tickets online at [www.naplesucc.org](http://www.naplesucc.org), in the Gathering Place after worship, or in the church office.

### NUCC HABITAT "BUILD DAYS"

February 9, March 9, and April 13. Naples United Church of Christ will be having "Build Days" for anyone interesting in volunteering at Collier County Habitat for Humanity. We have scheduled three dates. If you are interested, please visit Habitat's Volunteerhub platform to register for the work days via this link: <http://nucc.habitatcollier.volunteerhub.com/>. When you use the link you will then receive a confirmation email with the site location, what to wear/bring, and other pertinent details. If you do not sign up online, you will simply need to fill out a paper waiver when you arrive on the day of the build before we can get started. We hope you can be involved in this special opportunity.

### 2019 AGING WELL SERIES: SAVE THE DATES

The 2019 Aging Well Series is fast approaching. Please save the following dates: Wednesday March 13, 20 & 27 at 10:00 - 11:30 am in McSpadden Hall. This year's topics are hearing loss, geriatric medicine and sleep. We will discuss what is new in these areas of medicine and how it can impact quality of life. As always, this series is offered at no cost and open to the public. We encourage you to join us and bring your friends.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP will meet on Friday February 22 at 2 - 3:30 p.m. in N-104. All are welcome.

### SANCTUARY CONCERT

February 26, 7 p.m. \$20 per ticket. We welcome Spirit of the Gulf, a 100 voice all female a capella chorus that is affiliated with Sweet Adelines International. You may purchase tickets online at [www.naplesucc.org](http://www.naplesucc.org), in the Gathering Place after worship, or in the church office.

### BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be on Monday, February 25, at 2 p.m. in N207: *Lincoln in the Bardo* by George Saunders. Discussion led by Dr. Heather English and Susan Enlow.

# PEOPLELIGHTS

## BARGAIN BOX DONATIONS

The Bargain Box Thrift Store is always accepting donations, but are particularly looking for clothes and accessories at this time. Feel free to clean out your closets and help them out. If you have questions or larger items to donate, you can always call at 239-262-3802 for assistance. Thank you.

## LUNCH AND LEARN

Thursday, February 21, from 12 to 1 p.m. Habitat for Humanity of Collier County Lunch and Learn. Naples UCC was one of the four founding faith communities of Habitat for Humanity of Collier County and we have had a strong partnership in the 40 years since. Come learn from CEO, Rev. Lisa Lefkow about housing in Collier County and about this renewed partnership between Habitat and NUCC!

## 3F WOMEN'S LUNCH GROUP

Fine Food & Fellowship – The 3F Group luncheon for women. Thursday, February 28 at 12 p.m. at the Boathouse on Naples Bay. This luncheon is limited to 16 participants to insure the ability to enjoy personal interaction and sociability. Sign up at the Gathering Place. For information contact Margaret Jack at 239-272-5452.

## PROGRESSIVE DINNER

Saturday, March 16. Cocktails at 5 p.m., dinner and dessert at 7 p.m. Cost: \$35. We are looking for cocktail and dinner party hosts. Deadline for host sign up is today, February 10. Sign up and more information in the Gathering Place.

## ORIGINAL MIAMI SOUTH BEACH TOUR

Thursday, March 21. Bus leaves Crossroads Shopping Center at Vineyards at 7:30 a.m. Return is 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$89. This trip includes round trip bus transportation, a guided walking and riding tour of the historic Art Deco District, lunch on your own, looking around time on famous Lincoln Road, and a guided sightseeing boat cruise around Biscayne Bay. Information – Susan Melick at susanmelick@gmail.com or 293-8446. Sign up in the Gathering Place or the church office.

## HELP WANTED: PEW CREW

Looking for couple or individuals to come in once a week to check and refill folders and giving envelopes in the pews. The church is divided into three sections, so we are looking for a volunteer for one section. This job can be done any time while the church is open during the week. Requires 1 hour. Sign up by calling Wendy in the church office.

## PCA MARDI GRAS GALA FUNDRAISER

We would like to invite the congregation to join us for our Mardi Gras Gala on March 30th, 2019. PCA will be hosting its first ever gala fundraiser, in which we will have delicious food, wine, and live entertainment. All the money raised will be going directly towards building a shading structure for our interior toddler playground. Tickets are available for purchase in the church office and cost \$75. We hope to see you there! Sign up in the Gathering Place or the church office.

## COMMUNION HELPERS

Looking for couple or individuals to come in to help set up communion, fill the cups, set up the bread, prepare the altar, collect trays from ushers, and help clean up after service. First Sunday of each month, 11 a.m. service. Requires about two hours each communion service, one half hour before and one after. Please sign up by calling the church office.


## SAVE THE DATE: BUS TOURS TO IMMOKALEE

Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. or  
Thursday, March 7, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Bus tours to Immokalee led by Habitat staff. These tours will provide the opportunity to see firsthand the conditions faced by prospective Habitat homeowners. It will also provide the opportunity to visit completed Habitat projects. We will also drive by other Mission Partners in Immokalee and enjoy a lunch at Lozano's, a well-known Mexican restaurant. Cost is \$30 per person. Buses will have restrooms. Sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday, February 17 and 24. We hope you can join us for an informative day.

## 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, February 17: Visitor Information Brunch | After 9 and 11 a.m. worship in Nelson Hall room 104.

Thursday, February 21: An Evening With Your Pastors at Dr. Taylor's home.

Sunday, February 24: New Member Sunday

Next Sunday  
February 17 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
*Jesus' Dream, Ken's Plan*  
Luke 6:17-26  
Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, preaching

The 2019 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 Steepleights 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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