



# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## WORDS OF WELCOME

### PRELUDE

*Sweet Hour of Prayer*  
Bell Choir ♦ Wendy Willis, director

Arr. Linda R. Lamb

### CALL TO WORSHIP

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #341

*Jesus Shall Reign*

DUKE STREET

### INVOCATION

**All: Gracious God, we are grateful for the opportunity to be your people gathered in this place. We also give you thanks for all the ways you surprise us. May we model the ways of Jesus who showed us the paths of peace. It is in that name we 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.**

### MUSICAL RESPONSE

*I am the Light*  
Alleluia Singers ♦ Youth Choir trebles

Terry D. Taylor

### TIME FOR COMMUNITY

*Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.*  
*Though children of all ages are welcome in our worship services, children age 4 to 5th grade are invited to meet Ms. Leanne in the back of the Sanctuary for Sunday school.*

### MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*True Light*  
Alleluia Singers ♦ Youth Choir ♦ Sanctuary Choir  
Rebecca Richardson, soloist

Keith Hampton

### PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

### SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:14-21

NT pgs. 62-63(NRSV)

### SERMON

Surprise!

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor

OFFERTORY

*We are Called*  
Sanctuary Choir

Beckii Slagle Mayo

Given in honor of Walter Bertsche's 97th birthday, by his wife, Beverly

\*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*

NETTLETON

\*WORDS OF BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

*Chorale-Prelude on DUKE STREET*

Robert J. Powell

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We welcome Rebecca Richardson as our guest soloist today. Her 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. 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  
Alleluia Singers ♦ Youth Choir  
Bell Choir

**GREETERS:** 9 a.m.: Karin and Dick Cusic      11 a.m.: Josephine and Stephanie Morse

**USHERS:**

9 a.m.: David Bogin, head usher; Bob and Louise Brown, June Hart, Mary Robinson, Richard Ryder

11 a.m.: Bill Rumpf, head usher; John and June Ballew, Bob Miller, Bob Nordland, Richard Ryder, Ren Smith, Pat Wiedner



**STEPHEN MINISTERS:** 9 a.m.: Jean Lemmon    11 a.m.: Louise Brown

Chancel flowers are given by Beverly Bertsche, in honor of her husband, Walter Bertsche's, 97th birthday.

## THIS WEEK AT NUCC (JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 3)

**Sunday**  
1/27 Third 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)  
12:15 p.m. NUCC Annual Meeting (S)  
12:45 p.m. Robin Meyers Book Review (N104)  
4 p.m. . . . .Sanctuary Series Concert: *Beyond the Sea* (S)

**Monday**  
1/28 9:30 a.m. . . .Monday Morning Ladies (N104)  
9:30 a.m. . . .Gentle Yoga with Shannon (MH)  
10 a.m. . . . Beginner Mah Jongg Class (N205)  
11 a.m. . . .Aging Well Meeting (ACR)  
1 p.m. . . . .Bell Choir (Bell Room)  
2 p.m. . . . .Book Club: *Homegoing* (N207)  
4:30 p.m. . . .Centering Prayer (P)  
5 p.m. . . . .Youth Choir (BH)  
6 p.m. . . . .Trustee Meeting (N104)

**Tuesday**  
1/29 12:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training (N207)  
5:30 p.m. . . .Green Justice: *Plastic Ocean* Screening (N207)  
6 p.m. . . . .Full Council Meeting (N104)

**Wednesday**  
1/30 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. . . . . Alleluia Singers (BH)  
4:45 p.m. . . . Joyful Noise (BH)  
5:30 p.m. . . . *The Road Back To You* (N104)  
7 p.m. . . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

**Thursday**  
1/31 9:30 a.m. . . .Gentle Yoga with Shannon (MH)  
12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg (MH)  
1 p.m. . . . . *Beyond the Broken Heart* Grief Group (N101)  
1 p.m. . . . . *On the Brink of Everything* Book Study (N104)  
5:30 p.m. . . . The Stories Behind Affordable Housing (N207)

**Friday**  
2/1 10 a.m. . . . Beginner Mah Jongg Class (N205)  
12 p.m. . . . Al Anon Meeting (BH)

**Sunday**  
2/3 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
8 a.m. . . . .Cans for Communion Staging Area (MH)  
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. Robin Meyers Book Review (N104)

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S = Sanctuary | P = Parlor | N = Nelson Hall  
MH = McSpadden Hall | GC = Gates Chapel  
GP = The Gathering Place | BH = Beverly Hall  
MG = Memorial Garden  
ACR = Administrative Conference Room

## 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, January 30, 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 Gordon Zickefoose, friends, and family, on the passing of Keith Johnson.  
To Jack and Grayce Studley, on the passing of Jack's sister, Sandra Duggan.

Mark Agnew  
Barbara Auxier  
Maria Badham  
Ben Buckley  
Al Cahen  
Pete Casper  
Bob Clement  
Sally Vining Driscoll  
Peter Fahey  
Jacob Francis  
Frederick  
Nancy Galazzo  
Mary Heller  
Henry  
Ruth Himburg  
Stu Homer  
Karen Howick  
Irma

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

Brenda Taylor  
Barbara Toms  
Duncan Varty  
The Whitt Family  
Don Williams  
Nancy Wyckoff

### Our Children

Skylin Freeman  
Gracie Faith  
Laila Grace  
Garrett Kaulbars  
Sebastian and Floretta  
Baby Jackson Ryder  
Jackson Varty  
Michael Yarwood

In Service to our Nation: SPC Austin Payne, and Pamela Nolasco and family.



### SANCTUARY SERIES CONCERT: BEYOND THE SEA, JANUARY 27 4 p.m.

Heather Vicevic, soprano ♦ Robin S. Frank, piano ♦ guitar ♦ bass ♦ drums  
\$20 per ticket

*Beyond the Sea* is a musical story of local soprano, Heather V. During the show, Heather will float effortlessly between Broadway favorites, Opera classics and pop standards.



### LAST CHANCE! REVS INSTITUTE FOR AUTOMOTIVE RESEARCH TOUR

February 8, 10:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Cost: \$25. Deadline for sign-up and payment is today, January 27. Minimum of 20 people required for this tour. The facility houses over 100 of the most influential automobiles that have changed the world, blazed technical pathways & defined aesthetic standards. A two-hour docent-led tour will view specially-designed interactive displays and artifact showcases. Sign up in the Gathering Place after worship today.



### DISTINGUISHED SPEAKER: REV. DR. ROBIN MEYERS

February 9 and 10, 2019. *Building Irresistible Community!* We invite you to be with us for a weekend of inspiration and illumination as Dr. Meyers shares what it means to be a traditional and progressive church. Books, tickets, and a schedule are available in the Gathering Place on Sundays. Please help us by signing up for the brunch on February 10th.



# SUNDAY STEEPLELIGHTS

## ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting is today, January 27, at 12:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

## REV. DR. ROBIN MEYERS BOOK REVIEWS

A Review of Robin Meyers' two books will be held today and Feb. 3, 12:45 p.m. after church in N-104 in preparation for the Distinguished Speaker weekend, Feb 9-10. Led by Pastor David. Today's review will follow the Annual Meeting.

## BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting will be this Monday, January 28, at 2 p.m. in N207: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

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

by Parker J. Palmer. Thursdays, January 31 - 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." Sign up and books available in the Gathering Place.

## GREEN JUSTICE TEAM NEWS

The Green Justice Team will be selling Equal Exchange products will be this Sunday in the Gathering Place following both services. The Green Justice Team is sponsoring the documentary, *A Plastic Ocean*, on January 29 at 5:30 in Nelson 207. This important film helps us to understand the impacts of plastics on sea life and human life. Snacks will be provided. A sign up sheet is available in the Gathering Place.

## BOCA GRANDE & GASPARILLA INN & CLUB TOUR

Wednesday, February 6, 2019. Bus leaves Crossroads Shopping Center at Vineyards at 7:30 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m. Cost: \$119. Information: Susan Melick at 239-293-8446 or [susanmelick@gmail.com](mailto:susanmelick@gmail.com).

## BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a blood drive on February 4 in the Naples UCC parking lot. Sign up in the Gathering Place or by calling Bob Morse at 239-631-9771.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING: STORIES BEHIND THE ISSUE

As part of the Board of Mission focus for 2019, we will be discussing the topic of affordable housing on January 31 and Feb 7 at 5:30-7 p.m. in Nelson Hall Room 207. Handouts are available in the Gathering Place or in the church office. On January 31, coffee and light snacks provided. On February 7, Lisa Lefkow, CEO of Habitat for Humanity will share her insights with dinner provided. There is a sign-up sheet for the February 7 class to ensure that we have enough food and chairs. Please join Dr. Heather English to discuss this important topic.

## BABY BOOMERS

Baby Boomers! Join us as the fun continues! Happy Hour, 5-7 p.m., Thursday, February 7, at Naples Grande Resort's "Catch of the Pelican" restaurant. Sign up in the Gathering Place, church office, or contact Dennis and Carolyn Kois at 608-219-0812 or [johnsonkois@icloud.com](mailto:johnsonkois@icloud.com).

## RED SOX TICKETS GOING FAST!

Only a few tickets are left for the 1:05 p.m. Wednesday, March 13th Red Sox Spring Training game at Jet Blue Park. Purchase tickets (or pick up reserved tickets) today in the Gathering Place. The tickets are \$32 each.

## SENIOR SINGLES DINNER

Sign up in The Gathering Place for the NUCC Senior Singles Dinner Group. The group will meet to enjoy dinner together on February 5. Restaurant and time are TBD. Reservations are available for the first 12 people who sign up.

## PALETTE PALS

Artwork donated to Habitat for Humanity homes will be in the gallery from January 27 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.

## 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 February 10. Sign up and more information in the Gathering Place.

# 2018 GRANTS TO OUR MISSION PARTNERS

This past November the Board of Missions and Outreach was able to award \$150,000 in grants to 24 local and global Mission Partners. These grants were made possible largely from the revenues of our thrift store, The Bargain Box. Thanks to all who volunteer your time and contribute your goods. You are the ones who make these awards possible.

Representatives of some of these Mission Partners are with us today and you can greet them in the Gathering Place. Many members of our congregation volunteer at or serve on the boards of these agencies.

## MISSION PARTNERS RECEIVING AWARDS:

Alliance for Fair Food  
Avow Hospice  
Baby Basics of Collier County  
Be Like Brit Foundation  
Chicago Theological Seminary  
Collier Resource Center  
Collier Senior Resources – Golden Gate Senior Center  
David Lawrence Mental Health Center  
ECHO  
Hands for Peace  
Harry Chapin Food Bank of SW Florida  
Help a Diabetic Child  
Immokalee Foundation  
Literacy Volunteers of Collier County  
New Horizons of SW Florida  
Paws Assistance Dogs  
People for Guatemala  
Planned Parenthood  
Precious Cargo Academy  
Senior Friendship Health Center  
Shelter for Abused Women and Children  
Southwest Florida Woman's Foundation  
St. Matthews House  
The Education Foundation – Champions for Learning

Thanks to our Mission Partners for their service both locally and globally.

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## CANS FOR COMMUNION


On the first Sunday of each month, the Board of Missions and Outreach invites you to participate in our monthly Cans for Communion by bringing these suggested items to stock the food pantry at Grace Place, a NUCC Mission Partner. This Sunday, we are particularly aware of the many affected by the government shutdown who may be seeking assistance with food. Please be generous with your supplies this month as there are many people in need.

Powdered milk (called NIDO), canned or dry fruit, canned vegetables, cans of soup, bags of dry beans, bags of rice, boxes of macaroni and cheese, cereal, cans of meat (tuna, chicken, spam, other), jars of peanut butter, and jars of jelly.

Thank you for your participation in this ongoing mission opportunity.

## 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 3 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
Seasons of Love  
1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
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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