



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Here I am, Lord
Bell Choir ❖ Wendy Willis, director

Schutte/arr. Wagner

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #128

Spirit, Working in Creation

IN BABILONE

INVOCATION

All: Loving God, you know our hearts. You have knitted our inmost being and you know our deepest desires, fears and worries. Help us to journey through this Lenten season into a new awareness of your presence in our lives. Save us from our own temptations, so that we may more freely follow in the ways of Jesus, as we pray the prayer he 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.

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Think on These Things
Chamber Choir ❖ Antonio Innaimo, cello

Mark Patterson

TIME FOR CHILDREN (9 A.M.)

Though children of all ages are welcome in our worship services, children age 4 to 5th grade are invited to join Miss Merrill for Sunday school at 9 a.m.

TIME FOR COMMUNITY

Please sign and pass the register book to your neighbor.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Sanctuary Choir ❖ Antonia Innaimo, cello

Hal Hopson

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:1-13

NT pg. 62(NRSV)

SERMON

The First Temptation of Christ

Rev. Dr. Deb Kaiser-Cross

*Please rise in body or spirit.

OFFERTORY

Rotation IV from Four Rotations for Marimba
Christian Snedeker, marimba

Eric Sammut

*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 #135

Loving Spirit

OMNI DIE

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on PICARDY

Michael Helman



Today we welcome Antonio Innaimo, guest cellist. 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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THIS MORNING'S WORSHIP SERVICES:

Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, Executive Minister
Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross, Minister for Congregational Care
Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing, Assistant Minister
Merrill Noble, Director of Children's Ministry
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music and Organist
Rebecca Best, Accompanist
Nick Hernandez, Audiovisual
Sanctuary Choir

GREETERS: 9 a.m.: Kay Woodruff 11 a.m.: Beverly Bernstrom and Pete Merkel

USHERS:

9 a.m.: David Bogin, head usher; Jimmy Borden, June Hart, Dick and Jean Ann Lynch, Richard Ryder, Michael Whyte

11 a.m.: Jennifer Rainey, head usher; Ronnie Bellone, Susan Melick, Bob Nordland, Bill Rumpf, Richard Ryder, Janet Tosca, Pat Wiedner



STEPHEN MINISTERS: 9 a.m.: Gay Lindquist 11 a.m.: Linda Chatterton

Chancel flowers are given by Gladys Pitbladdo, in loving memory of her husband, Richard Pitbladdo.

THIS WEEK AT NUCC (MARCH 10-17)

Sunday 3/10	First Sunday in Lent 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. . Real Good Church Book Review (N101)
Monday 3/11	9:30 a.m. . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104) 9:30 a.m. . . Gentle Yoga with Shannon (MH) 1 p.m. Bell Choir (Bell Room/BH) 4 p.m. Baby Basics Diaper Pickup (MH) 4:30 p.m. . . Centering Prayer (P)
Tuesday 3/12	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)
Wednesday 3/13	9 a.m. Palette Pals Open Painting Studio (N201) 9 a.m. New Chapters Men's Study Group (N101) 10 a.m. . . . Chair Yoga (BH) 10 a.m. . . . Aging Well: Hearing Loss (MH) 12 p.m. . . . Mid-Week Lenten Meditation (S) 1 p.m. Red Sox Game! (Off-site) 5:30 p.m. . . Sacred Rhythms Lenten Book Study (N104) 7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)
Thursday 3/14	9:30 a.m. . . Gentle Yoga with Shannon (MH) 10 a.m. . . . Green Justice Team (N101) 12:30 p.m. . Mah Jongg (N207) 5 p.m. Bargain Box Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (MH) 6 p.m. Newcomers' Dinner (Off-site)
Friday 3/15	12 p.m. . . . Al Anon Meeting (N207)
Sunday 3/17	Second Sunday in Lent 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. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P) 12 p.m. . . . Visitor Information Brunch (N104)

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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

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

JUNIOR DISCIPLES will not meet this week due to Spring Break.

YOUTH CHOIR will not meet this week due to Spring Break.

PRAYER LIST

Condolences: To Karen Schweitzer and Jerry French, on the passing of Jerry's Mother.

To Margrit Leutert on the passing of her son, Paul Leutert.

To Audrey Gordon and family, on the passing of her father

Addie
Mark Agnew
Amanda
Ashley
Barbara Auxier
Maria Badham
Mary Baum
Fred Balmages
Mary Baum
Mark and Pam Bejcek
Bill
Bill Bolinder
Jeffrey Bramley
Al Cahen
Jay Cahill
Pete Casper
C.C.
Bob Clement
Karin Cusic
Nick Disette
Jacob Francis
Nancy Galazzo
Mary Heller
Henry
Emily Hughes
Al Hopkins

Stu Homer
Karen Howick
Irma
Jamie
Justine
Sue Keenan
Kevin
Irv Koehler
Kristi and Mike
Ellen Little
Scott Masi
Ali McKee
Elissa Lauber Mozena
Dinny Nemecheck
Neville
Elizabeth Perrin
Jean Partridge
Frank Pliml
John and Linda R.
Pauline and John R.
Sharon Rainey
Dave Remley
Roger Rhodes
Tom and Angie Reuter
Claire Schelske
Carol Sellman

Deb Scott
Nancy Singleton
Dean L. Smith
Ronald Smith
Brenda Taylor
Dawn Teston
Barbara Toms
The Whitt Family
Nancy Wyckoff

Our Children
Luciano Derisio
Skylin Freeman
Gracie Faith
Laila Grace
Garrett Kaulbars
Will M.
Mikayla
Daphne Rice
Baby Jackson Ryder
Sebastian and Floretta
Finn Sears
Jackson Varty
Michael Yarwood

In Service to our Nation: CAPT Robert Cook, MSgt. Donovan Frederickson, MSgt Matthew Frederickson, LT Lucas Hodge, PC Austin Payne, LTCR Erik Sand and Pamela Nolasco and Family.



REAL GOOD CHURCH!

Distinguished Speaker, Rev. Molly Baskette, Sr. Pastor, First Congregational UCC, Berkeley, CA
March 22-24, 2019

Molly Baskette is a pastor, author, mother, cancer survivor, and inspirational speaker. She will be with us to talk about the ingredients of "real good church." She will begin with a parenting session on Friday aimed at PCA parents ("Fear Not Parenting"), followed by two sessions on Saturday morning, preaching Sunday, and an afternoon follow-up session. On Saturday she will speak on "Spiritual Activism in a Climate of Chaos," and "Radical Orthodoxy." Sunday afternoon's topic: "True Elders and Millennial Unicorns." A pre-lecture brunch will be offered on Sunday after worship with a donation of \$10. Please let us know when signing up if you'd like to attend the brunch.

If you wish to be prepared for her visit, a 30 minute review session will be held for her book, *Real Good Church*, today after church in N101.

A follow-up session to Rev. Baskette's visit will be held on Monday, March 25, 4-5 p.m., N-104.



TODAY:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children are invited to join Miss Merrill for a Time for Children when we will Stop, Look, and Listen for signs of Lent. In Sunday School we will explore the sentence from the Lord's Prayer "lead us not into temptation". Through bible story, scripture and a craft activity, children will have the opportunity to make some good choices about how they will journey through Lent. The children have already agreed to participate in the NUCC Habitat for Humanity Drive by contributing their pennies. Look for the Sunday School Penny Collection Jar in the narthex!

GROWING OUR FAITH THROUGH GENEROSITY

The Stewardship Committee is happy to report that we are making significant progress towards our goal of \$1,400,000. Earlier this week, estimates of giving totalled \$1,200,000. There are still a number of members and friends we hope to hear from. Many thanks for all you do.

COFFEE, COCOA, AND CHOCOLATE SALES BENEFIT MISSIONS

Today the Green Justice Team is selling Equal Exchange Fairly Traded goods in the Gathering Place following both worship services. Equal Exchange products promote healthy forests and healthy communities. Through fair trade, small-scale farmers are better able to build their own businesses and support their families. Proceeds of the sales go to support NUCC Missions.

JUSTICE AND WITNESS MINISTRIES

In the December Steeplelights, there was an announcement about the formation of a Task Force on Justice and Witness Ministries. The goal of the Task Force is to facilitate development of a Board of Justice and Witness Ministries that will enable NUCC to expand its efforts to work for peace and justice, locally, nationally, and globally. Communication is essential. Beginning today, there will be a display table in the Gathering Place staffed by members of the Task Force. They are excited to share information and enthusiasm, answer questions, and gather input to guide their work. Please stop by!

WOMEN ENGAGE! ARTICLES AVAILABLE

Copies of articles to be read in advance of the next meeting of Women Engage! are now available in the church office. Rev. Katherine Mulhern will lead the discussion of "Women of the Bible Say #MeToo" on Thursday, March 21 at 10 a.m. in Nelson 104. All women are welcome.

BARGAIN BOX VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

The Bargain Box will be holding a Volunteer Appreciation event this Thursday, March 14, from 5 to 7 p.m. in McSpadden Hall. If you volunteer for the Bargain Box, please plan to join us.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

NUCC Caregivers Support Group will meet on Friday, March 22 at 2 p.m. We will explore the losses and grief that caregivers experience.

UPCOMING CONCERT

Tuesday at Twilight, March 19, 7 p.m., \$30 per ticket. Peter Bergin, ragtime piano. Peter's mission is to celebrate life through music and stories, and he especially loves sharing the rhythms of ragtime piano.

NUCC OPEN HOUSE AT NEIGHBORHOOD HEALTH CLINIC

Two years ago, NUCC raised \$240,000 to fund a dental suite at the newly expanded Neighborhood Health Clinic. On Sunday, March 31st, from 1:30-3:30, Neighborhood Health Clinic (121 Goodlette-Frank Rd, Naples, FL 34102) will host an open house for NUCC with tours available. At 2 p.m., there will be a dedication of the facility, celebrated with music and prayer. We hope you can make this a special part of your day.

AGING WELL SERIES

This Wednesday, March 13, 10 – 11:30 a.m. in McSpadden Hall. "Modern Methods in the Evaluation and Treatment of Hearing Loss" Dr. Jay Roberts, MD - Florida Gulf Coast Ear, Nose, and Throat. Dr. Jay Roberts is an ENT-otolaryngologist in Naples, Florida and is affiliated with Physicians Regional Pine Ridge.

SACRED RHYTHMS: SPIRITUAL PRACTICES THAT NOURISH YOUR SOUL AND TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

by Ruth Haley Barton. Wednesdays, March 13 – April 10, 5:30 - 7 p.m. Location: N-104. Led by Deb Kaiser-Cross. In this five-session study, the author Ruth Haley Barton provides guidance that links the spiritual practices of the Christian faith to the most compelling desires of the human soul. Each session will offer video teaching, and lively discussion, in addition to experiential practices that will encourage each participant to grow deeper during the Lenten season.

PEOPLELIGHTS

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 susanrmelick@gmail.com or 293-8446. Sign up in the Gathering Place or the church office.

BABY BOOMERS

Don't miss this! Another fun evening of good food, vino, friends and Dennis's Boomer Trivia. Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. The new location of Trattoria Abruzzo, 2359 Vanderbilt Beach Road Galleria Shopping Center. Sign up in the church office, the Gathering Place, or call or email Dennis & Carolyn Kois at 608-219-0812 or johnsonkois@icloud.com. Be there or be square.

FINE FOOD & FELLOWSHIP – THE 3F GROUP

luncheon for women. Thursday, March 28 at 12 p.m. at Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant. This luncheon is limited to 16 participants. Sign up in the Gathering Place. Information: Margaret Jack: 239-272-5452.

NUCC HABITAT BUILD DAY

April 13. Naples United Church of Christ will be having a Build Day for anyone interesting in volunteering at Collier County Habitat for Humanity. 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 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.

PCA NOW ASTHMA-FRIENDLY

Precious Cargo Academy is thrilled to have received platinum recognition from the Florida Asthma Coalition, designating PCA an Asthma Friendly, and Asthma Safe Certified School. This means that PCA is committed to the safety and health of students and staff, while promoting family resources and education. We follow best practices, and maintain an environmentally conscious school environment to allow for inclusion of all students.

GOD OF RAINBOW

Thursdays, March 21 – April 11, 6 - 7:30 p.m. in McSpadden Hall. Led by Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor. Dawson will discuss how scripture has been used to oppress gay and lesbian people, and where he was when he learned about the Supreme Court's ruling on marriage equality. He has also invited people from the community to join him, including a local mother of a transgender child, and a few other surprise guests. Join us on these four nights for a poignant, faithful, and informative time!

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.

MARINA JACK'S LUNCH CRUISE ON SARASOTA BAY AND ST. ARMAND'S CIRCLE

This trip is on April 4. The bus leaves Crossroads Shopping Center at Vineyards at 8:30 a.m. We will return at 7:30 p.m. Cost: \$89 per person. A favorite, this trip includes round trip bus transportation, a sightseeing cruise on Sarasota Bay with a delicious buffet lunch, shopping time on St. Armand's Circle, and a stop at the Der Dutchman Bakery. Information: Susan Melick at susanrmelick@gmail.com or 239-293-8446. Sign up in the Gathering Place after worship or in the church office during the week.

BOOK CLUB

The next book club meeting is Monday, March 25, at 2 p.m. in N207: *A Piece of the World* by Christina Baker Kline. Discussion led by Nancy Kaegi.

BABY BASICS EASTER BOOK DRIVE

The Baby Basics distribution site at NUCC is going strong. We currently have 41 babies and expect 2 more this month. For Easter, we give each child and their siblings a book to take home. Any new or gently used children's books would be appreciated before distribution on April 8th. Please drop the books off at the church office. Thank you for all of your support.

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 with Miss Lois. 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, March 17: Visitor Information Brunch | After 9 and 11 a.m. worship in Nelson Hall room 104
Thursday, March 19: An Evening With Your Pastors at the Kaiser-Cross home
Sunday, March 24: New Member Sunday

<u>Mid-Week Lenten Meditation</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
Wednesday, March 13, 12 p.m. Meditation by Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross Emerson Millar, Co-concertmaster, Naples Philharmonic Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, organ/piano	March 17 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. <i>Compassion Fatigue</i> Luke 13:31-35 Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, preaching Glenn Basham, violin, Cary Parks, penny whistle, Scott Ritter, guitar

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.

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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