



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

St. James Infirmary
Instrumental Ensemble

Traditional

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #99

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd

REGENT SQUARE

INVOCATION

Stephen Fearing, Wild and Precious Life

All: "Reveal your presence to us this day, O God of light, love, and glory. As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain, send your Spirit to show us your story.

May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place as we dare to proclaim your Word. May we, your people, be never unable to tell all that we have heard." As we pray together what Jesus taught:

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

Come, Sunday

Duke Ellington

Rebecca Richardson, soloist ❖ Instrumental Ensemble

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 Miss Merrill in the back of the Sanctuary for Sunday school at 9 a.m.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Kyrie Eleison from Jazz Missa Brevis
Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy
Sanctuary Choir ❖ Instrumental Ensemble

Will Todd

PASTORAL PRAYER AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:28-36

NT pg. 71(NRSV)

SERMON

Don't Smile For The Camera

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor

OFFERTORY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Pennies from Heaven
Instrumental Ensemble

Arthur Johnson/Johnny Burke

LORD'S SUPPER

At this table all are welcome guests. Jesus is our host. We hold the bread and cup until all are served and then we commune together. Our cups contain grape juice. There are gluten-free wafers in the center of each bread plate.

INVITATION

*Please rise in body or spirit.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND GIVING AND SHARING OF THE CUP

Amazing Grace ❖ Just a Closer Walk with Thee
(Rebecca Richardson, soloist ❖ Instrumental Ensemble)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #319

Shine, Jesus, Shine

Graham Kendrick

*WORDS OF BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional

Today we welcome jazz artists: Rebecca Richardson, vocals/piano; Lew DelGatto, saxophone; Dan Miller, trumpet; Herb Bruce, trombone; Don Mopsick, bass; and Tony Vigilante, drum

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION, THE EUCHARIST, THE LORD'S SUPPER

In the United Church of Christ, several terms are used to refer to our sharing of the bread and the cup. Historically, views concerning Communion in our tradition have run the gamut from those who believe that Christ is symbolically present in the blessed bread and cup, to those who believe that we are sharing in a simple memorial meal as Jesus asked us to do "in remembrance of me." It is not unusual for some members of UCC congregations to hold views on Communion which stress the "real" presence of Christ in the bread and the cup (a traditional Roman Catholic view) or to believe that sharing the bread and the cup is a simple way to express our oneness as a faith community. Our theological differences enliven rather than divide.

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

GREETERS: 9 a.m.: Provided by the ushers.

11 a.m.: Bill and Shirley Rutledge

USHERS:

9 a.m.: Richard Ryder, head usher; Joann Aycock, Bob and Nancy Ayers, Beth Curry, Kevin Fuller, June Hart, Katy Serr, Cheryl Turner

11 a.m.: Bob Miller, head usher; Joyce Agnew, Susan Melick, Bob Morse, Bill Rumpf, Ron Sanson, Ren Smith, Janet Tosca



STEPHEN MINISTERS: 9 a.m.: Sara Nonken 11 a.m.: Gladys Pitbladdo

Chancel Flowers are given by Charles Anderson, in honor of his wife, Kimberly, on the day of her Baptism

THIS WEEK AT NUCC (MARCH 3-10)

Sunday
3/3 Transfiguration Sunday
 8 a.m. Cans for Communion Staging Area (N104)
 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)
 3 p.m. Artis-Naples Youth Jazz Band Concert
 (Freewill Offering to Habitat for Humanity)(S)

Monday
3/4 9:30 a.m. . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104)
 9:30 a.m. . . Gentle Yoga with Shannon (MH)
 10 a.m. . . . Palette Pals (N201)
 1 p.m. Bell Choir (Bell Room/BH)
 4:30 p.m. . . Centering Prayer (P)
 5 p.m. Youth Choir (BH)

Tuesday
3/5 12:30 p.m. . Stephen Ministry Training (N207)
 3 p.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry (P)
 6 p.m. Board of Christian Education Meeting (N101)
 6 p.m. Diaconate Meeting (ACR)

Ash Wednesday
3/6 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)
 12 p.m. . . . Traditional Worship Service (S)
 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry (N207)
 3 p.m. Junior Disciples (N207)
 4 p.m. Alleluia Singers (BH)
 4:45 p.m. . . Joyful Noise (BH)
 5:30 p.m. . . Family Supper and Service (MH)
 7 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

Thursday
3/7 9 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Tour (Off-site)
 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)
 4 p.m. Task Force on Justice and Witness Ministries
 (N101)
 6 p.m. Senior Singles Dinner (Off-site)

Friday
3/8 12 p.m. . . . Al Anon Meeting (N207)
 12:30 p.m. . WE! Planning Meeting (N101)
 2 p.m. Caregivers Support Group (N104)
 8 p.m. Middlers Plus *Guys and Dolls* Theatre (Off-site)

Saturday
3/9 8 a.m. NUCC Habitat for Humanity Build Day (Off-site)
 9:30 a.m. . . Stephen Ministry Training (N207)
 3 p.m. Sue Morgan/Jack Tallman Wedding (GC)

Sunday
3/10 First Sunday of 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 p.m. . . . Real Good Church Book Review (N104)

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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, March 6, 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 David Hindman on the passing of his brother-in law, John Robb.
To Gale Miller and family, on the passing of his wife, Nancy.

Mark Agnew
Ashley
Barbara Auxier
Maria Badham
Mary Baum
Fred Balmages
Mary Baum
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
Irv Koehler
Kristi and Mike
Ellen Little
Scott Masi
Ali McKee
Elissa Lauber Mozena
Dinny Nemecheck
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
Don Williams
Nancy Wyckoff

Our Children

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

In Service to our Nation: 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 and March 10, after church in N104. The sessions are identical.

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

In Sunday School with Miss Merrill, children will discover some new learnings about the season of Lent. While we organize the Cans for Communion food donations, we will talk about ways we can be helpful and generous towards others. 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!

YOUTH JAZZ BAND FROM ARTIS—NAPLES

3 p.m., Sanctuary
Freewill Offering for Habitat for Humanity of Collier County.
Led by Dan Miller

MIDLERS PLUS THEATRE EVENT

Theatre tickets for *Guys & Dolls* at the Sugden can be picked up in the Gathering Place after church services today. There is one ticket available for that show. For questions, call Bobbi Richardson at 239-207-6615.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As of this week, we are just shy of \$1,100,000 of our goal of \$1,400,000. We ended 2018 with tremendous strength. For instance, our giving was increased 1% while our expenses were down 1% over 2017. Precious Cargo showed an 11% increase year over. Our total giving to missions was \$513,701 and our attendance increased by 15%. Estimate of Giving cards are available in the pew backs. With everyone's participation, we can ensure another banner year as we grow our faith through generosity.

NUCC HABITAT BUILD DAY

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 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.

CAREGIVER'S SUPPORT GROUP

NUCC Caregivers Support Group will meet on Friday, March 8 at 2 p.m. We will explore the losses and grief that caregivers experience.

SAVE THE DATE

Neighborhood Health Clinic Open House on Sunday, March 31, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Details to follow.

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 March 7th at Trattoria Abruzzo. Reservations are available for the first 12 people who sign up.

AGING WELL SERIES

Wednesday March 13, 2019, 10 – 11:30 a.m.
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.

BARGAIN BOX VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

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

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.

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.

PEOPLELIGHTS

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 at the Gathering
Place. Information: Margaret Jack: 239-272-5452.

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
susanmelick@gmail.com or 239-293-8446.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES-MARCH 6:

TRADITIONAL SERVICE-12 P.M.

ASH WEDNESDAY FAMILY SUPPER
Families are invited to join Miss Leanne, Pastor
David, and Miss Merrill on Wednesday, March 6
from 5:30-6:45 PM in McSpadden Hall to explore
the meaning of Lent and how to celebrate together
as a family. Our fellowship will include a
complimentary soup supper, singing, learning
activities and short worship service. Lenten
resources to help your family and children grow
deeper in faith will be available. To help us plan
for seating and food, please make your
reservation by signing up in the Gathering Place,
calling Precious Cargo Academy or the church
office. To help us plan for seating and food,
please make your reservation by signing up no
later than tomorrow, March 4.

2019 LENTEN MEDITATIONS

Meditations will be followed by a guided labyrinth walk for those who wish to participate.

March 13, 12 p.m.

Meditation by Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross
Emerson Millar, *violin*
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, *organ and piano*

March 20, 12 p.m.

Meditation by Rev. Lisa Lefkow, CEO
Habitat for Humanity of Collier County
Ryan Little, *french horn*
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, *organ and piano*

March 27, 12 p.m.

Meditation by Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor
Dr. Robert Tudor, *baritone*
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, *organ and piano*

April 3, 12 p.m.

Meditation by Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross
Jenni Groyon, *bassoon*
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, *organ and piano*

April 10, 12 p.m.

Meditation by Rev. Rich Kirschner
Leelo Basham, *flute*
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, *organ and piano*

April 17, 12 p.m.

Meditation by Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing
Glenn Basham, *violin*
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, *organ and piano*

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 21: An Evening With Your Pastors at the Kaiser-Cross home

Sunday, March 24: New Member Sunday

Ash Wednesday: March 6

Traditional Service, 12 p.m.

Locusts Happen

Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, preaching

Ash Wednesday Family Supper, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

McSpadden Hall

Next Sunday

March 10 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

The First Temptation of Christ

Luke 4:1-13

Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross, preaching

Antonio Innaimo, guest cellist

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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