



# NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 31, 2026 | 10 AM

An Open and Affirming Congregation

A WISE for Mental Health Congregation

Mission: To love God and all our neighbors as God loves us.





# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP, PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

## MISSION MOMENT

*Blessing of The Prayer Shawls*

Janet Goodhart

## PRELUDE

*How Great is Our God*  
Presley Culberton, Soloist and Guitar

Chris Tomlin

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*OPENING HYMN #30

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

ROYAL OAK

## INVOCATION

**ALL: Holy God, you are Three in One and One in Three. Praise to you, Source of life, Maker of Heaven and Earth, who created us in your image and called us good. Praise to you, Jesus Christ, born in our flesh to teach us how to love. Praise to you, Holy Spirit, for the energy you bring us to greet each day as a gift and as an opportunity. Holy God, Three in One and One in Three, we share in gratitude for your mystery and mercy.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*How Majestic is Your Name*  
Sanctuary Choir

Austin Lovelace

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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

## SCRIPTURE

Psalm 8

Jackson Rine

O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are humans that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? Yet you have made them a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor. You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

## SERMON

The God of Stars and Shawls

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister



OFFERTORY

*How Majestic is Your Name*  
Sanctuary Choir • Miguel Coates, Soloist

Tom Trenney

\*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #42

*How Majestic is Your Name*

Michael W. Smith

\*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
Pamela Jimenez and Tori Hyman, Soloist

John Rutter



If you would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor for a visit with today's Stephen Minister. The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister  
Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education  
Kathy Book, Organist  
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Pianist  
Madison Fullarton, Conductor  
Sanctuary Choir  
Presley Culberton, Soloist and Guitar

Pamela Jimenez, Soloist  
Tori Hyman, Soloist  
Miguel Coates, Soloist  
Brad Van Houten, Production Specialist - Producer  
Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Propresenter  
Landon Townsend, Production Specialist - Video  
Colton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio

STEPHEN MINISTER: Carolyn Keller

WELCOMERS: Nancy Holcomb and Mike Book

USHERS: Kathleen Devitt (Head Usher), Christine Buol, Becky Earney, Mary Fisher, Tom Hornbuckle, Merrilee Hornbuckle, Mary Beth Jones and Jane Lane.

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Judy Varty


GATHERING PLACE STAFF: Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator | John Greer, Assistant Custodian | Hunter Reum, Fellowship Support

Throughout 2026, the ministry of our pianist in worship has been graciously underwritten by Ronnie Bellone and Jennifer Rainey.

This Sunday's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of Dana C. Downs by her daughters, grandsons, and great-grandchildren.

WE ARE CALLED TO BE AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH

## Children and Youth Ministry



**SUNDAYS** — We are so happy to have families with young children in our midst!. During the worship service, children are invited forward for a **Children's Message**. Coloring activities and worship resources are available each week on the family table in the Narthex. Sunday School programming takes place throughout the school year. Following today's Sunday school, our children's activities will resume on August 9 with the Backpack Blessing and the start of our new Sunday morning camp, **"Snowball Mountain Challenge!"**

**NURSERY CARE** — Nursery care for infants through age 4 is available today beginning at 9:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall, room 203. Please sign in with our nursery staff. Beginning June 7, nursery care will take place in the Wiggle Room on the south side of the sanctuary until Nelson Hall renovations are completed.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Our youth Sunday morning gatherings take place each week following worship in Nelson Hall, room 200. Today will be our last meeting until August. This class is open to any students from grades 6-12. All are welcome!

**UPCOMING EVENTS** — We have special events for families throughout the school year. If you are interested in more information about any of our education offerings for children and youth, please contact Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education at [jeanne@naplesucc.org](mailto:jeanne@naplesucc.org).

## PRAYER LIST

Angelo Anello	Doty Gridley	Gordon Mounts
Merrikay Bailey	Fred Gridley	Betty Mounts
Lilibet Bana	Walter Grieb	Diane Myers
Cathleen Boeck	David Hocking	Jack Neller
Tom Carley	Kate Hutchinson	Gerry Nonken
Nikos Carli	Jamie Jacquart	Gary Pint
Karin Ciesla	David Johnson	Margaret Pint
Patricia Cloutier	William Jones	Shannon Peterson
Thomas Coates	Bobbie Juster	Kathy Reno
Ann Culshaw	Kris Kirschner	Gabrielle Emily Ridout
Jack Downs	Chloe Konsker	Darrel Siebert
Laurie Fowler	Marla Koshgarian	Joanie Toren
Scott Freeman	Sue Lindbloom	Anwyn Watts
Sally Giglio	Patricia Manzano	Ben Wigginton
Richard Gilbert	Nancy Maxwell	
Andrew Gillis	Trey McGregor	
Jim Gilmore	Bob McLennan	

To add or remove a name, please email [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

Names stay on the list for four weeks. To keep your loved one's name on the list longer, please reach out with an email.

# PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

## Upcoming Events

### Informational Meet & Greet

**June 14, 11:15 AM | ACR**

A time for visitors to learn, ask questions and meet our ministers. The Meet & Greet takes place following the 10:00 a.m. service in the Administrative Conference Room, follow sign through the office. Walk-ins are welcome!

### Joining Sunday Opportunity

**Become a member on June 28**

We will have both private and public joining on Sunday, June 28. Private joining will occur at 9:30 a.m. and public joining during the 10:00 a.m. service.

Those wishing to retain their membership in a northern church are invited to join as Associate Members. For additional information, see Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place or contact her at [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

### Naples UCC Orientation

**June 11, 4:00 PM | ACR**

Our Membership and Growth Committee invites you to a church orientation on June 11, 4:00 p.m at the Administrative Conference Room open to all on a limited sign-up basis.

Learn about the United Church of Christ and Naples UCC history, church governance, ministries, and social groups, followed by a guided campus tour with history and fun facts. Refreshments will be provided, with time for questions and discussion. Space is limited to 20 participants. Please sign up in person with Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place or email her at [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

# UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

Visit [www.NaplesUCC.org](http://www.NaplesUCC.org) to view our full calendar.

## TODAY



### Youth Sunday School

📅 10:15 AM • May 31 📍 N-200

## MONDAY



### Mahjong

📅 1:00 PM • June 1 📍 McSpadden

## TUESDAY



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

📅 1:00 PM • June 2 📍 Parlor

## SUNDAY, JUNE 7



### Welcome Rev. Pastor Sonja Phillips

📅 10:00 AM • June 7 📍 Sanctuary

## Next Sunday

**Sunday, June 7, 2026**

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

Keep The Wrong Company

Matthew 9: 9-13

## Welcome Rev. Sonja Phillips

JUNE 7, 10 AM | SANCTUARY

We are excited to welcome Rev. Sonja Phillips as she begins her ministry as Minister of Congregational Care at Naples UCC!



While Pastor Sonja's formal Installation Service will take place on October 18, we look forward to warmly welcoming her on her very first Sunday with us. Following worship on June 7, please join us in the Gathering Place for a summer-themed reception!

All are invited to celebrate and welcome Pastor Sonja to the Naples UCC family!

## Nelson Hall Renovation Fundraising Goal Met!

Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, our fundraising goal for the summer Nelson Hall renovation has been met! Nelson Hall will be closed for renovation beginning on Monday, June 8 and lasting through Saturday, August 1. Regarding programming, please be sure to check your bulletins and e-news for updates. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

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## Mahjong

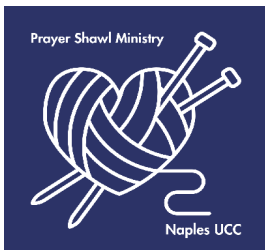
JUNE 1, 1:00 PM | MCSPADDEN

Challenge your mind, one tile at a time. Mahjong is the perfect blend of fun and focus. Join us for Mahjong on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in McSpadden. Free, and all are always welcome!



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

JUNE 2, 1:00 PM | PARLOR



Please join us as we prayerfully knit and crochet beautiful prayer shawls and lap blankets for those who need a warm hug from God. Lessons & supplies are available or bring your own project to work on. Everyone is welcome to participate in this caring ministry. Contact Janet Goodhart at (610) 420-7196 for questions.

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## Caregiver's Support Group

JUNE 12, 2:00 PM | PARLOR



The Caregiver's Support Group meets every other Friday year-round to support those caring for loved ones. Whether you're a caregiver, a past or future one, or seeking resources, all are welcome. Church membership is not required, and discussions remain private. Bring a friend who may benefit! For more info, contact Joan Millon at [joanmillon6@gmail.com](mailto:joanmillon6@gmail.com).

# Aging Well: Alzheimer's Support Network

JUNE 17, 2:00 PM | MCSPADDEN

Join us for our next Aging Well series event, sponsored by Naples UCC WISE for Mental Health and our Caregivers' Support Group. We are honored to welcome world-renowned dementia care expert Teepa Snow for a complimentary educational workshop designed to empower caregivers, professionals, and families. Everyone is welcome. Seating is limited and RSVP is required. Please call 239.262.8388 to reserve your spot today.



## Keep the Heart of the Bargain Box Beating This Summer!

A mission of the Naples United Church of Christ

**Bargain Box** THRIFT STORE & BOUTIQUE

3906 TAMIAMI TRL E, NAPLES, FL 34112

As the season winds down, our mission is picking up speed—and we need you to help us keep up the momentum. We are looking for friendly faces to join our team for shifts on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.**

### Current Volunteer Opportunities:

- **Hospitality & Cashiering:** Be the face of the shop! Welcome customers and manage the register.
- **Donation Transport:** Help move “new-to-us” treasures from the Naples UCC shed to the Bargain Box.
- **Curation & Sorting:** Help us inspect, organize, and prep incoming donations.
- **Display & Merchandising:** Get creative! Help stage and style items to make the sales floor shine.

### Donations: Our Summer Lifeline

Your gently used items are the pulse of our store. Every donation ensures we can continue serving our community throughout the summer months.

**Ready to jump in?** If you have a few hours to spare and a willing heart, we'd love to meet you. Please sign up with **Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place** or **call George De La Roche at 239-262-3802** to get started!

## NUCC Gives \$46,760 Easter Offering to RCMA

This year, our Lenten and Easter offerings supported the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA), an organization that faithfully serves migrant and rural low-income families in Immokalee.

Because of your extraordinary generosity, NUCC was able to contribute \$46,760 to support RCMA's programs and outreach. The heartfelt gratitude from the families and children who benefit from these services is difficult to put into words. Your giving has made a meaningful difference in the lives of many in our community - bringing hope, care, and encouragement to those most in need.





# NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Traditional Church for Progressive People

Naples United Church of Christ strives to show that actions speak louder than words. Our Core Values are: Open and Affirming, Mission-Driven, Powerful Worship, Continuing Generosity, Caring Ministry, Hospitable Fellowship.

We are an **Open and Affirming Congregation**, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, including persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status, and faith background. Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are proud to be one of more than 4,500+ congregations in the United Church of Christ community.

We are glad you are here! You can dress comfortably and in a manner that makes you feel at ease. Whether it's casual attire or dressed-up, we're happy to welcome you just as you are. Please know that we livestream our Sunday morning worship services and subsequently post video recordings on our website and on the internet, including social media, for later viewing. By attending a service, you acknowledge and consent to appearing in these broadcasts, recordings and postings.

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