The Worship of God

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Concerto in D Major (after Vivaldi), BWV 972* *J. S. Bach*
Movement I
Mary Bowden, trumpet

Call to Worship

***Processional Hymn #265** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* St. Theodulph

Blessing of the Palms and the Lord's Prayer

All: Creator God, as we hold these crosses in our hands, help them be a tangible reminder of your presence. Enable us to move through this week as though we do not know what lies ahead. Let us feel its drama so there might be a freshness to our insights and our wonder. We ask this in the name of Jesus, whose prayer we share together, saying:

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.

Ministry of Music *Sing Hosanna!* *Charles McCartha*
Joyful Noise, Alleluia Singers and Youth Choir Trebles
Hilde Higuchi, Pat McGee, and Roberta Buckley, handbells

Time for Children (9 a.m.)

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

Ministry of Music *Hosanna to the King* *Dan Forrest*
Sanctuary Choir

Pastoral Prayer and Response

Scripture Reading Luke 19:28-40 NT pg. 85 (NRSV)

Sermon The Sound of Stones Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor

Offertory *Concerto in D Major (after Vivaldi), BWV 972* *J. S. Bach*
Movement II
Mary Bowden, trumpet

*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.

*Closing Hymn #267 — *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna* — Ellacombe

Please rise as the Sanctuary Choir sings the introduction to the hymn.

*Words of Blessing

*Postlude — *Prélude* from the *Te Deum* — *Charpentier*

Mary Bowden, trumpet

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.

Today we welcome Mary Bowden, trumpet to our morning worship. Her presence is generously underwritten by the Music Gift Fund.

Participants in this Morning's Worship Services:
Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. Deborah Kaiser-Cross, Minister for Congregational Care
Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, Executive Minister
Merrill Noble, Director of Children's Ministry
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music and Organist
Rebecca Best, Accompanist
Sanctuary Choir
Youth Choir, Alleluia Singers, and Joyful Noise

Ushers:
9 a.m.: Richard Ryder, head usher; Meb and Barbara Bergwall, Bob and Louise Brown, Becky Cutts, June Hart, John and Katie Ogden

11 a.m.: Bill Rumpf, head usher; Mark Maclean, Terry and Sally Pendleton, Richard Ryder, Ren Smith, Leslie Stevens, Pat Wiedner

Stephen Ministry — Stephen Ministers: 9 a.m.: Gay Lindquist 11 a.m.: Gladys Pitbladdo

Chancel flowers are given by Ralph Howard, in loving memory of Elsie Howard

This Week at NUCC (April 14-21)

Sunday 4/14 Palm Sunday
- 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. . . . Easter Egg Helpers (Volunteers Needed!) (N104)

Monday 4/15
- 9:30 a.m. . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104)
- 3 p.m. . . . . PCA Committee Meeting (ACR)
- 4:30 p.m. . . Centering Prayer (P)
- 5 p.m. . . . . GLSEN Meeting (N104)
- 5 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir (BH)
- 6 p.m. . . . . Trustee Meeting (N104)

Tuesday 4/16
- 3:30 p.m. . . Aging Well Committee Meeting (N101)
- 6 p.m. . . . . Board of Christian Education Meeting (N101)

Wednesday 4/17
- 9 a.m. . . . . Palette Pals Open Painting Studio (N201)
- 9 a.m. . . . . Board of Mission and Outreach Meeting (N104)
- 12 p.m. . . . Mid-Week Lenten Meditation (S)
- 3 p.m. . . . . Junior Disciples (N207)
- 4 p.m. . . . . Alleluia Singers (Grades 3-5) (BH)
- 4:45 p.m. . . Joyful Noise (4yr-2nd Grade) (BH)
- 7 p.m. . . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

Thursday 4/18
- 11:30 a.m. . Easter Worship Team Planning Meeting (ACR)
- 12:30 p.m. . Mah Jongg (MH)
- 2 p.m. . . . . Bargain Box Committee Meeting (N101)
- 7 p.m. . . . . PFLAG Meeting (N104)
- 7 p.m. . . . . Maundy Thursday Worship Service (S)

Friday 4/19
- 12 p.m. . . . Al Anon Meeting (N207)
- 7 p.m. . . . . Good Friday Taizé Service and Labyrinth Walk (GC/L)

Saturday 4/20
- 10 a.m. . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal for Easter (S)
- 4 p.m. . . . . Easter Extra Rehearsal (S)
- 5 p.m. . . . . Easter Extra Family Service (S)
- 5:30 p.m. . . Easter Egg Hunt and Family Dinner (MH)

Sunday 4/21 Easter Sunday
- 7 a.m. . . . . Easter Sunrise Service (Clam Pass Beach)
- 9 a.m. . . . . Easter Worship Service (S)
- 10 a.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)
- 11 a.m. . . . Easter Worship Service (S)
- 12 p.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)

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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

Children's Ministry

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

Junior Disciples meets on Wednesdays, 3 p.m. in Nelson Hall.

Youth Choir (Grades 6-12)
meets on Mondays at 5 p.m. in Beverly Hall.

Prayer List

Condolences: To Joe Rickard and Gloria Beissinger, on the passing of Joe's step-sister Kate.

Addie
Mark Agnew
Emory Anderson
Amanda
Pat Archer
Ashley
Barbara Auxier
Maria Badham
Alice Basham
Mary Baum
Mark and Pam Bejcek
Bill
Bill Bolinder
Jeffrey Bramley
Ellen Brown
Al Cahen
Jay Cahill
Claire
Bob Clement
Karin Cusic
Darlene
Nick Disette
Jack Downs
Jacob Francis
Nancy Galazzo
Mary Heller
Henry
Emily Hughes
Al Hopkins
Edie Horney
Stu Homer
Karen Howick
Irma
Jamie
Julio
Justine
Kathy
Sue Keenan
Kevin
Irv Koehler
Dennis Kois
Kristi and Mike
Herman Kuebler
Ellen Little
Jeannie Malone
Scott Masi
Howard Mancini
John McGowan
Marylou McGowan MacBride
Ali McKee
Dinny Nemecheck
Neville
Ron Palmer
Jean Partridge
Elizabeth Perrin
Frank Pliml
Kathy Putis
John and Linda R.
Pauline and John R.
Sharon Rainey
Dave Remley
Tom and Angie Reuter
Roger Rhodes
Valerie Hallman-Roth
Carol Rudolph
Claire Schelske
Carol Sellman
Deb Scott
Nancy Singleton
Dean L. Smith
Ronald Smith
Brenda Taylor
Dawn Teston
The Whitt Family
Nancy Wyckoff

<u>Our Children</u>
Luciano Derisio
Skylin Freeman
Gracie Faith
Laila Grace
Garrett Kaulbars
Will M.
Mikayla
Daphne Rice
Baby Jackson Ryder
Sebastian
Finn Sears
Sawyer Slavnik
Jackson Varty
Michael Yarwood

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



Sunday St

Today:

Children's Ministry
Following the Time for Children, children age 4 to 5th grade are invited to join Miss Merrill and Miss Leanne for Sunday School in Nelson Hall. They will be learning the story of Holy Week and creating their own set of Resurrection Eggs to take home. Each egg contains a symbol that teaches the children and their families the meaning of Easter and story of Jesus' resurrection. A snack will be served in the Game Room following class. The Allelulia Singers and children in the Joyful Noise choir will be brought to Beverly Hall by 10:30 to prepare for the 11:00 worship service. Choir parents should meet their children back in Beverly Hall after they sing and where they will find their child's set of Resurrection Eggs.

PCA Scholastic Book Fair
Stop through the gathering place today to visit the Precious Cargo Academy Scholastic Book Fair. We will have all sorts of children's books, cookbooks, and Christian interest books available. These would make wonderful basket fillers and Easter presents. Ms. Leanne and her team will be available to help make recommendations, or answer any questions about age appropriate books. There will also be a wish list posted with books for both Precious Cargo Academy, and the NUCC Children's Library. Books are priced between $4-$20 and PCA receives 50% of all sales!

Green Justice Team
The Green Justice Team will be selling Equal Exchange Fairly Traded coffee, chocolate, and cocoa. 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.

Women Engage!
The April meeting of Women Engage! will be held this Thursday (April 18), from 10-11:30 a.m. in Nelson 104. The discussion topic will be "Responses to the Massacre of Muslims in New Zealand." Short articles to be read in advance are available in the church office. All women are welcome.

Habitat Project Update
Recently, Dawson shared the progress of NUCC's goal to build five Habitat for Humanity Homes in Immokalee. He announced a $50,000 matching challenge, which brings the total amount given to $216,655. We are close to reaching our goal of $250,000. Next Sunday, we are looking forward to a great celebration with a hope that five families will be able to finally have a safe, secure, and affordable home.

HAPPY HOUR 1st and 3rd Tuesdays from May through October! Join your friends at Shulas on May 7 at 4 p.m. Time and place may vary, so be sure to read your church calendar! Sign up in the Gathering Place. For more information, contact Christine Buol at christinebuol@gmail.com.

Stewardship Update
We are close! Actually over 91% of the way to our goal of $1,400,000 in estimates of giving and only $112,000 left. As always, the operational and mission plans can only be achieved with your support. If you have not done so, would you please provide your estimate of giving for 2019 stewardship. Easiest way – call Sharon in the office at (239) 261-5469. Thank you for making it happen once again.

Easter Special Offering for St. Matthew's House: Justin's Place Recovery Program
Easter is the time of resurrection and renewal. Each Easter, Naples UCC chooses a Mission Partner, which then receives the proceeds of the special Easter Offering. This year, we have chosen St. Matthew's House, and in particular their program for those caught in the web of substance abuse, Justin's Place. This is our opportunity to make a difference at Easter, knowing that lives will be experiencing the power of the resurrection through the ministry of Justin's Place.

So How Cool Is Naples UCC?
On Tuesday, April 23 at 2 p.m. (in Nelson 101), there will be a one-hour webinar on the topic "Greening Your Church" led by Sarah Paulos, Program & Outreach Coordinator for Interfaith Power & Light. Hosted by the NUCC Green Justice Team, and open to all, the webinar was developed by the Cornerstone Fund in conjunction with the United Church of Christ. Sarah Paulos will discuss 25 ways of greening our church for under $25. Over more than a decade, she has trained nearly 500 green teams at churches across the country to help them reduce their energy use as an act of faith. Please join us.

Book Club
The next book club meeting is Monday, April 29, at 2 p.m. in N207: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee. Discussion led by Mary Lee Turk.

Fine Food & Fellowship – The 3F Group
Thursday, April 25 at 12 p.m. at Burntwood Tavern. This luncheon for women is limited to 16 participants. Sign up in the Gathering Place. Call Margaret Jack: 239-272-5452.

BAZAAR 2019
As we move into "slower" season, bring in any items you might particularly want to be a part of the Bazaar and pick a theme and begin shopping for items to put in a basket (value at least $100)! Let your imagination run wild and let us know what you are planning! Pamcgee1234@aol.com

SPRING FLING POTLUCK – April 24 – 5:30 p.m. Bring a dish (or $20) and join in an evening of fun, good food, and the excellent music of Llew and Friends. We promise a great evening! Please sign up in the Gathering Place this Sunday (there will be no booths in the Gathering Place on Easter) or in the church office.

TEEPLELIGHTS

Save the Dates: Naples UCC Guatemala Mission Trip

October 19-25, 2019. A group from NUCC will be going to Guatemala this fall to see the work of our Mission Partners, People for Guatemala. While we are there, we will be building stoves, touring the clinic, visiting the educational center, and meeting with families impacted by the great work being done by Ken and Lois Werner and their amazing staff. If you are interested, please contact Deb Kaiser-Cross at the church office for more information.

Children's Ministry: Ways to Support Easter Extra!

Contribute small, wrapped candy for the Easter Extra egg hunt.

Suggestions include Tootsie Rolls, Skittles, regular Hershey Kisses, and Starburst. Deliver your candy donations to the Narthex by today.

Volunteer a few minutes of your time to help fill plastic eggs today following the 11:00 worship service. Meet Merrill Noble in Nelson 104 for fellowship and snacks while we work.

The "Before You Head North" Checklist:

- ☐ Send change of address notifications to info@naplesucc.org, or call the church office.
- ☐ Watch Sunday Worship via Livestream!
  - It's always free, no signups nor logins required.
  - Instructions are available in the Narthex and the Church Office.
- ☐ 2019 Member Photo Directories should be available to pick up around Easter. Stay tuned!
- ☐ Check the Lost and Found in the church office (personal items, glasses).
- ☐ Check the DVD pickup box for DVDs you may have ordered.

2019 Holy Week Schedule

Mid-Week Lenten Meditation

April 17, 12 p.m.

Meditation by Rev. Dr. Sharon Harris-Ewing

Glenn Basham, *violin*

Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, *organ and piano*

Maundy Thursday

April 18, 7 p.m.

Good Friday Taizé Service

April 19, 7 p.m.

Gates Chapel

Easter Extra Family Service

Saturday, April 20 5 p.m.

A brief, child-friendly worship experience with an Easter egg hunt and family dinner following.

Easter Sunrise Service at Clam Pass Beach

April 21, 7 a.m.

Complimentary tram shuttle service and free parking at Clam Pass parking lot beginning at 6:15 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister, preaching

Sanctuary Easter Services

9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister, preaching

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, April 28: Visitor Information Brunch | After 9 and 11 a.m. worship in Nelson Hall room 104
Tuesday, April 30: An Evening With Your Pastors at the Kaiser-Cross home
Sunday, May 5: New Member Sunday

Mid-Week Lenten Meditation
April 17, 12 p.m.

Maundy Thursday
April 18, 7 p.m.

Good Friday Taize Service
April 19, 7 p.m., Gates Chapel

Easter Extra Family Service
April 20, 5 p.m.
A child-friendly service, followed by an Easter Egg hunt and family dinner.

Easter Sunday
April 21
7 a.m. Sunrise Service (Clam Pass)
9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Easter Services
The Risk of Easter Dreams
Luke 24:1-12
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.

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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