The Worship of God

Words of Welcome

Prelude *The Earth is the Lord's* *Carl J. Nygard*
Chamber Choir
In celebration of Earth Day

Call to Worship

***Processional Hymn #312** *Christ is Alive!* Truro

Invocation

All: Living God, just as you did for the disciples, send the presence of your Holy Spirit in this place. Enliven us with your grace and love so that we might be the church that you have called and created us to be. We ask this in the name of the one who overcame death and taught us to 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 #491 *Open Our Eyes* *Bob Cull*

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him,
and say that we love him.

Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen, open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

Baptism (9 a.m.) Children: Caroline (7), Jack (4), Jeb (1), and Jones (1)
Parents: J.P. and Kelly Coleman

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

Ministry of Music *Peace Be With You* *Arr. Walter Pelz*
Chamber Choir

Pastoral Prayer and Response

Scripture Reading John 20:19-31 NT pgs. 119-120 (NRSV)

Sermon In These Times Rev. Dr. Stephen Ray

Offertory *We Walk by Faith* *Mark Scholtz*
Sanctuary Choir

*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.

*Recessional Hymn #310 — *Thine is the Glory* — Judas Maccabeus

*Words of Blessing

*Postlude — *Postlude* on Truro — *Arr. Robert Powel*

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 Rev. Dr. Stephen G. Ray Jr. Rev. Dr. Ray is the President of Chicago Theological Seminary. In addition, he is the President of the Society for the Study of Black Religion. Having written and lectured broadly in the areas of Systematic Theology, African American religion, human rights and the intersection of religion and politics, President Ray's current work focuses on reinvigorating the public square as a place for all and reclaiming a vital expression of progressive religion in that project.

We are excited that our own Wesley Snedeker will be graduating from CTS in two weeks! Additionally, Dr. Taylor is proud to have earned his Doctorate and to serve on the Board of Trustees as well.

Participants in this Morning's Worship Services:
Rev. Dr. Stephen G. Ray, President, Chicago Theological Seminary
Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, Senior Minister
Rev. Dr. David Kaiser-Cross, Executive Minister
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music and Organist
Rebecca Best, Accompanist
Sanctuary Choir

Ushers:
9 a.m.: Richard Ryder, head usher; Charles and Marsha Arthur, Barbara and Meb Bergwall, Christine Buol, Julie Forchay, Cynthia Taft

11 a.m.: Bill Rumpf, head usher; Ronnie Bellone, David Bogin, Mary Robinson, Richard Ryder, Ron Sanson, Ren Smith, Pat Wiedner

Stephen Ministers: 9 a.m.: Jean Lemmon 11 a.m.: Linda Chatterton

Chancel flowers are given by JP and Kelly Coleman, for the Baptism of their children: Caroline, Jack, Jeb, and Jones.



Sunday St

Today:

Children's Ministry
Following the Baptism, children age 4 to 5th grade are invited to join Miss Leanne for Sunday School in Nelson Hall. This week's lesson will focus on the disciple, Thomas, who doubted and had trouble believing that Jesus was alive. Children will play some fun games to learn that sometimes, no matter what somebody tells us, we need to experience the evidence for ourselves. And sometimes we can believe something because we trust the person who tells us. Parents can meet their children following the worship service just inside the entrance to Nelson Hall.

Visitor Information Brunch
Are you, a friend, or family member looking for a church to call home? Interested parties may join us after worship today in Nelson Hall room 104 for information on becoming a full or associate member, brunch, and fellowship.

Coffee, Tea, and Chocolate on Sale Today
Have you enjoyed a cup of coffee in the Gathering Place after church? Then you have tasted the delicious organic Equal Exchange Fairly Traded coffee that NUCC has been brewing since last fall. The Green Justice Team is selling that same great coffee as well as tea and chocolate in the Gathering Place today. Proceeds go to support NUCC Mission Outreach. Please stop by after worship.

Photo Directories Available Now
If you are a member of the church who has had their photo taken for the directory in one of the past few photoshoots, directories are now available for pickup in the Gathering Place after worship or in the church office during the week. Directories are one copy per household and must be signed for.

Cans for Communion
Next Sunday is the first of the month, which brings our Cans for Communion drive. Please bring non-perishable food items and general supplies for donation at worship service. Your generous donations go to assist the Grace Place food pantry.

Stewardship Update
Thank you for your incredible generosity in all ways to our church! We are now just $70,234 away from fully underwriting our 2019 operating budget. You have brought it down $42,000 in two weeks – thank you! If you have not returned an Estimate of Giving card, please take one from your pew rack or from the Narthex and return it to the Church Office. If you have returned it and are willing to make an adjustment, please let Sharon Magiera in the office know that too. Let's take care of our church in the same way that we take care of our community!

Save the Date! A Mother's Day Brunch will be held following the 9:00 AM worship service on Sunday, May 12 in McSpadden Hall. The brunch, hosted by the Membership & Growth Committee will include a yogurt bar, mini quiches and muffins. There will be a photo booth for mom's and children to make a treasured memory. Join us for this special tradition at Naples UCC!

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

Summer Worship
Our summer worship schedule will resume on Sunday, May 19. Please set a reminder that we will be going to one service at 10 a.m. until the first week of October.

Thursday at the Movies
Our Thursday at the Movies is starting up again on May 9th, at 4 p.m. in Beverly Hall. The movie shown will be *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*. There will be a dinner following the movie at a local restaurant for those who wish to join (separate checks). Please sign up in the Gathering Place.

3F Women's Lunch Group
The Fine Food and Fellowship (3F) group for women will have their next outing on Thursday, May 23rd, at 12 p.m. at Baleen at La Playa Beach and Golf Resort. There is limited spaces for this fun, conversational event, so please sign up in the Gathering Place after worship.

Vacation Bible School registration begins on Monday, April 29th. VBS will be held July 29 – August 2 from 9 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The program is open to children in kindergarten to 5th grade. For more information or to register, email Merrill Noble, Director of Children's Ministry at merrill@naplesucc.org. Registration forms can also be found in the Narthex.

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.

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

TEEPLELIGHTS

Sanctuary Choir

Have you ever thought you might like to join our Sanctuary choir? Now's the time! The choir sings every Sunday in the summertime. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings beginning at 7:00 p.m. for an hour. A summer rehearsal schedule will be posted in May. For more information contact Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf at becky@naplesucc.org.

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. Limited space is still available. If you are interested, please contact Deb Kaiser-Cross at the church office for more information.

Easter By The Numbers:

What a great Easter Sunday!

Here's a recap of your faithfulness and generosity!

Total Easter Worship Impact: 2,281

Total Giving to Easter Offering (To Date)
(benefitting St. Matthew's House Recovery Programs):
$12,486

Total Easter Flower Giving (To Date)
(benefitting our Habitat for Humanity Partnership):
$7,998.77

Total Habitat for Humanity-Collier Gift (To Date):
$364,551



Care for God's Creation:
Turn off lights when you leave a room.

Building Leadership for the Church: The Woolley Scholarship

In 2004, Eugene and Frances Woolley endowed the Woolley Scholarship program at Naples United Church of Christ. Three-year scholarships are awarded to seminary students, particularly through United Church of Christ and affiliated seminaries. Students are chosen on the basis of demonstrating high potential for ministry in the United Church of Christ. Over the past fifteen years, eighteen students have received seminary education debt-free thanks to the Woolley Scholarships. Three of those students have been graduates of Chicago Theological Seminary.

We continue to correspond with Rev. Steven Woolley, son of Eugene and Frances, and retired Episcopal priest who resides in the state of Washington, regarding recipients of the scholarship.

Participating seminaries have included Chicago Theological Seminary, Bangor Theological Seminary (Maine), Andover Newton Theological Seminary (Massachusetts) , Harvard Theological Seminary (Massachusetts), Eden Theological Seminary(St. Louis), United Theological Seminary of the Twin Cities(Minnesota), Lexington Theological Seminary (Kentucky), Lancaster Theological Seminary(Pennsylvania), and Pacific School of Religion(Berkeley, CA).

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.

This Week at NUCC (April 28 - May 5)

Sunday Second Sunday of Easter
4/28
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. . . . Visitor Information Brunch (N104)
12 p.m. . . . Stephen Ministry Pastoral Care (P)
7:30 p.m. . . Middlers Plus Theatre Event (Off-site)

Monday
5/1
9:30 a.m. . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104)
9:30 a.m. . . Gentle Yoga with Michelle (MH)
12 p.m. . . . Aging Well Committee Meeting (ACR)
2 p.m. . . . . Book Club: *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee (N104)
3 p.m. . . . . Endowment Committee Event (ACR)
4:30 p.m. . . Centering Prayer (P)
5 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir (BH)

Tuesday
4/30
6 p.m. . . . . An Evening With Your Pastors (Dr. Taylor's)

Wednesday
5/1
9 a.m. . . . . Palette Pals Open Painting Studio (N201)
1 p.m. . . . . Stephen Ministry (N207)
3 p.m. . . . . Junior Disciples (N207)
4:15 p.m. . . Alleluia Singers (BH)
4:45 p.m. . . Joyful Noise (BH)
7 p.m. . . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

Thursday
5/2
9:30 a.m. . . Gentle Yoga with Shannon (MH)
12:30 p.m. Mah Jongg (N207)

Friday
5/3
4 p.m. . . . . Hatfield/Heussner Wedding Rehearsal (GC)
6 p.m. . . . . Senior Singles Dinner Group (Off-site)

Saturday
5/4
4 p.m. . . . . Hatfield/Heussner Wedding (GC)

Sunday Third Sunday of Easter
5/5
8 a.m. . . . . Cans for Communion Staging Area (Book Nook)
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)
4 p.m. . . . . Steeple Fellowship Donor Appreciation Dinner (Off-site)

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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 Mary Ann Coroneos and family, on the passing of her aunt, Joan Grothusen, and her brother, Jim Grothusen.
To Char and Chuck Floyd, on the passing of Chuck's brother Paul.
To Jim Lozelle and family on the passing of his brother, Bill.
To Ann Crail and family, on the passing of her husband Richard Fraer.
To Rich Mancini and family on the passing of his father Howard.
To the friends and family of Carolyn Schoonmaker, on her passing.

Addie
Mark Agnew
Al Alves
Emory Anderson
Amanda
Pat Archer
Ashley
Barbara Auxier
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
Kristina Gimbel
Mary Heller
Henry
Leigh Herndon
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
John McGowan
Marylou McGowan MacBride
Ali McKee
Gail Miller
Marcela Miller
Dinny Nemecheck
Neville
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
Dean L. Smith
Ronald Smith
Brenda Taylor
Dawn Teston
Helen Weese
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
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.

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

Today: Visitor Information Brunch | After 9 and 11 a.m. worship in Nelson Hall room 104

Tuesday, April 30: An Evening With Your Pastors at Dr. Taylor's home

Sunday, May 5: New Member Sunday

Next Sunday - Communion Sunday

May 5, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Lost In Translation
Acts 9:1-6
Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, preaching

Rebecca Richardson, soprano ❖ Glenn Basham, violin

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.

Precious Cargo Academy is a mission of Naples United Church of Christ and is an Accredited Professional Preschool Learning Environment. The Academy is a Florida Gold Seal approved center with a daily schedule based on the Creative Curriculum, a research-based curriculum, inspiring creative learning in every aspect of play.

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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