The Worship of God

Words of Welcome

Prelude *Intermezzo* from *Carmen* *Bizet*

Call to Worship

***Processional Hymn #63** *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* Duke Street

Invocation

All: Loving God, we give you thanks for the gift of this day. As we gather around your Table, help us to remember, with gratitude, all that you have given to us. And strengthen us to respond with that same love and compassion. We ask this in the name of the one who 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.

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 *Agnus Dei* *Michael John Trotta*
Sanctuary Choir Women

Pastoral Prayer and Response

Scripture Reading John 12:1-8 NT pgs. 109-110 (NRSV)

Sermon Life-Saving Gratitude Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor

Offertory and Prayer of Dedication

Be Thou My Vision *Arr. Dan Forrest*
Sanctuary Choir

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

Prayer of Blessing

Breaking of the Bread

Valsisimo *Piazolla*

*Please rise in body or spirit.

Giving and Sharing of the Cup

Oblivion *Piazolla*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

***Recessional Hymn #420** *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* St. Agnes

***Words of Blessing**

***Postlude** *Allegro* from *The History of the Tango* *Piazolla*

Today we welcome guest instrumentalists Daniela Shtereva, violin, and Dickie Fleischer, harp. Their 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.

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

Ushers:

9 a.m.: Richard Ryder, head usher; Joyce Agnew, June Hart, Carolyn Keller, Dick and Jean Ann Lynch, Joseph Rickard, Mary Robinson, Katy Serr, Cheryl Turner

11 a.m.: Bill Rumpf, head usher; David Bogin, Bill Frey, June Hart, Bob Miller, Bob Nordland, Mary Robinson, Richard Ryder, Ron Sanson, Pat Wiedner

Stephen Ministers: 9 a.m.: Joan Byerhof 11 a.m.: Joyce Cameron

Chancel Flowers are given by Dave Adams, in loving memory of his wife, Shirley

This Week at NUCC (March 31-April 7)

Sunday Fifth Sunday in Lent
4/7
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)
3 p.m. . . . . Sanctuary Concert Series: Harp Concert (S)

Monday
4/8
9:30 a.m. . . Monday Morning Ladies (N104)
11:30 a.m. . Women's Fellowship Luncheon (N207)
4 p.m. . . . . Baby Basics Diaper Pickup (MH)
4:30 p.m. . . Centering Prayer (P)
5 p.m. . . . . Youth Choir (BH)
5:30 p.m. . . Senior Singles Dinner (The Boathouse)(Off-site)

Tuesday
4/9
9 a.m. . . . . NUCC Cares Meeting (N101)
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
4/10
9 a.m. . . . . Palette Pals Open Painting Studio (N201)
11 a.m. . . . New Chapters Men's Study Group (N104)
12 p.m. . . . Mid-Week Lenten Meditation (S)
3 p.m. . . . . Junior Disciples (N207)
3:30 p.m. . . Stephen Ministry Outreach Team Meeting (ACR)
4 p.m. . . . . Alleluia Singers (Grades 3-5)(BH)
4:45 p.m. . . Joyful Noise (4yr-2nd Grade)(BH)
5:30 p.m. . . *Sacred Rhythms* Lenten Book Study (N104)
7 p.m. . . . . Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal (BH/S)

Thursday
4/11
9:30 a.m. . . Gentle Yoga with Michelle (BH)
10 a.m. . . . Green Justice Team Meeting (N101)
12:30 p.m. . Mah Jongg (N207)
6 p.m. . . . . Newcomer's Dinner (Off-site)
6 p.m. . . . . God of Rainbow: *Why Words Matter* (MH)

Friday
4/12
12 p.m. . . . Al Anon Meeting (N207)
2 p.m. . . . . Caregivers Support Group (N101)

Saturday
4/13
8 a.m. . . . . NUCC Habitat for Humanity Build Day (Off-site)
6 p.m. . . . . GLSEN Night of Noise (MH)

Sunday Palm Sunday
4/14
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)

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

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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 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 Libbie Brocato and family, on the passing of her husband Peter.

Addie
Mark Agnew
Emory Anderson
Amanda
Ashley
Barbara Auxier
Maria Badham
Alice Basham
Mary Baum
Mary Baum
Mark and Pam Bejcek
Bill
Bill Bolinder
Jeffrey Bramley
Ellen Brown
Al Cahen
Jay Cahill
C.C.
Claire
Bob Clement
Karin Cusic
Nick Disette
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
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
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
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:

Cans for Communion
Our monthly cans for communion drive is today. Please bring in nonperishable food items and general supplies to donate to Grace Place Food Pantry before or after worship.

Today in Sunday School
In Sunday School with Miss Merrill, children will think about gifts, the ones that God gives them and the ones they might give back to God. We will think ahead to the biggest gift of all, the resurrection of Jesus on Easter Sunday. While we sort food donations, they will learn that the gift of their time is a gift to God and to those who are hungry.

Sanctuary Harp Concert
Today at 3 p.m. Freewill Offering, no registration required. We welcome the Naples Harp Ensemble to the Sanctuary for their Harp concert. Directed by Richard Fleischer, Naples Harp Ensemble participants include professional, amateur, and student harpists primarily based in Naples.

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. On Easter Sunday, April 21st, 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.

Green Justice Team
Green Justice Team will meet this Thursday, April 11, at 10 a.m. in Nelson Hall Room 101.

PCA Scholastic Book Fair
Stop through the gathering place on Palm Sunday, April 14th, 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!

Women's Fellowship
Our last meeting for this season is tomorrow, April 8, at 11:30 am. Our speaker is Pam Mitchell and she will be speaking about the women's movement getting the right to vote. Please bring sandwiches, salad or dessert and sign up in the Gathering Place on Sunday. Bring a friend with you.

Stewardship Update
We need to come together and recognize how important we are to each other. Worshipping, learning, supporting, helping – it's what we do. And we do it not only by supporting our staff and facilities but also by sharing our resources with others in need. Our lay leaders plan to continue what we do best and those plans for 2019 include a stewardship goal of $1,400,000. We have received estimates of giving of $1,265,000 from 411 households. Last year we had 500 households provide estimates, exceeding an identical goal. If you have not done so, please provide an estimate. Mail in the card or call the office. Many thanks for making it happen.

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.

NUCC Habitat Build Day: April 13
Naples United Church of Christ will be having a Build Day for 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.habitat-collier.volunteerhub.com/. When you use the link you will then receive a confirmation email with the site location 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.

Women Engage!
The April meeting of Women Engage! will be held on Thursday, April 18, from 10:00-11:30 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.

Senior Singles Dinner Group
The April Senior Singles Dinner will be held tomorrow, April 8, at The Boathouse Restaurant. There is only one spot left. Sign up in the Gathering Place.

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.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: WAYS TO SUPPORT
• Support the children's efforts to raise money for Habitat for Humanity by contributing your loose change to the Penny Collection Jar in the Narthex.

• Save your empty egg cartons! We need 60 egg cartons (dozen size) for Junior Disciples on Wednesday, April 10. The children will be making their own set of Resurrection Eggs that will teach them the story of Holy Week. Deliver your egg cartons to the Narthex by Tuesday, April 9.

• 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 Sunday, April 14.

• Volunteer a few minutes of your time to help fill plastic eggs on Sunday, April 14 following the 11:00 worship service. Meet Merrill Noble in Nelson 104 for fellowship and snacks while we work!

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 or call the church office. We must know you are coming so we can plan appropriately!

TEEPLELIGHTS

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 adequate reservation numbers.

2019 Lenten Meditations

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*

2019 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Service
April 14, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

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

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.

Easter Flowers Dedication Form

Our Board of Deacons is inviting us to donate in memory or in honor of a friend or loved one. Donors will be listed in the Easter bulletins as in previous years. A portion of the money will be used to decorate the chancel for Easter, with most of the funds being donated to our Habitat for Humanity of Collier County Affordable Housing Drive.

Please complete the form below.

Amount of gift:

$_____.

(Include offering with your form and make checks payable to NUCC)

Your name(s) as you wish it to appear in the bulletin:
(Please Print Clearly)

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Gifts may be given in Memory of or in Honor of.

(Please circle M or H below)

Name of person (or persons) you are recognizing:
(Please Print Clearly)

M H _____

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All orders must be received in the church office no later than tomorrow, April 8.

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 home of Dr. Taylor
Sunday, May 12: New Member Sunday

Mid-Week Lenten Meditation	Palm Sunday
Wednesday, April 10, 12 p.m.	April 14 at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.
Meditation by Rev. Rich Kirschner	*The Sound of Stones*
Leelo Basham, flute	Luke 19:28-40
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, organ/piano	Rev. Dr. Dawson B. Taylor, preaching
	Mary Bowden, trumpet ❖ Joyful Noise
	Alleluia Singers ❖ Youth Choir

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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