



# EASTER

*"An angel of the Lord came down  
from heaven and, going to the tomb,  
rolled back the stone and sat on it."  
--Matthew 28:2*

**NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**April 5, 2026 | 9 & 11 AM**

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A WISE for Mental Health Congregation

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



# CELEBRATING RESURRECTION

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP, PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

## PRELUDE

*Music for the Risen Christ*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is Risen!

**All: Christ is Risen Indeed!**

Leader: We raise our voices to the God who brings life out of death!

**All: Alleluia! We lift our hearts to heaven!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #288

*Christ the Lord is Risen Today*

EASTER HYMN

## INVOCATION

Rev. Jim Moseley, Interim Minister for Congregational Care

**ALL: Life-giving God, we come to you today, filled with excitement and hope. You have made all things new in the power of your Easter love. We lift our hearts in awe and gratitude. Move among us in this hour, we pray! Strengthen our trust in the Easter life you offer to us. Open our minds to the mystery and majesty of this day. In the power of your Easter love, resurrect our lives that we may be faithful witnesses to your grace at work in the world. We pray in the name of your Son and our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Forth He Came at Easter*

Allen Pote

Sanctuary Choir • Brass Quintet • Timpani

## PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**



## SCRIPTURE

Matthew 28: 1-10

After the Sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake, for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him.' This is my message for you." So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, "Greetings!" And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, "Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers and sisters to go to Galilee; there they will see me."

## SERMON

*Shake With Hope*

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

## OFFERTORY

*Easter Festival*

Michael S. Bryson

Sanctuary Choir • Brass Quintet • Timpani

## \*FESTIVAL 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 #289

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Hearts to Heaven*

HYMN TO JOY

## \*BENEDICTION

## +POSTLUDE

*Hallelujah from Messiah*  
Sanctuary Choir

G. F. Handel

*Hornpipe from Water Music*  
Brass Quintet • Timpani • Organ

G. F. Handel



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.

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.

**Our church office will be closed on Monday, April 6 in observance of the Easter holiday.**

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister  
Rev. Jim Moseley, Interim Minister for Congregational Care  
Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education  
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music  
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, pianist  
Sanctuary Choir  
Benjamin Fairfield and Eric Baker, trumpets  
Kirsten Mahoney, horn

Stacy Kastner, trombone  
Robert Kastner, bass trombone  
Matt Medlock, bass  
John Evans, timpani  
Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer  
Christian Pyles, Production Specialist - Video  
Colton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio  
Hunter Reum, Production Specialist

**NURSERY CARE:** Elena Fernandez

**SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE:** Bobbie Ray & Sara Nonken

**SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE:** Donna Nolan

### 9 AM

**STEPHEN MINISTER:** Carolyn Keller

**WELCOMERS:** Roger Nolan and Michele Carney

**USHERS:** Kathleen Devitt (head usher), Carol Berglund, Christine Buol, Tom Hornbuckle, Merrilee Hornbuckle, Dan Morris and Bill Rumpf

**GATHERING PLACE STAFF:** Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator | Ray Gangl, Facilities Manager | John Greer, Assistant Custodian

### 11 AM

**STEPHEN MINISTER:** Joe Rickard

**WELCOMERS:** Allison and Stuart Doriss

**USHERS:** Jenifer Rainey (head usher), Ronnie Bellone, Hugh Clark, Kathleen Devitt, Mary Fisher, Bill Rumpf, Judy Siderio, Joe Siderio

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## 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! Regular Sunday morning activities for children 4 years and older take place during the 9:00 a.m. worship service. Children are encouraged to come forward for the **Children's Message**, then go to **Sunday School** with Ms. Jeanne. Coloring activities and worship resources are available on the family table in the Narthex. Please reach out to the church office if you have any questions or would like more information about upcoming events.

**NURSERY CARE** — Nursery care for infants through 4 years old is available each Sunday morning beginning at 8:30 a.m. in Nelson Hall, room 203 (the building across the Gathering Place). Please sign in with our nursery staff. Our former space located next to the sanctuary is still available to you as a Wiggle Room. Feel free to utilize that space if you wish to stay with your child.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Our regular youth Sunday morning class will take a break for Easter. We will resume our normal schedule on Sunday, April 12 at 10:15 a.m.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** — Families with children/youth of all ages are invited to join us for our upcoming events! Parents and grandparents can gather more information from Jeanne Snedeker, Director of Youth & Children's Education at [jeanne@naplesucc.org](mailto:jeanne@naplesucc.org). All are welcome!

**Today is Easter Sunday** — We welcome our children in worship! Coloring and other activities can be found on the family table in the narthex. All children are encouraged to participate in the Children's Message and then return to their seats. **Be sure to join us immediately following the 9:00 a.m. worship service for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt which takes place on the southwest side of the church near the labyrinth.** Bags will be provided, or you may use your Easter basket.

**Earth Day** — Our next midweek family gathering will be on Wednesday, April 22nd from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. We will be celebrating Earth Day with games, fellowship, and a casual dinner together. Please contact Jeanne Snedeker for more information.

# PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

## Upcoming Events

### Informational Meet & Greet

**April 12, 12:15 AM | N-104**

A time for visitors to learn, ask questions, and meet our ministers. The Meet and Greet takes place following the 11:00 a.m. service in Nelson Hall, room 104. Contact Samantha to sign up at [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

### Joining Sunday Opportunity

**Let's make it official! Join us April 26**

We'll have both private and public joining on Sunday, April 26. Private joining will occur at 10:30 a.m. and public joining will occur during the 11:00 a.m. service. Those wishing to maintain their membership in a northern church are invited to join as Associate Members. For additional information contact Samantha at [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

## Next Sunday

**Sunday April 12, 2026**

Rev. Jim Moseley

"The Three Little Pigs"

I Corinthians 3: 10-14

## Mission Moment with "Project BUILD"

APRIL 12, 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

Join us in welcoming Aram Wheatley, Executive Director, CEO and Founder of Project BUILD SWFL, who will be speaking at both services and sharing his passion for guiding these young adults, his vision for their future, and the life-changing impact of this work. Project BUILD SWFL empowers homeless, foster, at-risk, and justice-involved youth ages 16–24 to become self-sufficient through its Workforce Development Program. Participants gain hands-on training, industry-recognized certifications, and mentorship in construction, logistics, retail, and essential life skills. Through partnerships with community organizations and employers, Project BUILD creates career pathways, reduces recidivism, and supports long-term stability. Aram will also be interviewed by Rich Kirschner during 30 Good Minutes at 10:15 a.m.

# UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

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

## TODAY



### Easter Egg Hunt

📅 10:00 AM • April 5 📍 South Lawn

## MONDAY



### Church Office Closed

📅 April 6 📍 Naples UCC Campus

## TUESDAY



### WISE Team Meeting

📅 10:00 AM • April 7 📍 N-104



### WISE Education Program

📅 11:00 AM • April 7 📍 N-104



### Prayer Shawl Ministry

📅 1:00 PM • April 7 📍 Parlor

## WEDNESDAY



### Walk & Wonder

📅 8:30 AM • April 8 📍 Seagate Beach



### Men's New Chapters

📅 10:30 AM • April 8 📍 N-101



### Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

📅 7:00 PM • April 8 📍 Sanctuary/Beverly Hall

## THURSDAY



### Celebrate Earth Day

📅 10:00 AM • April 9 📍 N-104



### Women's Stories

📅 1:00 PM • April 9 📍 N-101



### New Member Orientation

📅 4:00 PM • April 9 📍 N-104

## Seasonal in Naples?

### Become an Associate Member

At Naples UCC, we offer an Associate Membership for our seasonal visitors who wish to also retain their membership in a Northern church. Our Associate Membership offers all the same rights and privileges as our full membership. We have Joining Sundays each month during season. You may join either publicly or privately. For additional information contact Samantha at [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

# Easter and Lenten Offerings - Redlands Christian Migrant Association

This year, our Lenten and Easter offerings will support the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA), which serves the children and families of migrant farmworkers and other low-income households in the Immokalee area.

Many of our Immokalee neighbors live on the margins, facing food insecurity, limited transportation, substandard housing, and—amid recent events in our nation—deep uncertainty and fear. RCMA responds by putting love into action, standing alongside these families with compassion and practical support. It cares for some of the most vulnerable families by providing high-quality childcare and early education to more than 350 children, and it opens pathways to lasting success through its free K–8 charter school. In addition, RCMA’s family service and learning centers strengthen the broader community by empowering adults and parents with educational opportunities, English language learning, parenting support, and essential life-skills training—equipping families to build stability and grow stronger together.

When we support RCMA, we participate in a living ministry—one that nurtures children, opens doors of opportunity, and helps cultivate brighter futures. Just as importantly, we plant seeds of hope. We invite you to give generously this Lenten and Easter season. Every gift makes a difference in the lives of children and families in need. You can easily contribute by scanning the QR code below!



Easter Offering 2026

## PRAYER LIST

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|-------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Merrickay Bailey  | Jim Gilmore      | Patricia Manzano       | Colton Thibodeau |
| Lilibet Bana      | Doty Gridley     | Nancy Maxwell          | Joanie Toren     |
| Cathleen Boeck    | Fred Gridley     | Trey McGregor          | Anwyn Watts      |
| Thom Carley       | Walter Grieb     | Bob McLennan           | Ben Wigginton    |
| Nikos Carli       | Kate Hutchinson  | Gordon Mounts          | Ken Yamashita    |
| Karin Ciesla      | Jamie Jacquart   | Betty Mounts           | Atila Zolcsak    |
| Patricia Cloutier | David Johnson    | Jack Neller            |                  |
| Thomas Coates     | William Jones    | Gerry Nonken           |                  |
| Parce Dewey       | Bobbie Juster    | Ryan Pehrson           |                  |
| Precilla Dewey    | Kris Kirschner   | Shannon Peterson       |                  |
| Jack Downs        | Chloe Konsker    | Kathy Reno             |                  |
| Laurie Fowler     | Marla Koshgarian | Gabrielle Emily Ridout |                  |
| Sally Giglio      | Sue Lindbloom    | Darrel Siebert         |                  |
| Andrew Gillis     | Tony Loring      | Greg Smith             |                  |

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.

# W.I.S.E for Mental Health: Meeting & Educational Program

APRIL 7, 11:00 AM | N-104

Please join us for our monthly WISE meeting (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged) on Tuesday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. in Nelson Hall. We welcome anyone who would like to share the mental health experiences of their family or community—and those who simply wish to listen as others share their stories. Our group supports one another through sharing, prayer and learning as we seek to become more informed about the mental health crisis in today's world through book studies and professional speakers. We are lifted up by our time together and invite you to join us.

In addition, at 11:00 Linda Russell will lead a discussion on the book *Between Two Trailers* by Pastor Dana Trent, a recent preacher at NUCC.

## Men's New Chapters

APRIL 8, 10:30 AM | N-101

Men's New Chapters meets regularly on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. throughout the program season. The group is reviewing a book titled ***The Power Worshippers, Inside the Dangerous Rise of Religious Nationalism*** by Katherine Stewart. All men are welcome! Contact Rich Kirschner for details or the zoom link if you are unable to attend in person at [rdkirschner@gmail.com](mailto:rdkirschner@gmail.com).

## Women's Stories: End of Season Conversations

APRIL 9, 1:00 PM | N-101

By popular demand, the program will continue for an additional month with meetings scheduled for the first three Thursdays in April. Each week's discussion will be framed around a theme with the second week on Thursday April 9th discussing 'The Art of Gratitude and Well-Being'. There is no pre-reading or advance preparation for the April meetings. This is a unique opportunity to connect with other women in our church community and gather to listen and engage through shared experiences.

## An Introduction to "Sacred Place"

APRIL 20, 11 AM | BEVERLY HALL

Join Pastor Mark and Dr. Becky for a thoughtful discussion about "Sacred Place." Together, they will explore the selected texts, examining their meaning and significance. The conversation will also delve into how music enhances and deepens the experience of the text, creating a richer, more sacred atmosphere. All are welcome to participate. Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP attendance by calling the church office at (239) 261-5469.

## Sacred Space: Alex Berko

APRIL 26, 9 & 11 AM | SANCTUARY

The Sanctuary Choir will present "Sacred Place" by Alex Berko at both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. "Sacred Place" is a powerful 22-minute work that reflects on our connection to the earth. It offers a profound musical experience that bridges the sacred and secular, the ancient and contemporary, and the personal and communal. Featuring musicians: Pamela Jimenez, soprano; Madison Fullarton, alto; Dr. Bryan James, tenor; Dr. Trent Brown, bass; Zach DePue, violin; Egor Antonenko, cello; Dr. Alexandra Carlson, piano.

## Aging Well Series - Bruce B. Rosenblatt CDP

APRIL 16, 10:00 AM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Please join us for an informative morning at our last Aging Well presentation of the season. Bruce B. Rosenblatt is a certified dementia practitioner (CDP), a trained specialist who helps understand the aging process and some of the challenges this presents. Bruce has a unique combination of compassion, expertise and knowledge and will provide insight into what factors are important to consider in a move to senior housing, what questions are key to interviewing them, and what are ways we can safely "age in place." Scan the QR code or call the church office to register to attend!



Aging Well - April 16, 2026



# 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, and 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 broadcastings, recordings and postings. We are blessed to have exceptional music during our worship services here at Naples UCC; however, we kindly ask that you hold your applause until the end of the Postlude at the conclusion of the service.

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