



*18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 27, 2026, 10:00 am*

Pre-Service Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Gracious God,

*As we prepare to worship, quiet our hearts and open us to Your grace.
Like Mephibosheth, we come to Your table not because we have earned a place,
but because **You have made a place for us.***

*Remind us that Your grace seeks out the forgotten, welcomes the broken,
and gives dignity to those the world overlooks.*

Gathering Music

Kathleen Osborn Gerdes

Handbell Call to Worship

Judy Daye

Prelude

O God Beyond All Praising

Val Bowers

Welcome & Life of United Church

Bruce Donaldson

*O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in the Lord. Ps. 34.8*

***Passing the Peace**

*May the Peace of Christ be with You!
And also with you!*

***Congregational Response, Hymn #63, Give to Our God Immortal Praise, Vs. 1**

All

**Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and
truth are all his ways: wonder of grace to
God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.**

*** Call to Worship, from Psalm 78**

Responsively

My people, hear my teaching; listen to the words of my mouth.

**I will open my mouth with a parable; I will utter hidden things,
things from of old—things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.**

*We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.
Praise the Lord!*

The Lord's Name be Praised!

***Hymn #59**

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

Hymn to Joy

**Please Stand, If Able*

Unison Prayer

All

Gracious God, You seek us when we feel forgotten, welcome us when we feel unworthy, and make room for us at Your table. Forgive us when we fail to extend that same grace to others. Open our eyes to those who are overlooked, our hearts to those who are hurting, and our lives to those who need a place to belong. Teach us to love as You love, to welcome as You welcome, and to remember that there is always room at Your table. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

All

Congregational Response, Hymn #492, Spirit of the Living God, Vs. 1

Iverson

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

A Message for All

Room for One More?

Rev. Green

Special Music

With All My Heart

Chancel Choir

Celebrating Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Green

*Offering baskets are located as you exit the Sanctuary.
Your gifts support the work and ministry of United Church.
Please give in a manner commensurate with your lifestyle
A QR code can be found in the bulletin.*

***Doxology**

Old 100th

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Joys & Concerns for United Church of Marco Island

Rev. Green

Pastoral Prayer & 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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Choral Amen

Scripture Reading

II Samuel, 9.1-13, Pew Bible Page 246

Beth Miller

*This is the Word of the Lord, for us, the people of God!
Thanks be to God!*

**Please Stand, If Able*

Sermon

Little Known Characters of the Bible:
Mephibosheth: The Forgotten Heir

Rev. Green

*Apostles' Creed

Ecumenical Version

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn #80

He's Got the Whole World in His Hand

Whole Word

*Invitation to Discipleship & Benediction

Rev. Green

*Congregational Chorus, #63, Give to Our God Immortal Praise, Vs. 5

All

**Through this vast world he guides our feet, and leads us
to his heavenly seat: his mercies ever
shall endure, when this our world shall be no more.**

*Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Organ, Piano Duet

A Special Thank You

	10:00 am
Deacons	Judy Dippert & Chris Hansen
Greeters	Kerry Stallard & BJ Donaldson
Welcome Center	Sue Hannah
Hospitality	Barb Wessels & Cindy Johnson



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Life & Work of United Church of Marco!

WELCOME!

If you are a first-time guest with United Church of Marco Island, welcome! Pastor Ed would appreciate the opportunity to send you a welcome letter. Please send your contact information to ucmarco@ucmarco.org or complete a Connection Card, located in the Narthex. Welcome!

WHILE PASTOR ED is on vacation, please contact Kathy Curtis in need of pastoral care or if a person passes into God's arms. Her email is klsc4@yahoo.com and cell phone number is (305) 331-9564. Pastor Ed will return to the office on October 1. Thanks for your understanding.

CHAPLAIN GREEN

Today, United Church of Marco Island will welcome Chaplain (Major General) William Green, Jr., U.S. Army, Retired, as guest worship leader and preacher.

TODAY, SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 AT 11:15 AM

Discover Membership

Discover Membership Class for United Church of Marco Island will be held in the Sawyer Room (located directly across from Riedel Chapel). This will be an opportunity to learn about the life United Church of Marco Island and see where God might be calling to serve and worship! See you then. Linda Fox will be leading the class.

OCTOBER IS UNDY SUNDAY MONTH!

Please purchase new underwear for youth and place in the collection boxes located in the Narthex. This annual collection provides some basic items for children and youth under the care of Catholic Charities.

THURSDAYS AT 10 AM OCTOBER 1 – NOVEMBER 19

“It’s Good to be King!” - Bible Study

Join Marty Roland and Pastor Ed for a walk through the Book of Kings! Beginning on Thursday October 1st through November 19th, there will be an eight-week study of 1 and 2 Kings in the Sawyer Room at 10:00. The Book of Kings is concerned with the history and demise of the monarchy in Israel from the last days of King David (c. 970 BCE) until the exile to Babylon almost four centuries later (c. 586 BCE). The Books of 1 and 2 Kings were originally one book in Hebrew manuscripts.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ladies Who Lunch – The next lunch will be held on **October 1st**, at **Carrabba’s**, at **11:30 am**.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3 AT 11:00 AM

United Church of Marco Island will celebrate the life of Mary Jane Irvine.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 AT 8:30 & 10:00 AM

Join Christians around the planet to celebrate World Communion Sunday as a powerful sign of our unity in Jesus Christ.

**Please Stand, If Able*

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee 59

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
 4 Mor - tals, join the hap - py cho - rus which the morn - ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, open - ing to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean depth of hap - py rest!
 love di - vine is reign - ing o'er us, join - ing all with - in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - ery mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Broth - er— all who live in love are thine;
 Ev - er sing - ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun - ward in the tri - umph song of life.

WORDS: Henry Van Dyke (1852-1933)
 MUSIC: Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

HYMN TO JOY
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**Please Stand, If Able*

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands 80

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Unison C7 F Gm7 F/A Gm7 F Gm7 Am

1 He's got the whole world in his hands, he's got the
 2 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the
 3 He's got the ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands, he's got the
 4 He's got you and me, broth-er, in his hands, he's got

Gm7 Bb/C C7 F Gm7

whole world in his hands, he's got the whole
 wind and the rain in his hands, he's got the wind and the
 ti - ny lit - tle ba - by in his hands, he's got the ti - ny lit - tle
 you and me, sis - ter, in his hands, he's got all of us to -

F/A Gm7 F Am7(b5)/Eb D7 Gm7 C7 F

world in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.
 rain in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.
 ba - by in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.
 geth-er in his hands, he's got the whole world in his hands.

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