



22nd Sunday after Pentecost October 25, 2026, 10:00 am

Pre-Service Prayer in Preparation for Worship

Gracious God, awaken us to Your presence.

*When we become tired, distracted, or spiritually sleepy, renew us. And when we fall, remind us that
Your grace comes down to meet us and lift us again.*

Open our eyes, our ears, and our hearts to what You want to say to us today.

*In Jesus' name, **Amen.***

Gathering Music

Kathleen Osborn Gerdes

Handbell Call to Worship

Kevin Hennessy

Prelude

In Christ Alone

Drea Marino ~ Flute

Welcome & Life of United Church

Ed Brandt

*In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,
not counting their trespasses against them,
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. II Cor. 5.19*

***Passing the Peace**

May the Peace of Christ be with You!

And also with you!

***Congregational Response, Hymn #408, I Am Thine, O Lord, Vs. 1**

All

**I am thine, O Lord – I have heard thy voice, and it told thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith and be closer drawn to thee.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.**

*** Call to Worship, from Psalm 90**

Responsively

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

**A thousand years in your sight, are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.**

Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—they are like the new grass of the morning:

In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.

Praise the Lord!

The Lord's Name be Praised!

**Please Stand, If Able*

***Hymn #405**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Solid Rock

Unison Prayer

All

Gracious God, sometimes we grow tired, lose our focus, and fall asleep to what You are doing around us. Awaken our hearts. Renew our faith. And when we fall, remind us that Your grace reaches down and lifts us up. Make us attentive to Your Word, alive to Your presence, and ready to follow wherever You lead. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Prayer

All

Congregational Response, Hymn #450, Be Still and Know, Vs. 1

All

**Be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God,
be still and know that I am God.**

A Message for All

When church becomes a real snooze!

Ed Brandt

Special Music

Grace Alone

Chancel Choir

Celebrating Generosity & Prayer of Dedication

Ed Brandt

*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

Ed Brandt

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

Acts 20.7-12, Pew Bible Page 902

Stan Gerdes

*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:
Eutychus – From Doxing to Doxology!

Ed Brandt

*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 #407

I Know Whom I Have Believed

El Nathan

*Invitation to Discipleship & Benediction

Ed Brandt

*Congregational Chorus, #408, I Am Thine, O Lord, Vs. 2

All

**Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope and my will be lost in thine.**

**Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to thy precious, bleeding side.**

*Postlude

Blessed Be the Name

*Kathleen Osborn Gerdes
Val Bowers*

A Special Thank You

	10:00 am
Deacons	Chris Hansen & Judi Sheley
Greeters	Maureen Camera & Kelly Stallard
Welcome Center	Peggy Palmer



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**Please Stand, If Able*

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!

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. Every Thursday through November 19th, there will be an eight-week study of 1 and 2 Kings in the Sawyer Room at 10:00.

TODAY, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 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 life in United Church of Marco Island and see where God might be calling you to serve and worship! Send a note to ucmarco@ucmarco.org with any questions. See you then!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 AT 10:00 AM

A Service of Remembering - All Saints Sunday

United Church of Marco Island will remember friends and family who joined the Church Triumphant during 2026. Please send names of people who now rest in God’s arms to ucmarco@ucmarco.org to be remembered on All Saints Sunday.

LADIES WHO LUNCH

Ladies Who Lunch – The next lunch will be held on **November 5th**, at **Kretch’s**, at **11:30 am**.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 10:00 AM

Welcome Home Brunch

Join us **Sunday, November 8**, for a special day honoring veterans and welcoming home members, friends, and guests returning to Marco Island and Naples from up north. During the **10:00 a.m.** worship service, Pastor Ed, a former Army National Guard chaplain, will recognize our veterans and present each one with a personal challenge coin. **After the service**, everyone is invited to a Welcome Home and Veterans Day Brunch. Please sign up at the Welcome Center so we can plan to serve everyone. We look forward to celebrating those who have served, welcoming longtime friends home, and getting to know new faces. See you **November 8!**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11 AT 6:00 PM

Men’s Dinner

Join men for dinner on the **second Wednesday** each month for dinner beginning at 6:00 pm at DiJulios, located on Rattlesnake Hammock Road.

CAROLYN & DAVE CARY

Carolyn & Dave Cary have moved and would like to share their new address with the congregation: 3380 Lake Bend Drive, Apt. 112, Valley Park, MO 63088

**Please Stand, If Able*

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 405

F $\frac{F}{C}$ C F B $\flat$ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$

1 My hope is built on noth - ing less than Je - sus' blood and
 2 When dark-ness veils his love - ly face, I rest on his un -
 3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood, sup - port me in the
 4 When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O may I then in

$\frac{F}{C}$ C F $\frac{F}{C}$ C F

right - eous - ness; I dare not trust the sweet - est frame, but
 chang - ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
 whelm - ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
 him be found: dressed in his right - eous - ness a - lone, fault -

B $\flat$ $\frac{Gm}{B\flat}$ $\frac{F}{C}$ C F *Refrain* $\frac{C7}{G}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ F B $\flat$

whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand: all
 then is all my hope and stay.
 less to stand be - fore the throne.

F $\frac{F}{A}$ C $\frac{C}{B\flat}$ $\frac{F}{A}$ F B $\flat$ F Csus C7 F

oth - er ground is sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote (1797-1874)
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury (1816-1868)

SOLID ROCK
 L.M.Ref.

I Know Whom I Have Believed 407

D $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D A

1 I know not why God's won-drous grace to me he has made known,
 2 I know not how this sav-ing faith to me he did im-part,
 3 I know not how the Spir-it moves, con-vinc-ing me of sin,
 4 I know not when my Lord may come, at night or noon-day fair,

$\frac{A7}{C\#}$ D $\frac{G}{D}$ D A A7 D

nor why, un-wor-thy, Christ in love re-deemed me for his own.
 nor how be-liev-ing in his Word wrought peace with-in my heart.
 re-veal-ing Je-sus through the Word, cre-at-ing faith in him.
 nor if I'll walk the vale with him, or meet him in the air.

Refrain G $\frac{G}{D}$ D $\frac{F\#}{A}$ A7

But "I know whom I have be-liev-ed, and am per-suad-ed that he is

D G $\frac{G}{D}$ D A A7 D

a-ble to keep that which I've com-mit-ted un-to him a-gainst that day."