



HE IS RISEN

Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ

Worship Celebration

EASTER SUNDAY

April 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.



Welcome Everyone!

If you are visiting with us, and you are looking for a spiritual community...

where you will be loved, accepted, supported and affirmed regardless of your age, class, ability, race, ethnicity, gender identification or sexual orientation...where you will be encouraged and challenged to reflect on your beliefs, acknowledge your doubts, ask your questions, and grow in your faith...where God's desire for compassion, healing, reconciliation, justice and joy is preached...where you are given the opportunity to put your faith in action through effective outreach ministries...then we hope to get to know you as a new friend.

No matter who you are, or where you are in your life journey...
You are welcome here!

Seeking to love all people ... growing in faith ...
working toward God's vision of justice, healing and joy.

*Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ
An Open and Affirming/Creation Justice Congregation
Worship Celebration
Easter Sunday
April 20, 2025, 10:00 a.m.*

Welcome

Prelude

Concerto for Trumpet and Piano
Diego Figueredo, trumpet soloist

Arutunian

Easter Call to Worship

One: The tomb is empty.

All: Christ Is Risen.

One: Christ Is Risen.

All: Christ Is Risen Indeed.

One: Christ Is Risen Indeed!

All: Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today #288 (on p. 7)

Prayer of Resurrection (together)

God of endless new beginnings, through the power of Your Holy Spirit, Jesus has been raised.

Through that Resurrection, You showed us that not even death can separate us from You and the eternal life You created us for. May that free us to put our full trust in You and Your ways.

Through that Resurrection, you proclaimed that violence and injustice will not have the last word. May that free us to take risks for peace and justice on behalf of all Your people.

Through that Resurrection, you opened the door to the possibility of a new and better Creation for ourselves, our communities, our nation and this world. May that free us to serve Your vision and ways with courage.

And now, once again inspired by that Resurrection, may we be the people of trust, justice, peace, courage, and new life You call and need us to be.

Amen.

Music Meditation

Alleluia Round

Boyce

The SCUCC Choir

Diego Figueredo and Frank Sanders, trumpets

Jesus Segura, trombone

A Time of Prayer with The Lord's Prayer

(Please use the wording most meaningful to you.)

Invitation to Giving

Offertory Music

Thine is the Glory
from *Judas Maccabaeus*, arr. Powell
The SCUCC Choir
Diego Figueredo and Frank Sanders, trumpets

***Presentation of Offering and Congregational Response**

Your name, we bless, O Risen Lord
And sing today with one accord
The life laid down, the life restored
Allelujah! Allelujah!

Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication (together)**

Loving, restoring, renewing God, accept these gifts we offer on this Day of Resurrection. May they be used to help raise up those who hope and long for new life and a new world.

Amen.

Ministry of the Word **Mark 16:1-8** (on p. 4 & 5)
(**New Revised Standard Version Translation**)

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

MARK 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, “Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?”

When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, “Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.”

So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

(over)

[And all that had been commanded them they told briefly to those around Peter. And afterward Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and imperishable proclamation of eternal salvation.]

[Now after he rose early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. She went out and told those who had been with him, while they were mourning and weeping. But when they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they would not believe it.

After this he appeared in another form to two of them, as they were walking into the country. And they went back and told the rest, but they did not believe them. Later he appeared to the eleven themselves as they were sitting at the table; and he upbraided them for their lack of faith and stubbornness, because they had not believed those who saw him after he had risen. And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.”]

Message

Dr. Boyea

Hymn

The Day of Resurrection! #298 (on p. 8)

Blessing

Postlude

Voluntary in C Major

Purcell

Diego Figueredo and Frank Sanders, trumpets

***All who wish are welcome to stand.**

****As usual on Easter Sunday, there will be no Fellowship Time after this morning's Worship Celebration.**

*****The entire SCUCC staff wishes you and yours a most blessed Easter.**

******Enormous gratitude to our guest musicians today for their invaluable contribution to this morning's Easter celebration:**

Diego Figueredo, Frank Sanders and Jesus Segura

288 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

C G B C F A F C C C E Dm7 C F A C G7 C

1 Christ the Lord is risen to - day, Al - le - lu - ia!
 2 Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Lives a - gain our glo - rious King, Al - le - lu - ia!
 4 Soar we now where Christ has led, Al - le - lu - ia!

F A C F C E Dm7 C C G C C E Dm7 C F A C G7 C

All cre - a - tion, join to say Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where, O death, is now thy sting? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Fol - lowing our ex - alt - ed Head, Al - le - lu - ia!

G D7 A G B G C E G7 D C G G B D7 A G C E G D D7 G

Raise your joys and tri - umphs high, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Death in vain for - bids him rise, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Once he died our souls to save, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Made like him, like him we rise, Al - le - lu - ia!

G C E C F A F C C C E F C Dm F C G7 C

Sing, ye heavens, and earth re - ply, Al - le - lu - ia!
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!
 Where thy vic - to - ry, O grave? Al - le - lu - ia!
 Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Al - le - lu - ia!

The Day of Resurrection!

C F C C B \flat F A C G F G

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad;
 2 Our hearts be pure from e - vil, that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful! Let earth its song be - gin!

G7 C C7 F C C G D D7 G

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light;
 The world re - sound in tri - umph, and all that is there - in;

G7 C7 F A7 E D7 G

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and, lis - ening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend;

G F C Dm7 C7 F A F C G7 G C

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "all hail" and, hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our Joy that has no end.

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

“Let us not merely say, ‘Christ is risen, but also ‘I shall rise’.”

Phillips Brooks, American minister

“The very first Easter taught us this: that life never ends and love never dies.”

Kate McGahan, American hospice grief counselor and author

“The great gift of Easter is hope – hope which makes us have confidence in God, and in God’s ultimate triumph.”

Basil Hume, English minister



EASTER FLORAL DEDICATION

*In Loving Memory of all Those
in the Boyea, Seeley, Benjamin and Clark Families
who have returned to God*

Mark & Cindy Boyea

With Gratitude To and For the SCUCC Community

Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea

*In Loving Memory of My Parents, Brothers,
and Tia Angelina*

Jenny Chacon

In Loving Memory of Solomon A. Cokes, Jr.

From Pam Rothmann Cokes and Family

In Honor of the Rev. Don E. Creager

Gail Creager

In Memory of Our Beloved Parents,

Dr. Frances & Dr. Robert Wagner

Cassie & Dale Cutler

**For those who dedicated flowers today, we invite you
to take a lily home at the conclusion of our
Worship Celebration.**





EASTER FLORAL DEDICATION

*We Give Thanks for the Incredible Gift
and Love of Our Family*
Neal & Sherry Halleran

*In Memory of Our Parents/Grandparents,
Henry & Mary Zottol and Dick & Peg Hanny*
Mark & Gail Hanny

*Remembering Our Daughter, Sandy,
who brought so much joy to our Family*
Betty & Dennis Hayes

*In Honor of our Nephew, Shawn Spencer,
who passed away on 4/5/25
in our hometown in Ohio*
Stan & Dorothy Hirschfeld

In Memory of Family & Friends
Marilyn Hooper

For Family and Friends
John & Fran Ippensen





EASTER FLORAL DEDICATION

In Loving Memory of Charles Kaempffer
Carolyn Kaempffer

*In Memory of Hobart & Helen Kletzien
and Dode & Ralph Findley*
Emily Kletzien & Ralph Findley

Remembering Loved Ones, Far and Near
David & Mary Anne Lougee

*Norm Wolf, you are always in my Heart
your Loving Husband, Jim*
Jim Miller

*In Memory of my Husband,
Father, Grandfather and Friend - Jerry*
Gay Nichols

In Loving Memory of Our Wonderful Parents
Frank & Judy Palaia

In Honor of Our Parents
Carol & Ron Periard





EASTER FLORAL DEDICATION

In Honor of our Family
Lynda, Ben, Andrew, Olivia, Sue,
Olivia, Neal and Therese
Chuck & Jane Ramseth

In Loving Memory of Our Parents
Richard & Pauline Leidahl
Neil & Charlotte Rippe
Lorraine & Bob Rippe

In Loving Memory of Lucy Roth
Paul Roth

In Loving Memory of Our Parents,
Gustav & Marianne Ackermann and Russel & Joan Taylor
We Miss You Dearly
Allen & Monica Taylor

In Memory of Our Parents
Guy & Tina Tober

In Loving Memory of Our Parents
Bob and Betty Van Tassel

In Honor of Our Parents
Tom & Judy Ware



ANNOUNCEMENTS

To Our Guests This Morning

If you are with us today for the first, or one of the first times, please let us know. Also, please take a moment to introduce yourself, or re-introduce yourself to Rev. Mark. Our hope is to provide you with the most graceful welcome possible.

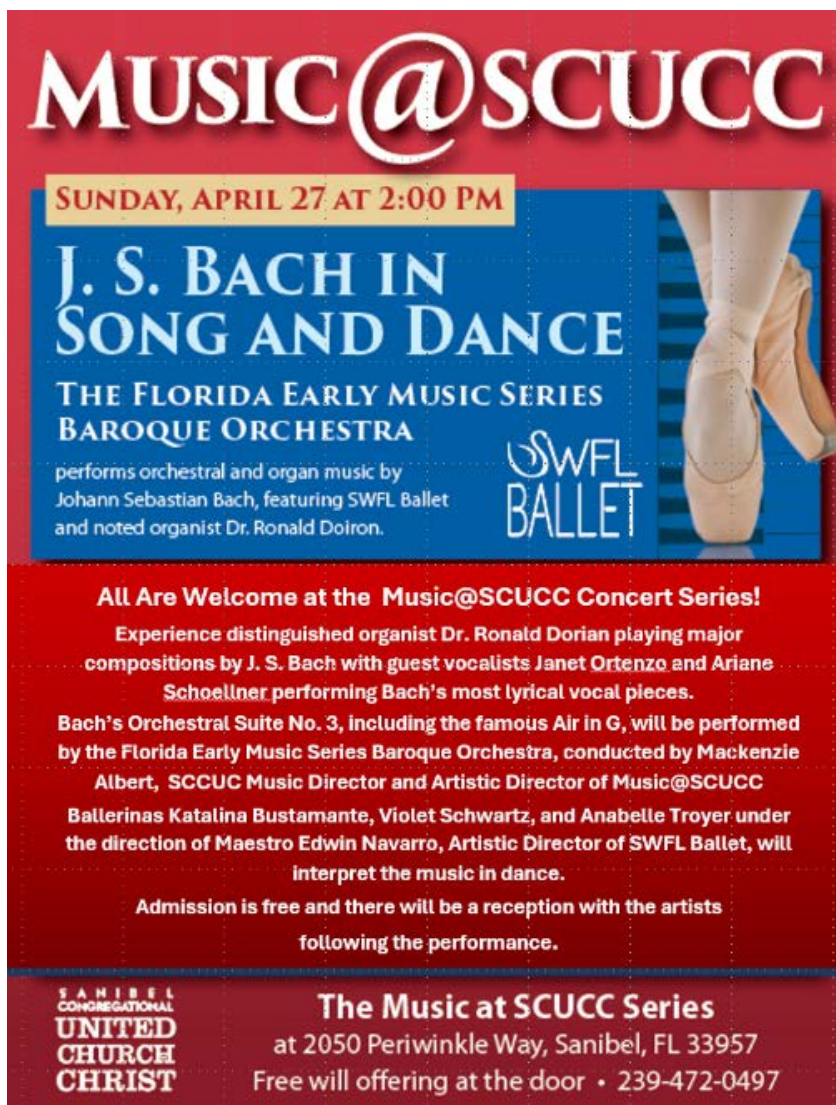
Next Sunday, April 27 – Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes Returns

With Mark away next Sunday, we welcome back our friend and frequent guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Sally Haynes. This will be the first of several times Dr. Haynes will be with us from now until Labor Day, as she will be stepping in for Mark both after his surgery on May 20 and during his four Summer Sundays off.



Also NEXT SUNDAY, April 27 – J.S.Bach in Song and Dance

Please plan to return to the SCUCC Sanctuary on Sunday, April 27 at 2pm for our special music event: *J.S.Bach in Song and Dance*, described in the flyer below.



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SUNDAY, APRIL 27 AT 2:00 PM

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Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 3, including the famous Air in G, will be performed by the Florida Early Music Series Baroque Orchestra, conducted by Mackenzie Albert, SCCUC Music Director and Artistic Director of Music@SCUCC

Ballerinas Katalina Bustamante, Violet Schwartz, and Anabelle Troyer under the direction of Maestro Edwin Navarro, Artistic Director of SWFL Ballet, will interpret the music in dance.

Admission is free and there will be a reception with the artists following the performance.

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Office Hours

***The Church Office WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, April 21.**

****Mark will be away from Wednesday, April 21-Wednesday, April 30.**

The Office is regularly open from 9am-3pm on Monday through Friday.

Mark is generally on campus Tuesday-Thursday pending pastoral visits or off-site meetings. Please feel free to just “drop by” or make an appointment directly with him by email: mark@sanibelucc.org or text/phone at 908-477-5426.

Mackenzie Albert, our Director of Music, is normally on campus each Wednesday and some Fridays. Please make an appointment by phone or text at 203-517-5427.

SPIRITUAL EXPLORATION

Our most recent unit has concluded.

The topic and schedule for our next unit are still being determined.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study WILL NOT meet this Thursday, April 24 or Thursday, May 1. It resumes on Thursday, May 8 at 10:30am on Zoom.

Each week, we explore the passages which will be part of that coming Sunday’s Worship. These sessions are discussion based, with Mark guiding a structured conversation based on participants’ questions, concerns and considerations of the text. The passage(s) to be looked at each week, as well as the necessary information for joining in, will be sent by email the day before.

MUSIC



The Choir Welcomes New Members!

Our choir continues to grow and always welcomes new members. If you would like to give it a try, we encourage you to come to a rehearsal on a Wednesday at 4:30 PM. We rehearse until 6 o'clock and often go out to dinner together at a local restaurant.

Why not stop by and see what it's like? You are also welcome to call or text Mackenzie with any questions at 203-517-5427.



From the Mission & Benevolence Committee

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's joint SCUCC/Bat Yam Food Drive. **April 17th was the last collection for the season.**

Please keep in mind that donations of any non-perishable food items and bath and kitchen paper products can still be dropped off at the church or left in the Narthex. Collected donations will benefit local neighbors in need through F.I.S.H. and the Gladiolus Food Pantry.

Just a reminder, if you would like to make monetary donations to the Food Pantry, please address your check to SCUCC and include Food Pantry on the memo line.



BOOKED FOR LUNCH 2025

Our next Booked for Lunch is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, May 8th at 11:30 in the Church Library. This session will be led by Eleanor Miller & Betsy Foreman. The book being reviewed & discussed will be "Tell Me Everything" by Elizabeth Strout, and you are encouraged to bring your own lunch. **It would be appreciated if we could get a head count in advance. Please send an email to Eleanor Miller at eleheamiller@gmail.com if you plan on attending.**

Shell Point Women's Group May Luncheon

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Women's Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting **on Friday, May 9 at 11:30am. The group will meet at the two round tables located outside of the Palm Grill in the Woodlands Common.** Please make reservations with Emily Kletzien at emily.kletzien@gmail.com.

Shell Point Men's Group May Luncheon

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Men's Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting **on Tuesday, May 13 at noon at the Palm Grill in the Woodlands Common.** Please make reservations with Bruce Findley @ bruce.findley@gmail.com.

Dinners for 6, 7 or 8

One of our most loved offerings is the social gatherings known as "Dinner for 6, 7 or 8". If you would like to participate, please send your names, email addresses and phone numbers Shirley Akins at akinsteach@gmail.com.

Ushers Needed

Please contact Inky Meng if you would like more information, or to be added to the contact list to be an usher during our Worship Celebration. Send an email to: inkymeng@hotmail.com.

INTERESTED IN JOINING SCUCC???

If you are considering becoming a member of SCUCC, or would simply like to find out more about us, please let Rev. Mark know. After you and he discuss the expectations and, as the old commercial says, "the benefits of membership," you and he can schedule a Sunday that works best for you to become an official part of the SCUCC community.

Like A Ride To Worship?

If you would like a ride to our Sunday Worship Celebration from Shell Point or Cypress Cove, please contact the Church Office at office@sanibelucc.org by **noon on Thursday**.

Art Display

We are delighted to continue welcoming the beautiful and scenic art creations from our talented members and the Sanibel community, on display in Fellowship Hall. The artist of the month is Marcy Calkins. In regard to her collection she says, “Given the space, the audiences and the holy season, I strove to provide visual joy, with colors, nature and humanity. If I were to title this exhibit, I would name it ‘From Sanibel to Giverny and Beyond,’ because it displays my artistic journey.”



Assisting With Today's Worship Celebration

Liturgist: Kathy Carter

Ushers: Frank Palaia & Bob Van Tassel

Ministers: All Members and Friends of SCUCC

Moderator: Kathy Y. Carter Vice Moderator: Frank Palaia

Parish Nurse: Linda Convertine, R.N., B.S.N.

Music Director: Mackenzie Albert

Church Administrator: Jenny Chacon

Assistant Church Administrator: Tammy Flatley

Tech Team: Dr. Renee Rawe, Luke Crater, Victor Santana, Kirsten Smith

Missionaries: Alex Maldonado-Lizardi & Xiomara Cintron-Garcia

in Colombia

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