

*Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ*  
*Worship Celebration*



*July 28, 2024, 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 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!**

*An Open and Affirming / Creation Justice Congregation of the United Church of Christ*

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

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## **Welcome**

### **Prelude**

*Jesu, Joy of Our Desiring*

J. S. Bach

## **Call to Worship**

One: We gather in this place of calm;

**All: Let it settle our spirits.**

One: We gather in this place of community;

**All: Let it remind us that we are never alone.**

One: We gather in this place of contemplation and consideration;

**All: Let it move our minds and hearts.**

### **Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision #445 (on p.3)*

## **Opening Prayer (together)**

### *A Prayer of St. Francis for Today*

Lead us to be instruments of Your ways, O God.

Where there is hatred, let us seek reconciliation.

Where there is injury, let us promote healing.

Where there is discord, let us bring understanding and compassion.

Where there is falsehood, let us demand truth.

Where there is doubt, let us provide affirmation and invite further exploration.  
Where there is despair, let us offer acknowledgment and hope.  
Where there is shadow, let us bring understanding and compassion.  
Where there is indifference, let us inspire love.

Help us to seek to comfort as much as to be comforted.  
Help us to seek to understand as much as to be understood.  
Help us to seek to love as much as to be loved.

Amen.

**Music Meditation**                      *Air* (from *Watermusic*)                      Handel  
Mackenzie Albert, flute; Jan van Buskirk, piano

### **A Time of Prayer with The Lord's Prayer**

(Please use the wording most meaningful to you.)

### **Invitation to Giving**

**Offertory Music**                      *Gavotte*                      Handel  
Mackenzie Albert, flute; Jan van Buskirk, piano

### **\*Presentation of Offering and Congregational Response** (*For the Beauty of the Earth* #54, v.2)

*For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower  
Sun and moon, and stars of light  
Lord of all, to You we raise  
This our hymn of grateful praise*

*Amen*

# Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
 3. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

nought be all else to me save that thou art.  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
 thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways;  
 may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my Re - deem - er, my love thou hast won;  
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.  
 Rul - er of heav - en, my treas - ure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

WORDS: Ancient Irish, tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1905; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1912, alt.  
 MUSIC: Traditional Irish melody, harm. David Evans, *Revised Church Hymnary*, 1927

SLANE  
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The original Irish text dates from c. A.D. 700. SLANE is an ancient ballad tune named for the hill where St. Patrick lit Easter fires.

Harm. © 1927, by permission  
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**\*Prayer of Dedication (together)**

God of grace, peace and understanding, we come before You a deeply blessed people in so many ways. May this part of all You have blessed us with be used to help bring a measure of that same grace, peace and understanding into Your world for the sake of all Your people.

**Ministry of the Word**            **1 Corinthians 13** (on p. 5)

**(New Revised Standard Version Translation)**

**Message**

**Dr. Mark Boyea**

**Hymn**

*Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love) #68* (on p. 6)

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Just a Closer Walk With Thee* (Improv)

Butler

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

# MINISTRY OF THE WORD

## 1 CORINTHIANS 13

If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end.

For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.



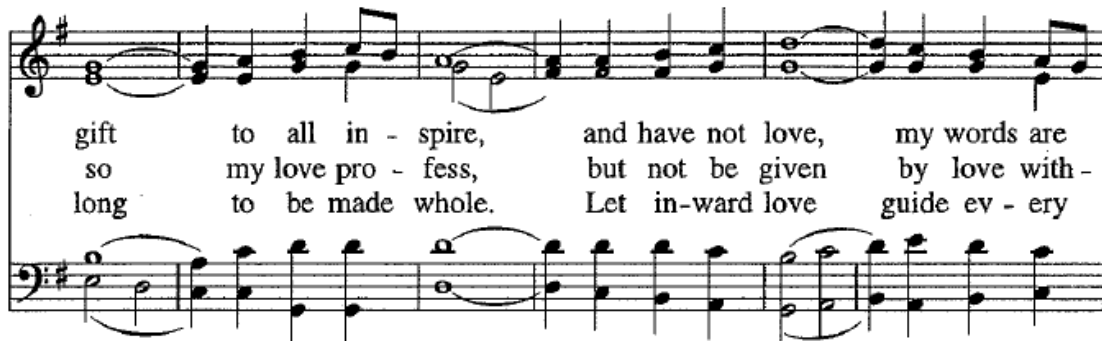
# Though I May Speak

(The Gift of Love)

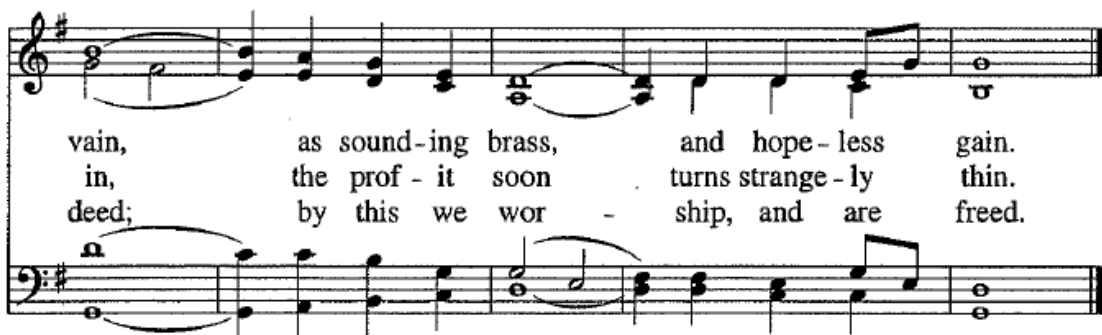
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1. Though I may speak with brav - est fire, and have the  
2. Though I may give all I pos - sess, and striv - ing  
3. Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol, our spir - its



gift to all in - spire, and have not love, my words are  
so my love pro - fess, but not be given by love with -  
long to be made whole. Let in - ward love guide ev - ery



vain, as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
in, the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
deed; by this we wor - ship, and are freed.

WORDS: Hal H. Hopson, 1972

MUSIC: Traditional English melody; adapt. Hal H. Hopson, 1971

GIFT OF LOVE  
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Hal Hopson's paraphrase of I Corinthians 13 and his setting of a traditional English tune have made this a well-loved hymn in a short twenty-five years.

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## **For Your Consideration**

*“Everything that irritates us about others can lead us to an understanding of ourselves.”*

Carl Jung, Swiss psychologist

*“I do not want the peace that passes understanding. I want the understanding which brings peace.”*

Helen Keller, American author

*“We must realize that we are all different in the way we perceive the world and use this understanding as a guide to our communication with others.”*

Tony Robbins, American motivational speaker

## **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 reintroduce yourself, to Rev. Mark. Our hope is to provide you with the most graceful welcome possible.

## **TODAY, Sunday, July 28 – *Sunday Sundaes Rescheduled!***

**Today**, following our Worship time, we invite you to commemorate *National Ice Cream Day* with our rescheduled *National Ice Cream Day* celebration.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed July as National Ice Cream Month and established National Ice Cream Day as the third Sunday in July.

Come enjoy a cup of ice cream along with a variety of toppings and fellowship with our community.

We look forward to seeing you there!



## **Church Office Hours**

The **Church Office is open Monday-Friday, from 9am-3pm.**

Mark is normally 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](mailto: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 feel free to come by or make an appointment by phone or text at 203-517-5427.

## **Our Current Spiritual Exploration Unit CONCLUDES This Week**

### ***“Questioning Jesus”***

**Tuesday, July 30, 7:00-8:15pm on Zoom**

The word “*Questioning*” in the title, rather than a verb, instead describes one of, if not the most significant aspect of Jesus as *rabbi - teacher*.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus constantly asks vital spiritual questions of those he encounters.

During this unit, we are exploring some of those questions, what they were meant to move the people he asks them to consider, the answers he receives, and what his questions ask us to consider now.

As always, you will receive the information you need to join in on the sessions, as well as any reading you might be asked to do in advance, on Monday afternoons.

**Please Note:** After this Tuesday evening, our *Spiritual Exploration* programming will be on break until early October.

## **Bible Study**

**Bible Study will meet this Thursday, August 1.**

Each week we explore the Scripture passage(s) being used in Worship that coming Sunday. These sessions are largely “guided discussion” in nature, focusing on your questions and insights from reading the text(s) ahead of time, with Mark facilitating and adding relevant context and detail as needed or wanted.

This approach allows for participants to engage with the Bible creatively, and with an eye toward how the text speaks to us in our time and lives. In addition, they are great prep for getting more out of the Sunday messages!

You will receive the information you need to join in on these sessions, as well as the passages you need to read in advance, on Wednesday afternoons.

**Please Note:** After this Thursday’s session, *Bible Study* will be on break until early October.

## **From the Mission & Benevolence Committee**

The Gladiolus Food Pantry is in need of small manual can openers and travel size personal hygiene items. Both are used by homeless people since they don't have much in the way of storage and most rely on items that don't require cooking. This is in addition to the usual items like children's cereal, pasta and pasta sauce.



## **“Adopt a Sunday”: Fellowship Hour**

Please consider “Adopting a Sunday” this summer. You can choose a date and mark it on your calendar to commit to serving during our fellowship time on that day. It is a wonderful way to contribute to our community and connect with others. Volunteering your time to help our spiritual community is a meaningful way to give back.

Dates available for August 2024: 8/4, 8/11, 8/18, 8/25

If you would like to help prepare and serve refreshments for Fellowship Time after Worship on Sundays, please sign up on the sheet found on the table in the back of Fellowship Hall. It is easy, and assistance will be available if needed. Donations of light fare and/or help with serving or cleanup will be greatly appreciated.



## **Floral Invitation**

We invite you to contribute to the Floral Fund.

This fund is dedicated to preserving the memory of a loved one through the vibrant and uplifting presence of flowers.

Flowers have a unique way of expressing emotions and sentiments that words often cannot. To donate, please visit or contact the Church Office.



## **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](mailto:akinsteach@gmail.com).

Dinners have ended for the season, but will resume with new groups in the fall.

## **Shell Point Women’s Group August Luncheon**

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Women’s Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting on **Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am at the Palm Grill in the Woodlands Common**. Please make reservations with Emily Kletzien at [emily.kletzien@gmail.com](mailto:emily.kletzien@gmail.com)

## **Shell Point Men's Group August Luncheon**

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Men's Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting on **Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at noon at the Palm Grill in the Woodlands Common**. Please make reservations with Candy Atchison at [JimAtch@aol.com](mailto:JimAtch@aol.com) or 561-714-4655.

## **Ushers Needed**

If you are interested in ushering for Sunday Worship, please contact Frank Palaia at [flpalaiajr@cs.com](mailto:flpalaiajr@cs.com) for more information.

## **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 Sunday Worship from Shell Point or Cypress Cove, please contact the Church Office at [office@sanibelucc.org](mailto:office@sanibelucc.org) **by noon on Thursdays**.



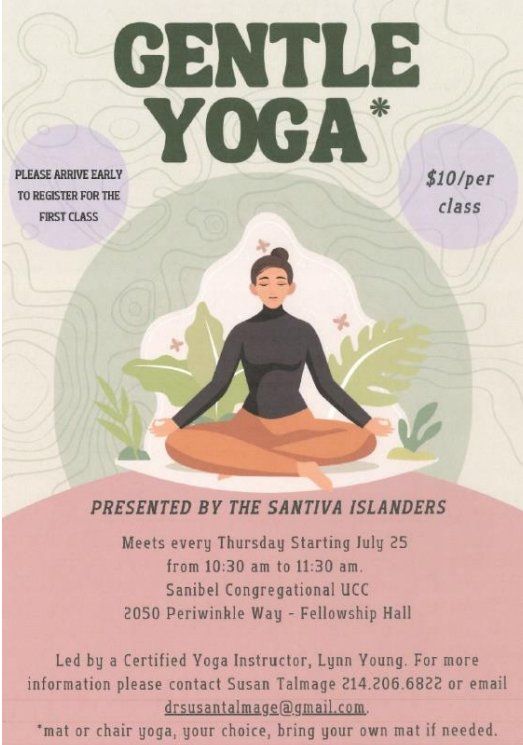
## Santiva Islanders

The Santiva Islanders will hold additional Cardio classes in Fellowship Hall on Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, August 7<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-11:00am.

Classes start off with light, moderate aerobics, followed by strength and balance exercises, and conclude with stretching. Please bring plenty of water and a towel. You may also want to bring light weights to use. All exercises are done standing, so there is no need for a mat.

You are invited to come and try out a class for free. After that, the cost for Santiva Islander members is \$5 per class or \$60 per month. The cost for nonmembers is \$10 per class or \$120 per month.

An annual Santiva Islander membership is \$25. You can join online or at the door. For more information about the Santiva Islanders please visit their website at: Activities for Seniors in Sanibel, FL/Island Seniors Inc. ([santivaislanders.org](http://santivaislanders.org)).



**GENTLE  
YOGA\***

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY  
TO REGISTER FOR THE  
FIRST CLASS

\$10/per  
class

**PRESENTED BY THE SANTIVA ISLANDERS**

Meets every Thursday Starting July 25  
from 10:30 am to 11:30 am.  
Sanibel Congregational UCC  
2050 Periwinkle Way - Fellowship Hall

Led by a Certified Yoga Instructor, Lynn Young. For more  
information please contact Susan Talmage 214.206.6822 or email  
[drsusantalmage@gmail.com](mailto:drsusantalmage@gmail.com).

\*mat or chair yoga, your choice, bring your own mat if needed.



## **Assisting With Today's Worship Celebration**

Liturgist: Jane Ramseth

Ushers: Sherry and Neal Halleran

Ministers: All Members and Friends of SCUCC

Moderator: Neal Halleran Vice Moderator: Kathy Y. Carter

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, April Boehnen,

Luke Crater, William Lamb, Andrew Riggs

Missionaries: Alex Maldonado-Lizardi & Xiomara Cintron-Garcia  
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