

# *Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ*

## *Worship Celebration*

*September 1, 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.

*Sanibel Congregational United Church of Christ*  
*An Open and Affirming/Creation Justice Congregation*  
*Worship Celebration*  
*September 1, 2024, 10:00 a.m.*

**Welcome**

**Kathy Y. Carter**

**Prelude**

*Melody in G*  
Mackenzie Albert, flute; Jan Van Buskirk, piano

Stickles

**Call to Worship**

One: This is the day that God has blessed us with.

**All: Let us open our hearts, hands, minds and spirits to God and each other.**

**Hymn**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #26 (on p. 2)*

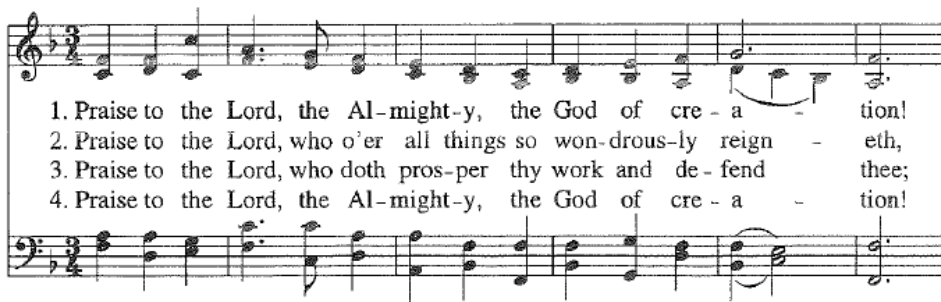
**Opening Prayer (together)**

Holy One, You have called us to be Your hands, heart, and voice in the world. But it is not always an easy call to answer. At times, it is easier to be distracted by other calls – the calls of popularity and prestige; the calls of more and might; the calls of ego and exclusion.

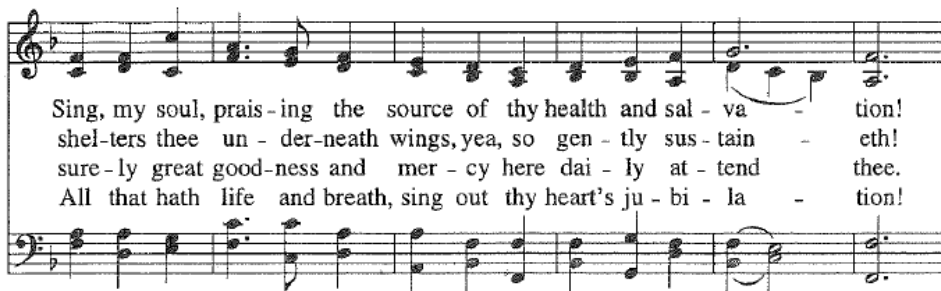
Help us to resist those calls, and better answer Yours – the calls of compassion and care; inclusion and interconnectedness; of generosity and grace. Help us to be the people and spiritual community You believe we can be. For Your sake. For our sake. For others' sake.

Amen.

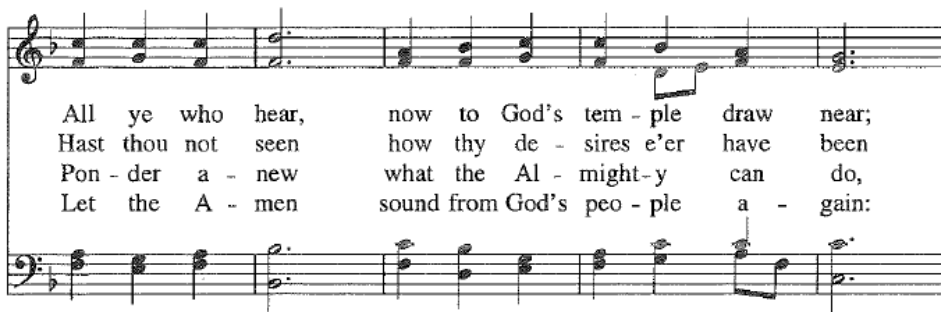
## Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the God of cre - a - tion!  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous-ly reign - eth,  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de-fend thee;  
 4. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might-y, the God of cre - a - tion!



Sing, my soul, prais-ing the source of thy health and sal - va - tion!  
 shel-ters thee un - der-neath wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!  
 sure-ly great good-ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.  
 All that hath life and breath, sing out thy heart's ju - bi - la - tion!



All ye who hear, now to God's tem - ple draw near;  
 Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have been  
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might-y can do,  
 Let the A - men sound from God's peo - ple a - gain:



join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 grant - ed in what God or - dain - eth?  
 who with great love doth be - friend thee.  
 join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.

WORDS: Joachim Neander, 1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt.

MUSIC: *Erneuertem Gesangbuch*, Stralsund, 1665; harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863

LOBE DEN HERREN

14 14.478

English Anglican Catherine Winkworth penned remarkable translations of a host of German chorales. This text is based on Psalms 103 and 150.

**Music Meditation**

*Tamburino*

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**

*Traumerie (from Scenes from Childhood)*

Schumann

**\*Presentation of Offering and Congregational Response**

*(Take My Life and Let It Be #464, v.3)*

*Take my will, and make it thine*

*It shall be no longer mine*

*Take my heart, it is Your own*

*It shall be Your royal throne*

*Amen*

**\*Prayer of Dedication (together)**

God of all we have, we thank You for all we have been blessed with today and all our days. In return, may what we offer back to You now be a blessing to others. And may we also be a blessing to You and them.

Amen.

**Ministry of the Word     Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (on p. 4)**

**(New Revised Standard Version Translation)**

## MINISTRY OF THE WORD

### Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, ‘Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?’

He said to them, ‘Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.’

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, ‘Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.’

For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.’

**Message**

**Rev. Wendell Taylor**

**Hymn**

*Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing* #333 (on p.6)

**Blessing**

**Postlude**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (organ improvisation)

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

# Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing 333

1. Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with  
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for the gos - pel's  
3. So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the

joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,  
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,

tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: oh, re - fresh us,  
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,  
glad your sum - mons to o - bey: may we ev - er,

oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.  
ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.  
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

WORDS: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.

MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th century; *The European Magazine and Review*, 1792

SICILIAN MARINERS

87.87.87

Moved to commitment by a sermon of English evangelist George Whitefield, John Fawcett became a Baptist minister. He wrote over 160 hymns, including 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds.'

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **TODAY – Guest Minister Rev. Wendell Taylor**

We will be blessed this day with Worship leadership from guest minister Rev. Wendell Taylor. In addition, we will also be led by our Associate Moderator, Kathy Carter and Liturgist Frank Palaia.

Rev. Taylor was ordained in the Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ after receiving his Master of Divinity from Boston University's School of Theology. He served as the pastor of churches in Rhode Island, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Connecticut before retiring in 2019. He currently lives in Wellen Park/Venice, FL.

### **No Fellowship Time Today, September 1**

Please note that in order to give our faithful regular Fellowship Time leaders an end of summer break, there will be no Fellowship Time this Sunday or next. Fellowship Time will return next Sunday, September 8.

### **Mark On Break From 8/19-9/4**

Please note that Mark is on his annual end of summer break through Wednesday, September 4. He will return to the Office on Thursday, September 5.





## **Church Office Hours**

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

**Please keep in mind that the office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for Labor Day.**

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.

## **Spiritual Exploration**

**Our Spiritual Exploration program is now on break until early/mid-October.**

Enormous thanks to the many who participated in our six units since last fall. Stay tuned toward the end of September for the schedule and topic of our next unit.

## **Bible Study**

**Bible Study is now on break until early/mid-October.**

Enormous gratitude to all who participated since last fall. Stay tuned toward the end of September for an announcement of the fall start date.

## **Volunteer Liturgists for Sunday Worship Celebrations**

As we approach the beautiful season of autumn, we invite you to consider serving our congregation as a liturgist during our Sunday Worship celebrations. We are seeking volunteers to read Scripture and lead other parts.

This is a wonderful opportunity to share your voice and deepen your involvement in our worship life. Whether you are a seasoned reader or new to this role, your participation will enrich our Worship time and help foster a more meaningful experience for everyone.

If you feel called to serve in this way, please sign up as soon as possible. Starting October 6 through November 24<sup>th</sup>, you may send your availability to Sharon Hannon at [skbhannon@aol.com](mailto:skbhannon@aol.com).

## **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 canned foods which don't require cooking. This is in addition to the usual canned foods, children's cereal, pasta and pasta sauce.



## **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. If you would like to honor a loved one by dedicating flowers to a Worship Celebration, please visit or contact the office.

Floral dedications will be featured in the weekly bulletin.



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

Please consider “Adopting a Sunday.” 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 September 2024: 9/8, 9/15, 9/22, 9/29

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.



## **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 Men’s September Luncheon**

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Men’s Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting on **Tuesday, September 10<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.

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

The Sanibel Congregational UCC Shell Point Women’s Group will have its next monthly luncheon meeting on **Friday, September 13<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).

## **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 Thursday.**



# Apple Classes

Interested?

Please reply to Bruce Findley, registered  
Apple Developer at: [Bruce.findley@gmail.com](mailto:Bruce.findley@gmail.com)

Cost: \$25 for two sessions and two handouts

## Coming Soon!!!

Upcoming Apple Products Instruction on:



The changes that are coming in the  
Fall and how to utilize the new  
updates.

Classes will be on **Thursday evenings (5 pm)** on  
September 19 & 26, October 17 & 24

**September classes will cover:** iPhone, iPad, Apple  
Watch X (10). This is “The Beginning of a new Era  
of Apple Intelligence” and this is what we will be  
learning.

**October Classes will cover:** iPad, AirPods. The Apple  
infrastructure has changed. What can it do for you?  
SIMPLER, EASIER, MORE POWERFUL!! A change  
that will be FUN!!!





# 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: Frank Palaia

Ushers: Cheryl & Barry Tice

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, Andrew Riggs

Missionaries: Alex Maldonado-Lizardi & Xiomara Cintron-Garcia  
in Colombia

Senior Minister: Rev. Dr. Mark Boyea

Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Dr. Ran Niehoff

2050 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel, Florida 33957

Telephone: (239) 472-0497

Website: [sanibelucc.org](http://sanibelucc.org)

