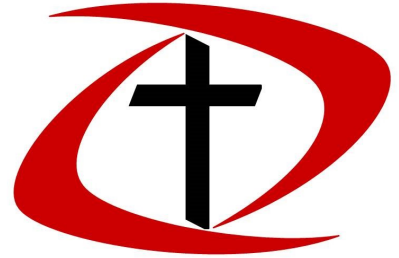


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April 11, 2021
Scripture and Announcements

Jesus said to them again,
'Peace be with you. As
the Father has sent me,
so I send you.'

John 20:21

Second Sunday of Easter



Welcome to Windermere Union Church.

We're Glad You're Here!

Please fill out a visitor's card and let us help you get connected.
If you have a question about a ministry or event, we are here to help!
Contact the church office at 407-876-2112.

John 20:19-31 NIV

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

19 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

21 Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." 22 And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Jesus Appears to Thomas

24 Now Thomas (also known as Didymus[a]), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

28 Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

29 Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

The Purpose of John's Gospel

30 Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. 31 But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.



CONCERNS

Pat M. - Is recovering from surgery.

Jerry H. - His friends Maria and Rick are grieving

Dawn E. - A person they serve is in need of some medical supplies - Todd L. will be helping with this.

Todd L. - Prayers for healing after the loss of Glenn.

Continued prayers of healing for Ed C.

CELEBRATIONS

Katie K. - Nice to see so many people at the Easter Service.

Jane C. - Jean C. is home from the hospital and is recovering.

Heather J. - Thanks everyone the put together the Easter egg hunt.

Chet E.- Thanks you to Sarah and Barton for the video about the church directory

Announcements

Church Announcements - If your ministry has an announcement to share with the congregation, please send your announcements to our office manager by 5 pm on Wednesday.

WUC Golfing - The next Windermere Union Church Golf Outing is Saturday, April 17th at Forest Lake Golf Club. Tee time is 8:45. The Green Fees are \$42 for Forest Lake Members, \$51 for non-members. Please let Gerry P. know if you're playing by Wednesday, April 14th so he can give an accurate count to Forest Lake. Friends are welcome too!

Inspirational Wednesdays - Wednesday at Noon with LaTrell. This is a weekly online class via Zoom. It is a combination of conversation and a brief overview and context sharing about the subject from the facilitator. It is Bible-study-ish.

"Native American Spirituality" Invitation - This past Palm Sunday morning, Pastor Barton suggested that we "have to sit down and decide who we are gonna be". Hopefully you will follow his leading in this, especially as we consider coming together as a congregation. One area to which you are invited is the focus group on "Native American Spirituality". On Saturday, April 17th at 10:00 a.m. we will gather in front of the church entrance (masks, social distancing, etc.) for conversations on who and what we want to be as a group. If you are interested, please join us.

Small Group - Will gather via Zoom on Friday, April 23rd at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Martha H. at harrimanfamily2@gmail.com.

Windermere University Welcomes New Facilitators - If you are interested in facilitating a course this year, there are available spots for the Spring, Summer and Fall. Contact LaTrell at RevLaTrell@gmail.com for more details.

Windermere University Presents - What Is Your Why? This series will be on Wednesdays, April 14-May 19 @ 7pm The "Why" is that source that keeps us moving forward despite challenges. In this series parishioners from our congregation will share their stories of inspiration and motivation on their journey to thriving after experiencing the unexpected. We are more than what we do. Our why fuels our passion no matter the circumstances. Our first presenter on April 14th is Troy Dolendo, Director of Music at WUC, Karen Carlson on April 21st and Dennis Snow on April 28th.

Women's Wellness Saturday - The power of community is a healing agent. Women of all ages are invited on April 24th at 9am to meet on the West Orange Trail at the Oakland Nature Preserve for conversation, reconnecting with friends and meeting new friends. This is an informal gathering. The intention is through movement and conversation, we will find balance and healing as we are creating a new normal. Masks are encouraged. Questions about the event? Contact LaTrell Harrison at RevLaTrell@gmail.com.

The Rev. Barton R. Buchanan

(Please stand at points if you are able)*

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PRELUDE

Come and See

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

HYMN

My Hope is Built On Nothing Less

*CALL TO CELEBRATION

Breath of Creation, fill our sacred space with zest.

We are an expression of your essence.

Your presence transforms souls and zones.

We are living in the ebb and flow of Spirit.

Knowing is not static.

***We are living in the vibration of unlearning,
relearning and discerning. May it be so.***

Amen

SONG OF PRAISE

***WOULD YOU
BELIEVE IN ME***

OFFERTORY

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(Please stand at points if you are able)*

OFFERTORY INVITATION

God, we often hear it is more blessed to give than to receive. As we pause to give thanks for the gifts we bring to share, we also give thanks for the gifts we have received in this space and all areas of our lives. Amen

SCRIPTURE

John 20:19-31 NIV

GOOD NEWS

BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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When Christ shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh may I then, in love be found
Dressed in God's righteousness alone
fault less to stand before the throne

On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Would You Believe in Me

If I could work a miracle before your eyes
If I could change the rain to clear blue skies
If I could open up your blinded eyes to see
Would you believe in Me?

If I could part the sea or roll back the tide
If I could let you touch the hollow of my side
If I could hang for you upon a rugged tree
Would you believe in Me?

Child, you've been a-runnin' away too long
(Don't you know)
(Don't you know you've been runnin')
It's about time you come back home
(Why don't you come on home)
And if you're lookin' for a sign
There ain't no sign to see

