

The Rev. Barton R. Buchanan

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Native American Sunday

September 26, 2021

PRELUDE

Windsong

By John Denver

REFLECTIONS

Kathy Coleman

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATIONS &
CONCERNS

Nancy Cordes

CHILDREN'S
MOMENT

HYMN

Great Spirit, God

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* CALLING OF THE SPIRIT

Angela Bednarek

(Based on an Aztec prayer)

We are created by the Spirit drawing us. We become alive as the Spirit lives through us

Only for so short a while have You loaned us to each other.

The Spirit paints us into a glorious sunset, sings through us as we breathe.

Only for so short a while have You loaned us to each other.

Yet the sunset fades, the vibrant colors disappear, the song comes to an end.

Only for so short a while have You loaned us to each other.

The roar of the waterfall is nearly gone, the snow is melting, the rivers are drying up.

Only for so short a while have You loaned us to each other. So, we stand now with each other as gifts of the Spirit.

Amen

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SONG OF PRAISE

Who You Say I Am

OFFERTORY

INVITATION

Great Spirit, you have given us, Mother Earth, as a treasure. She nourishes us from the depth of her womb. You have called us to steward her with care and accountability. Remind us that we have a part to play in the circle of life so that those who come after us have something to pay-it-forward for generations to come. Amen

OFFERTORY

***Amazing Grace My
Chains are Gone***

SCRIPTURE

Esther 7:1-10 NIV
Katie Kieper

SPIRIT MOMENT

MEDITATION

A Vision Journey

PATH OF
DIRECTIONS

***Sacred Praises
by Brule***

Melinda Joy Miller
Rev. David Houseal

BENEDICTION
RESPONSE

MUSICAL RESPONSE

Who You Say I Am

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Scripture and Announcements



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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.

Esther 7:1-10 NIV

7 So the king and Haman went to Queen Esther's banquet, **2** and as they were drinking wine on the second day, the king again asked, "Queen Esther, what is your petition? It will be given you. What is your request? Even up to half the kingdom, it will be granted."

3 Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have found favor with you, Your Majesty, and if it pleases you, grant me my life—this is my petition. And spare my people—this is my request. **4** For I and my people have been sold to be destroyed, killed and annihilated. If we had merely been sold as male and female slaves, I would have kept quiet, because no such distress would justify disturbing the king."

5 King Xerxes asked Queen Esther, "Who is he? Where is he—the man who has dared to do such a thing?"

6 Esther said, "An adversary and enemy! This vile Haman!"

Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. **7** The king got up in a rage, left his wine and went out into the palace garden. But Haman, realizing that the king had already decided his fate, stayed behind to beg Queen Esther for his life.

8 Just as the king returned from the palace garden to the banquet hall, Haman was falling on the couch where Esther was reclining. The king exclaimed, "Will he even molest the queen while she is with me in the house?"

As soon as the word left the king's mouth, they covered Haman's face. **9** Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, "A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits[b] stands by Haman's house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king."

The king said, "Impale him on it!" **10** So they impaled Haman on the pole he had set up for Mordecai. Then the king's fury subsided.

Announcements

Bible Study - We are going to embark on a new study on the Gospels. We will meet on Tuesday, September 28th at 7:00 PM at church and for those who cannot physically attend via Zoom. This will not be a course in memorizing scripture. It will be an experience of seeing, hearing and knowing the life and teachings in one beautiful and powerful story.

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

Intimacy with God Practicing the Presence of Christ - A weekend contemplative retreat October 8 and 9, 2021 at Pilgrim UCC in Saint Petersburg, Florida. This weekend retreat is intended to be a thoughtful and rigorous faith stretching exercise with a contemplative focus on the finished work of the cross. is our strength. For more information on the retreat call 727-347-1226. All reregistration must be submitted by October 1st.

Inspirational Wednesdays - Wednesday's 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.

Orlando Pride Parade - First Congregational Church UCC of Winter Park has invited interested members of WUC to march with them in the Orlando Pride Parade on October 9th. If you are interested email office@windermereunion.org for RSVP information and your ticket to be admitted to the Pride festival.

Storytime with Ms. Chris - Each Wednesday, Ms. Chris shares a fascinating story with our younger congregation. Check your email on Wednesdays for the video.

Young Adult/Young Families Gathering - Our next gathering will be at the home of Karen Carlson on October 2nd, 5:30 –8:30 PM. Childcare is provided at the church. Please RSVP to LaTrell Harrison at latrell@windermereunion.org by Thursday, September 30th. Don't forget to bring your favorite drink or snack.

Ushers Needed - We would love you to be part of the team. No resume or previous experience required. Just a smile and a welcoming hand to "usher" people into W.U.C. Please contact Becky Neaman at bneaman@gmail.com if you would like to help as an usher.



CONCERNS expressed by members and friends. Please pray for:

><> Nancy Poston - Harry begins Monday 9/27 daily radiation for six weeks to combat the carcinoma in the neck area. Prayers for him to handle the high dosages.

~God we know You hear our prayers~

CELEBRATIONS from church members and friends

~Thank You God for blessing us~

PLEASE REMEMBER TO COMPLETE the C and C SLIPS, TO HELP ENSURE ACCURACY. The Cs and Cs listed above are from completed slips and internet messages sent to the church office at office@windermereunion.org. Please submit your Cs and Cs no later than Monday morning in order to be included in the next bulletin

Usher's

- September 26th Kathy Coleman and Mary Ellen Nattans
- October 3rd Becky Neaman and Peggy Goehring
- October 10th Connie Lawton and Mary Ellen Nattans
- October 17th Nancy Wheeler
- October 24th Kathy Coleman & Nancy Wheeler



Birthdays Are Great and We Want to Celebrate With You!

Please contact Ann Green, ggreen7@cfl.rr.com or 407-293-8892 with those special dates for all your family members so we can recognize and wish one and all a Happy Birthday!

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| September 4 | Peggy Goehring | September 17 | Jay Lawrence |
| September 5 | Marie Snow | September 18 | Wade Gillard |
| September 5 | Heather Jones | September 23 | Kristin Minnick |
| September 9 | Eric Case | September 24 | Parker Davis |
| September 12 | Sue Schulz | September 24 | Brooke Chase |
| September 15 | Candie Mouchet | September 26 | Cameron Speirs |
| September 16 | George Whiteside | September 29 | Jerry Hedgepath |

