

The Rev. Luis A. Perez  
(Please stand at points\* if you are able)

Third Sunday in Lent

March 12, 2023

PRELUDE

You are Good

WELCOME

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Pastor Luis

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Please stand at points\* if you are able)

Stephens Minister

One: In Christ, God bids us welcome and brings peace and forgiveness.

**All: Even when we dwell in the midst of doubt and fear.**

One: In Christ, God bids us welcome and brings hope and healing.

**All: Even when we persist in our ways of doubt and fear.**

One: Come, O God in Christ, among us once more and bring us your wonder to believe we are loved no matter what.

**All: To you, Holy One, today we open our hearts, our spirits, and our souls to receive your healing Word. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Chris Stumpf

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

**Arise, Your Light Is Come (#164)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stephens Minister

One: Please join me in unison in our Offertory Prayer...Friends, the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

One: Let us pray...

**Creator and Sustainer of divine living waters, pour your mercy on us. In this Third Lenten Sunday, wash us clean and make us whole. As we share today from your bounty, allow us to believe that our giving is a channel of hope and grace. May these gifts call us to follow a faith journey that embraces your unconditional love, justice, and compassion for a world in need. This we pray in the name of the One whom in faith we confess as the Son of God and Messiah. Amen.**

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PRAISE

**Good Good Father**

\*DOXOLOGY (Please stand at points\* if you are able)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON & GOOD NEWS

John 13:31-35  
(English Standard Version)

Pastor Luis

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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Birthdays Are Great and We Want to Celebrate with You!  
Please contact **Ann Green**, [ggreen7@cfl.rr.com](mailto: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.

- March 1 Kevin Cochrane
- March 5 Connie Whiteside
- March 5 Martha Kilmer
- March 6 David Houseal
- March 8 Danny Snow
- March 10 Bob Minnick
- March 13 Nancy Wheeler



- March 16 Susan Savard
- March 19 Marie Rizzo
- March 24 Linda Houseal
- March 24 Alden Harak
- March 26 John Kummery
- March 31 Gerry Picard

**Upcoming Ushers**  
**March 19** - Becky Neaman and Nancy Wheeler  
**March 26** - Peggy Goehring and Connie Lawton  
**April 2** - Becky Neaman and Nancy Wheeler  
**April 9** - Kathy Coleman and Provi Estrada  
**April 16** - Mary Ellen Nattans and Sharon Kieper

## Announcements

**Acolyte Training** – A new training class for acolytes will be held on Sunday, March 19th from 10:00 to 11:30. The only requirement is that the child must be in 3rd grade or above. The class will be held in the youth office. If your child has an interest in becoming an acolyte or if you have any questions, please contact Chris at [Happyheart.chris@gmail.com](mailto:Happyheart.chris@gmail.com)

**Adult Sunday School** - Adult Sunday School welcomes you! The series -- "Living the Questions" -- resumes after the present 4-week Adult Sunday School series ends. The "Living the Questions" series are very thought-provoking and a great way to get introduced to the backgrounds/journeys of other members. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Allan Nagle at [anagle4647@aol.com](mailto:anagle4647@aol.com).

**Annual Easter Egg Hunt** - We need your help. We need help with eggs and candy. If you can donate plastic eggs (the ones that have the front attached to the back ones we need). Items to fill the eggs are also needed. Please, only individually wrapped candy BUT no hard candy and no candy with nuts. Eggs and candy are needed in church by April 2nd. If you have any questions, contact Chris.

**WUC Golf Outing** - Is scheduled for Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Forest Lake Golf Club. First Tee time is 9:15 am. The Green Fees are \$55 for Forest Lake Members and \$66 for non-members. Please let Gerry Picard (email: [gpicard4@outlook.com](mailto:gpicard4@outlook.com) or call or text: 407-484-7633) know by Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> so he can give an accurate count to Forest Lake. Friends are always welcome too!

**Lunch Bunch** – If you haven't come to a "potluckish" Lunch Bunch you don't know what you're missing!!! The next fun and fellowship is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15th at noon. For further information, please contact Chris Stumpf at [happyheart.chris@gmail.com](mailto:happyheart.chris@gmail.com). All are welcome!

**Local Homeless Persons in Need of Toiletries** - Our ministry to local homeless persons continues. We are currently collecting personal toiletries. Some of the items needed include toothbrushes, toothpaste, bars of soap, Q-Tips, washcloths, 1-gallon zip lock bags (to keep things dry), feminine products, and small rolls of toilet paper. For more information, please contact Ken Johns at [kenjohns32@gmail.com](mailto:kenjohns32@gmail.com).

**Matthew's Hope Meal Peace Meals** - will be served on Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>. Please bring the donation you will be providing for this meal to church by Sunday, March 19th. For more information contact Heather, Kathy, & Chris ([happyheart.chris@gmail.com](mailto:happyheart.chris@gmail.com)).

**Men's and Women's Breakfasts** - Will be on Saturday, March 18th at 9:30 am at TooJay's in Ocoee. If you plan to attend, please contact Patrick Heisinger at [pdh@heisinger.net](mailto:pdh@heisinger.net) or for the Men's Breakfast and Sharon Kieper at [skieper@yahoo.com](mailto:skieper@yahoo.com) for the Women's Breakfast. Please let us know by Thursday March 16th.

**Moving Helpers** - Pastor Brad and his wife Kirsten are scheduled to arrive at their new home in Windermere, furniture, and boxes in tow; on Monday March 20th around 4 to 5 pm. Pastor Brad has asked if some members of the congregation would be able to assist them unload boxes from the rental truck into their new home. They have hired movers to do all the "heavy lifting", so helper would only be involved in lifting lighter items and small boxes. If you are able to assist, please add you name to the sign-up sheet in the church narthex. For more information contact the church office.

**Palms Needed** - Palm Sunday is right around the corner and it's the tradition of Windermere Union Church to have palms on the altar that day. Does anyone have palms they are willing to share? Please contact Chris Stumpf [Happyheart.chris@gmail.com](mailto:Happyheart.chris@gmail.com).

**Post-Worship Refreshment Donations**- Would you'd like to support the effort of fellowship after service? Please feel free to add your name to the volunteer/donation sign-up sheet. You can check with Chris at [happyheart.chris@gmail.com](mailto:happyheart.chris@gmail.com) and she'll be thrilled to make the list available to you.

**The "Silly Sock Sunday" Campaign** - As has been a tradition for a few years in memory and honor of our precious Marge Nagle's birthday, we'll be celebrating "Silly Sock Sunday" on Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. Starting Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, we'll be challenging everyone to buy a pair of new socks (to raise awareness of the needs in our community. Bring them to church the next upcoming Sunday or on Marth 26<sup>th</sup>. Options we'll have available after Silly Sock Sunday may include sharing the socks with a local benevolent organization, supporting Ken John's ministry to the homeless, or sharing with a local children's hospital. The sky's the limit! So, let's get silly and share the love with others. Let's do it!

**Small Group** -Will gather at the home of Connie Lawton on Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Martha Harriman at [harrimanfamily2@gmail.com](mailto:harrimanfamily2@gmail.com).

**"State of the Church" session** - Please join Pastor Luis on Wednesday, March 15th (7:30 PM), for his "State of the Church" session. He will share the second component of the recent survey we completed focusing on what makes WUC a great congregation. He will also share his final observations as your interim pastor on the challenges and opportunities ahead of us.

**Tuesday Evening "Prayer Team"**-The Pastor and our Stephen Ministers (partners in congregational care) now meet by Zoom/Phone weekly to pray for those on our prayer list. If you know of someone who needs prayer, please reach out to Pastor Luis or any of our Stephen Ministers and we'll ensure the need is added to our prayer list (and, if welcomed, provide follow-up care).



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