

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 26, 2023

PRELUDE

Today is the Day

WELCOME

CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

Arya Streya Persaud

(Our Call to Worship is a variation from the worship resources for today from our very own United Church of Christ.)

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, if you are able, please stand for the Call to Worship...Giver of Life, come and revive us again.

All: Indwell us with your Spirit and let our souls awake to joy.

One: We come in the hope that you will breathe new life in us.

All: May what we experience with you today, and one another, change us forever.

One: We come in the hope that you might breathe in us new ways of serving.

All: Move us not to greatness but to faithful servanthood.

One: We come in the hope that you will move us to do justice.

All: So, people of God, give God the glory, and the honor, forever and ever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Chris Stumpf

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

Teach Me Thy Way

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Stephens Minister

(The offertory prayer is slightly modified from the worship resources of our friends in the United Methodist Church.)

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...

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God, our provider, in Christ you give us a spring of pure water that overflows to eternal life. Your love and hope fill our hearts, so we want to worship you in spirit and in truth. Open our eyes to see the places in our surrounding community where we can reach others with hope and new life. Direct our tithes, gifts and offerings for your purposes. We promise to ensure they are used wisely and thoughtfully, as we embrace your ways as servants. We ask this through Christ, our risen Savior. Amen.

OFFERTORY & SONG OF PRAISE

Old Church Choir

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

I Corinthian 3:1-9 (NRSV)

Pastor Luis

A CEREMONY OF FAREWELL TO OUR PAST & WELCOMING OF OUR FUTURE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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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.

March 1	Kevin Cochrane	March 16	Susan Savard
March 5	Connie Whiteside	March 19	Marie Rizzo
March 5	Martha Kilmer	March 24	Linda Houseal
March 6	David Houseal	March 24	Alden Harak
March 8	Danny Snow	March 26	John Kummery
March 10	Bob Minnick	March 31	Gerry Picard
March 13	Nancy Wheeler		



Upcoming Ushers and Acolyte

April 2 – Becky Neaman and Nancy Wheeler - Addison Rankin
April 9 – Kathy Coleman and Provi Estrada - Regan Johns
April 16 – Mary Ellen Nattans and Sharon Kieper - Trinity Snow
April 23 – Peggy Goehring and Connie Lawton - Katerina Carlson
April 30 - Phyllis Berry and Peggy Goehring - Shea Rankin

Announcements

Adult Sunday School - Adult Sunday School welcomes you! The series -- "Living The Questions" - series is a very thought-provoking and a great way to get introduced to the backgrounds/journeys of other members. All are welcomed! For more information, please contact Allan Nagle at anagle4647@aol.com.

Art Group: The Art Group meets on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM to Noon in the church narthex. Bring your current project, painting, crocheting, etc. and enjoy fellowship with one another as you create. For more information contact Doreen Tomasulo.

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.

CPR Course in April - Anyone interested in taking the CPR Certification test or being recertified? We've made arrangements with Mike at Public Safety to do training on Thursday, April 6th, from 5-7pm. The cost is \$35 per person. They do not accept credit cards. We need a minimum of 10 people, but not more than 20, to participate. Contact Mary Ellen Nattans at maryellennattans@yahoo.com or 267-337-3367 with any questions or to reserve your spot.

Easter Flowers - We will decorate the church with flowers for the Easter service. The cost of the flowers is \$12.00 each. If you are interested in flowers in memory or in honor of your loved one, please complete an order form and place in offertory plate with your check.

Game Night/Potluck Supper - April 15th 5-7:30PM. Come join us for food and fun! The supper will run from 5-6PM. Tableware and drinks will be provided. Games will follow the dinner and will be provided, or you can bring your favorite game. Please sign up on the sheet in the back of the sanctuary so we can provide enough age-appropriate games. If you are able to volunteer to help setup and/or cleanup, please see a member of the Social Outreach Committee. (Sharon Kieper, Kevin Jones, Martha Harriman, Kathy Coleman, Judith Blanchard, Marcelino Rivera, Mary Ellen Nattans)

Inspirational Wednesdays: Meets Wednesdays at 11:00 AM via Zoom. This is a small group exploring faith formation through in-depth study. It meets for approximately an hour and usually includes material to read, listen, or watch during the week in preparation for the following week. If you are interested in participating, please contact Sharon Kieper at skieper@yahoo.com.

Lunch Bunch - If you haven't come to a Lunch Bunch you don't know what you're missing!!! The next fun and fellowship is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19th at 12:30 pm. For further information, please contact Chris Stumpf.

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, feminine products, and small rolls of toilet paper. For more information, please contact Ken Johns.

Matthew's Hope Meal Peace Meals - will be served on Tuesday, April 18th. Please bring the donation you will be providing for this meal to church by Sunday, April 16th. For more information contact Heather, Kathy, & Chris (happyheart.chris@gmail.com).

Palms Needed - Palm Sunday is right around the corner (April 2) 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.

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 and she'll be thrilled to make the list available to you.

Small Group - Will gather at the home of Chet and Lynn Evans on Friday, March 31st at 7 pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please contact Martha Harriman at harrimanfamily2@gmail.com.

Tuesday Evening "Prayer Team" - The Pastor and our Stephen Ministers (partners in congregational care) 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 the Pastor or any of our Stephen Ministers and we'll ensure the need is added to our prayer list.

Women's and Men's - Breakfasts will be Saturday April 22nd at Toojays n Ocoee. If you are interested in attending, please notify Sharon Kieper at skieper@yahoo.com or 607-725-4822 for the women and Pat Heisinger at pdh@heisinger.net for the men. Please let us know by Thursday April 20th.

Windsong - Windsong has previously brought to our congregation and the Florida Conference the Blanket Ceremony. It is now about to bring another "vision" to the Windermere family. It is called the Timucuan Arbor. Watch for information in the upcoming weeks.



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