

# *Spring Hill United Church of Christ*



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*Building Abundant Lives  
by sharing the Love of Jesus.*

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *Transfiguration Sunday / Seminary Sunday*

### *Welcome and Announcements*

#### *Mission Moment*

Sue Mattson

#### *Centering Words for Meditation*

*“Transfigured by light, Jesus was changed. All those who witness God’s light will be changed. Climb to the mountaintop to see God and to see yourself bathed in God’s holy light. Climb to be changed”*

Acolyte—Riley Bradley

#### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

~ Jeannie Abbott

**One:** It is easy to stand here in the valley of our comfort.

**All:** **We know what to expect and what is expected of us.**

**One:** But Christ calls us to the mountain top to receive a new vision.

**All:** **We are not sure we are ready for that.**

**One:** We place our hope and trust in Christ, He is our guide.

**All:** **Let us open our hearts to Christ, ready for the vision He places before us. AMEN.**

#### **\*Gathering Hymn**

*“All Are Welcome”*

(see insert)

#### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION IN UNISON** *(please be seated)*

**Gracious God, we must confess that there are times when we want to stay on the mountaintop where things are comfortable. But this is not what You have asked us to do. You have asked us to be ready for the journey. We cannot stay where we are, comfortable and snuggled down in the familiar. There is much to be done. Forgive us, Lord, when we are stubborn and willful. Remind us that you are with us, wherever we are. You call us to go to the valley where there is struggle and strife; where healing is needed. Prepare us, Lord, for the journey. Help us to listen to You. Heal us, Lord. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.**

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE IN UNISON

**God is faithful and just and when we confess our sins, they are removed as far as the east is from the west. Hear and believe the Good News. In Christ, we are beloved. In Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God, Amen!**

*The First Gospel Lesson*      Mark 8: 27-38      (CEB)

*Special Music*      "High Upon a Mountain"      L. Larson

*Time with the Children and the Child Within*

*Chance Martinez, Member in Discernment*

*Prayers of the People*

*The Lord's Prayer*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, now and forever. Amen.**

*Choral Response*      "Cares Chorus"      Copyright #1394661

***I cast all my cares upon You, I lay all of my burdens down at Your feet.  
And anytime that I don't know what to do,  
I will cast all my cares upon You.***

*Morning Offering*

*Offertory*      "Offertoire"      T. Dubois

*\*Response*

*Doxology*

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below  
Praise God above, ye heaven'ly hosts  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**



Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Spring Hill United Church of Christ. We pray that you would experience God's presence in our midst as we worship together.

*Please sign the pad in the pew and pass it along.*

**SERVING THIS WEEK**

- Music:** Kurt Glacy  
**Greeters:** Matthew Hahn & Victor Quintero  
**Door Greeter & Offering:** David Heady & Doreen Robley  
**Ushers:** Elma Adams, Kathy Fate  
**Acolyte:** Riley Bradley  
**Liturgist:** Jeannie Abbott

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**Chancel Flowers are given to the Glory of God**  
*In Memory of Paul Heltunen by daughter, Vicki.*

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**PRAYER CHAIN:** If you have a request for our **Prayer Chain**, please call or text Jan Thayer at (608) 235-1612 or email her at [snybrdjt@gmail.com](mailto:snybrdjt@gmail.com) or call Gloria Bulau at (352) 686-3312. Requests will remain confidential.

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**UPCOMING HOLY LAND PRESENTATION**

Following worship on Sunday, March 8, at 12:00 PM, a special program will be offered at SHUCC. Join Harry Welton, of Journeys Unlimited, for an inspirational sight and sound presentation on the Holy Land. The one hour show is designed in part to fully showcase our planned journey to the Holy Lands. Mr. Welton is a veteran of 20 trips to Israel. He can answer any questions trip participants or anyone who is wishing to know more about this exciting opportunity might have. All are welcome who would like to learn about the land 'Where Jesus Walked.' Be sure to attend this informational meeting to learn all about the life-changing experience that awaits us in our visit to Israel.

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**THIS WEEK ACTIVITIES**

**TODAY:** Seminary Sunday-our Member in Discernment, Chance Martinez, will deliver the message.

**11:30 Inquirer’s Meeting (FH Lib)**

**11:30 a.m.—Council Meeting (DH)**

Tuesday 6:00 p.m.—Book Study “Breakfast with Buddha” by Roland Merullo (FH Lib)

Wednesday 1:00 p.m.— “God Talk” Study Group (FH)

5:30 p.m.—Choir Practice

7:00 p.m.—Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday 10:00 a.m.—Shawls of Love Group (FH Lib)

**UPCOMING SCHEDULE:**

Sun., 3/1 First Sunday in Lent

Mardi Gras Celebration during Fellowship Hr.

Tues., 3/3 9:00 am– Set up tables for Rummage Sale

Wed., 3/4 9 am-12 noon –Donation drop-off

6 pm -8 pm—Donation drop-off

7:00 pm-Lenten Prayer Service w/Todd Glacy in Davis Hall

Thurs., 3/5 9 am-12 noon –Donation drop-off

Fri., 3/6 9 am—12 noon—Price and Sort

Sat., 3/7 8 am-2 pm-Rummage Sale & Flea Market

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**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER:**

Sherrie Raymond, Scott Harris, David Pulliam, Hazel McElroy, Cindy McElroy, Gail & Tom Calabro, Grace Wieser, Becky Bock, Myrtle Helpers, Michael Quinn, Nancy McKenney, Ann Miller, Betsey Ketcham, Bettie Kluesner, Cliff Tooker, Judith & August Dascenzo, Connie LaMorte and Jereanne Willich.

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**Are you are interested in becoming a member of our church?** If so, join us today following the worship service in the Fellowship Hall library.

*Please consider signing up for:*

**Fellowship Hour Host/Hostess:** It is very simple, fill in your name on a Sunday that needs a host/hostess- keep it simple (i.e. cookies, muffins, sweet bread, or your specialty). We supply the drinks and help to clean up. **No one has signed up yet fter March 1st.-please consider—it's fun!**

**Chancel Flowers:** This is a good way to celebrate important events in our lives, honor loved ones and our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We request a donation of \$20.00 to help defray the cost. While in Fellowship Hall, we request only one sign-up per week. Please check if you'll take home or have them delivered to a shut-in.

**(Sign-up sheets are in the hallway, across from bathrooms.)**

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**Food Sunday and SCRIP Orders Next Sunday**

Next Sunday, Deb Whitman and Trish Phillips will be collecting SCRIP gift card orders. Order blanks are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

It will also be Food Sunday. Please be as generous as you can. **We cannot accept produce, baked goods, or items that have been previously opened.**

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**BRING to CHURCH for RE-CYCLING:**

**ALUMINUM CANS**—The Drop-off is the trash can in front of the shed by the dumpster.

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**USED INK CARTRIDGES & CELL PHONES**—There is a drop-off bin in Fellowship Hall in the narthex.

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**PLASTIC BAGS**—Including grocery bags, produce & bread bags, cereal box liners, ice bags, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap, etc. drop-off in the Fellowship Hall narthex.

*Lenten Prayer Services*  
*Wednesday's at 7:00 p.m. in Davis Hall*  
*(starting on March 4th)*

Join us for a time of conversation, meditation and prayer.

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*A Special Thank You to Chance Martinez*  
*for preaching today.*

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Attendance 2/16/20—144 Members & Friends  
(including 4 children)

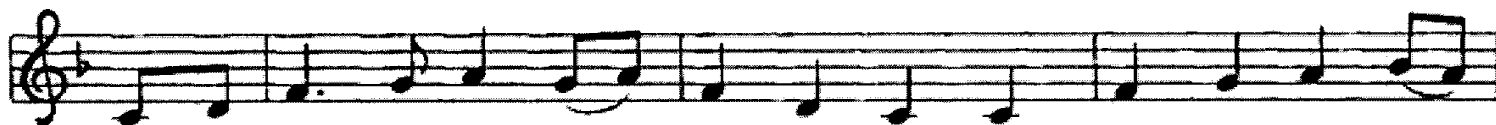
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**If you have a pastoral care need or are hospitalized and would like a visit, please call Pastor Robin at 813-570-9378 or email to [shuccpastor@gmail.com](mailto:shuccpastor@gmail.com).**



# All Are Welcome

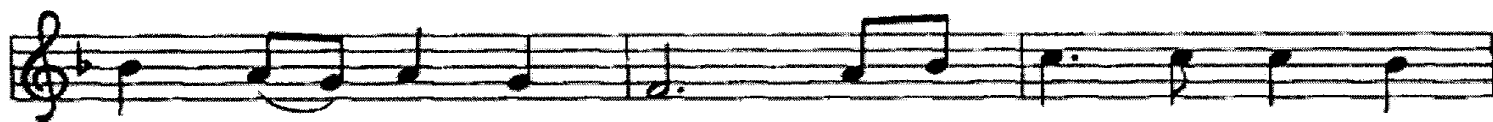
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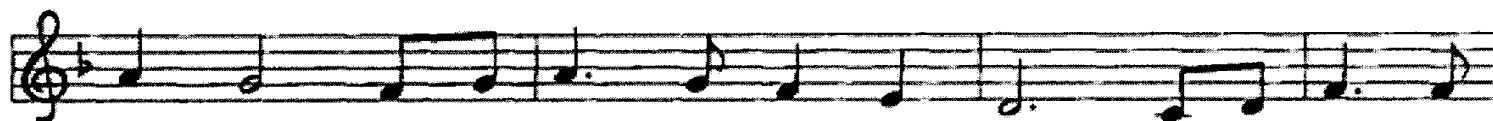
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 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



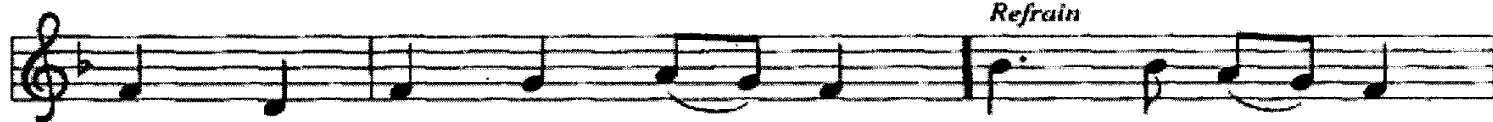
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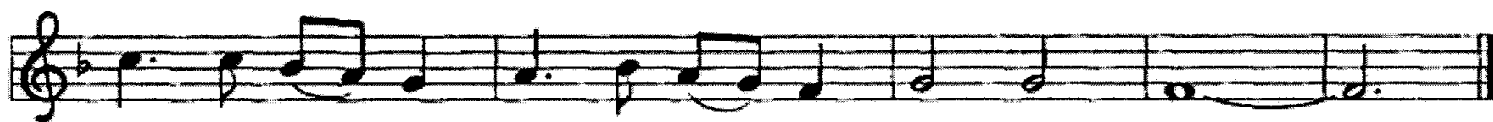
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 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as  
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through  
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the  
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of  
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we  
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in  
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an  
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



*Refrain*  
 Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,  
 end to fear and dan - ger:  
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.