



At the Portal

June 9, 2019 – 10:00 am

*On the dark road, only the weight of the rope.
Yet the horse is there.*

-Jane Hirshfield *Opening the Hands Between Here and Here*, 1953

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allison LeBaron

RINGING US INTO WORSHIP

Ella Bittikoffer

PRELUDE

Catherine Berg

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (by Rumi)

Renee Andrews

One: Keep walking, though there's no place to get to.

All: Don't try to see through the distances. That's not for human beings.

One: Move within, but don't move the way fear makes you move.

All: Today, like every other day, we wake up empty and frightened.

One: Don't open the door to the study and begin reading.

All: Take down a musical instrument.

One: Let the beauty we love be what we do.

All: There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground.

***OPENING SONG** "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" (vs. 1-4) **#25 (Black Hymnal)**

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Anne Casella

BIRTHDAYS

MUSICAL INTERLUDE - *(children, ages 3-grade 5, will be met by our childcare assistants just outside, and invited to go to Activity Time in the educational building and playground, just west of the courtyard. A nursery for children under 2 is also available there. All childcare is provided until 11:30 AM.)*

A POEM

"Move" by Linda Ostriker

Heather Dewar

Whether it's a turtle who drags herself Slowly to the sandlot, where she digs
The sandy nest she was born to dig
And lay leathery eggs in, or whether it's salmon
Rocketing upstream
Toward pools that call, *Bring your eggs here and nowhere else in the world*,
whether it is turtle-green
Ugliness and awkwardness, or the seething
Grace and gild of silky salmon, we

Are envious, our wishes speak out right here,
Thirsty for a destiny like theirs,
An absolute right choice

To end all choices. Is it memory,
We ask, is it a smell
They remember,

Or just what is it—some kind of blueprint
That makes them move, hot grain by grain,
Cold cascade above icy cascade,
Slipping through
Water's fingers
A hundred miles

Inland from the easy, shiny sea?
And we also—in the company
Of our tribe

Or perhaps alone, like the turtle
On her wrinkled feet with the tapping nails—
We also are going to travel, we say let's be

Oblivious to all, save
That we travel, and we say
When we reach the place we'll know

We are in the right spot, somehow, like a breath
Entering a singer's chest, that shapes itself
For the song that is to follow.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Allison LeBaron

OFFERING/SPECIAL MUSIC "Turn, Turn, Turn"

Art Crummer, Catherine Cake

Refrain:

To everything (Turn, Turn, Turn)

There is a season (Turn, Turn, Turn)

And a time for every purpose under heaven.

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:15

Daniel Webster

SPECIAL MUSIC

"The Cape" by Guy Clark

Ned Stewart

SERMON

"Turning the Page"

Daniel Webster

***CLOSING SONG**

"Simple Gifts"

#63 UCG songbook

***BENEDICTION**

Daniel Webster

***ALLELUIA**

***POSTLUDE**

Catherine Berg

**please stand if you are able*

*******ANNOUNCEMENTS*******

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a visitor card and leave your email if you would like to be included on our weekly email update.

~Today at UCG~

- 9:15am **Chapel open for silent meditation**
- 9:45am – 12:15pm **Nursery & Toddler Care**
LifeSouth Blood Drive
- 10:00am **Worship "Turning the Page" - Daniel Webster**
- 10:15am **Extended Activity Time for Children**
- 11:00am **Fellowship & Beverages - Courtyard**
Art in the Library Reception - Library
Adult Seminars – see below
- 11:30am **Open & Affirming Committee – Seminar B**
- 3:30pm **Financial Peace University* - Seminar B**
- 7:00pm **Sacred Sound Symphony - Sanctuary**

**Pre-Registered Small Group*

Adult Seminars

- **Humility as a Spiritual Practice, with Mark Burlingame** -in West Wing. We will have an opportunity to share personal stories and experiences in order to help cultivate our awareness of the practice of humility in daily life.
- **Discernment Discussion**, in Reimer Hall - The Discernment Team offers a briefing on its work to date related to UCG's upcoming leadership transition.

Art in the Library - The UCG Lively Arts Committee is pleased to announce a show of photography and ceramics by Edo Carter. Keeping with the theme **At the Portal**, his nature photography features Windows into the World of the Small. The play of light in the images opens a new world full of strange creatures looking back at you. Take a safari into the world beneath your notice. **A reception will be held in the UCG Library following today's service.** Please come!

If you haven't taken the Discernment survey yet, you now have two options. You can fill out an online. The team has updated the survey to make it easier to offer input. **Or you can complete a *paper survey*** available today for those who haven't already filled out a survey online.

The last day to submit a survey is this Sunday, June 9.

Scan the QR code on your smart phone to get to the survey. Thanks!



UCG will provide and serve breakfast to 200 hungry individuals at Grace Marketplace on Saturday, June 15. Sign-up at the table in the courtyard today if you can provide a breakfast casserole, fresh fruit salad or muffins, or are able to help transport food. Questions? Contact Dawn Beachy at dgbeachy@ufl.edu or 352-226-5992. Thank you for supporting this UCG mission!

Associate Minister Andy Bachmann is in Wisconsin for the summer at Camp Highlands. He can be contacted through the church office if needed.

The LifeSouth Blood Mobile is here this morning. Donations are down for many reasons, and there is an **emergency need for Type O blood.** Please donate today and give the gift of life! Thank you!

Birthday Collection for Ray Meeks – This is Ray Meeks’ third birthday since being released from death row. Every year we receive contributions for Ray at Christmas and in June. There are envelopes in the foyer. Please include your name and address since Ray likes to write thank you notes. Thanks for your continued care and prayers for Ray over the years. You have blessed him beyond words.

THIS WEEK at UCG

The Church office is open Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00pm

6/11	Tue	12:00pm	Budget Summit – Library
6/12	Wed	12:00pm	CMRB- Library
		6:30pm	Social Justice Committee – Library
6/13	Thurs	6:00pm	Board of Business – Library
6/14	Fri	8:00am	Morning Prayer – Chapel
		11:00am	Discernment Team – Seminar B
		12:00pm	BYO Lunch Groups – Reimer Hall & Library
		5:30pm	Parents Night Out – Church School Wing

June Seminars! After our one service at 10:00 AM, join us for these exciting seminars, offered in the month of June:

- **June 23 - Our Whole Lives Curriculum**, with Talia Raymond
- **June 30 - Good to Go**, with Bill Zegel

Gathering Water – Wherever you are this summer- in your own yard, at the beach, in another state or country– remember to gather a small amount of water to **bring to our annual “Gathering of Waters” service on August 25.** This service is our ritual of re-gathering as a church community at the end of the summer.

Sanctuary allies are invited to sign-up to bring dinner and conversation to Sy as he continues in Sanctuary at Westminster Presbyterian. Scan the QR code to sign-up online. Saturday dinner hosts will also be asked to pick-up any grocery needs for the following week - just small items, like breakfast cereal and

snacks. If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Beachy at beachyg8tr@yahoo.com or via text at 352-214-3990. Thank you for your continued support of Sanctuary!



Humor Sunday is Back! - On August 4, as a celebration of summer's close out, we will have an **evening service at 7:00pm followed by an ice cream social**. Larry will have a sermon filled with jokes, and for that to work he needs your help. If you have any jokes, preferably new, that you think would work for Humor Sunday, please e-mail them to him, reimer.larry@gmail.com, or the church office. Thanks!

~Next Sunday, June 16~
New Member Sunday

9:15am	Chapel open for silent meditation
9:45am – 12:15pm	Nursery & Toddler Care
10:00am	Worship – Shelly Wilson
10:15am	Extended Activity Time for children
11:00am	Fellowship & Beverages
	New Member Reception
	Fair Trade coffee, chocolate & tea sales
11:15am	Lively Arts Committee
3:30pm	Financial Peace University*

**Pre-Registered Small Group*

The United Church of Gainesville was organized in 1965 and is freely affiliated with the United Church of Christ, a denomination born of the merger of the former Congregational-Christian and the Evangelical and Reformed Churches in 1957.

This church is independent in spirit and congregational in organization, welcoming into its fellowship persons embodying a wide range of religious convictions. The church values the human diversity each individual brings to the congregation, including racial identity, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, disability and religious background. Membership in the church is based solely upon a person's acceptance of the Compact of the United Church of Gainesville:

***"We join as a spiritual community in this compact:
To worship God, however known,
To welcome into our church those of differing
understanding and theological opinion,
To learn from our religious heritage, yet to
grow by seeking new dimensions of truth.
To follow, even imperfectly, the way of Jesus
in personal involvement with each other,
And, strengthened by this bond, to act in
Christian concern for the welfare of all people."***

The spirit of religious inquiry is strong in this church, and a program of education and discussion for both children and adults stands with the service of worship and our outreach to others as the basis of the entire church life.

Shelly Wilson	Senior Minister
Andy Bachmann	Associate Minister
Talia Raymond	Associate Minister
Larry Reimer	Minister Emeritus
Sandy Reimer	Minister Emerita
John Engels	Moderator
Lisa Goldstein	Church Administrator
Shanna Swiers	Executive Assistant
Keri Trosper	Children's Program Coordinator
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