



Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes, Interim Senior Pastor  
Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling, Pastor  
Signe and Todd Webb, Associates for Children and Youth Ministries Dale  
Williams, Choir Director and Organist/Pianist (10:00)  
Winston Culler, Music Leader for the 8:30 Service  
Anthony Wright, Worship Streaming Director  
Stacey Jackson, Church Administrator  
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PASS-A-GRILLE BEACH COMMUNITY CHURCH  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



Confirmation Sunday  
MAY 5, 2024 @ 10 AM

NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE  
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

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# Announcements

## Special Music Themes in May

Join us each Sunday in May, when at the 10 am service we'll feature a special music theme.

May 12 - Mother's Day and Classical Sunday

May 19 - Pentecost and Gospel Sunday

May 26 - Curtis Watson, Guest Soloist

## Women's Ministry Luncheon • Monday, May 6 at noon

Women's Ministry invites ladies of the church to lunch with us at Chill Restaurant on Monday, May 6 at noon.

Contact Debbie Mills at 860-716-7796 or [debmike57@sbcglobal.net](mailto:debmike57@sbcglobal.net)

## Book Club • Tuesday, May 7 at 12:30 pm

Join us in the church library as we discuss "The Maid" by Nita Prose. All welcome!

## Dale Williams Piano Duel • Sunday, May 12 at 6 pm, Palma Ceia Prebyterian Church

Dale Williams has been challenged to a duel...a dueling piano concert that is.

Give your mom, spouse, or yourself a treat on Mother's Day by enjoying our very own Dale Williams perform with the Tampa Oratorio Singers including the two-piano version of Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue." For more information or to buy tickets, visit [tostampa.org](http://tostampa.org).

## Recovery Epicenter Foundation Drive • Donate by Sunday, May 12

Needed for the local unsheltered community: baby wipes and insect repellent.

Collection bin in Fellowship Hall.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Patty Barber and Penny Lemon (sisters of Bob Barber), Susan Beaven, Nancy Biddle, Megan Cesaretti & Mike Lanske (and their newborn child Henry Michael), Wesley Clymer, Tom and Kathy Cunningham, Pat Dunn, Larry Farr, Deb Flack, Kay Frye, Jackie Hartter, Gerry Ingram, Ralph Johnson, Margie Milford, Gail Murphy, Judi Oliver, Harrison Purzycki, Gayle Schimpf, Sheila Wall, Susie Williams, Phyllis Winans, and our servicemen and women

**There will be a celebration of life service held in memory of Jo Rogers on Tuesday, July 16 at 11 am.**



**BEACH CLEANUP**

**SATURDAY, MAY 11 @ 8:45 AM**  
**MEET AT THE FLAGPOLE AT**  
**FORT DESOTO RANGER STATION**

**for more info or to sign up:**  
[admin@pagchurch.org](mailto:admin@pagchurch.org) or  
[danep3@verizon.net](mailto:danep3@verizon.net)

**bring a lunch**

gloves, bags and a parking pass provided for those who sign up in advance

SUPPORT MOTHER EARTH BY CLEANING UP TRASH MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND!

MAY 5, 2024 • 10:00 AM  
CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

CLOSING HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

Dan Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry,  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*(Refrain)*

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my live to them. Whom shall I send?

*(Repeat Refrain)*

BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Allegro Maestoso”

G. F. Handel

*Please remain seated during the Postlude, giving thanks for the blessings of God's Presence and contemplating how you will put your faith into practice to serve God's world this coming week.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Winston Culler, Steel Drums

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

“Calypso on ‘He Leadeth Me’”

arr. Tammy Waldrop

Chancel Ringers

CALL TO WORSHIP Zoe & Lily Le Blanc, Julia & Michael Farour, Isabella Rodriguez

One: Many voices speak to us: in the movies, on concert stages and television.

**All: Today, we choose to listen to God's voice, and to follow God's highest path.**

One: Many voices speak to us: in our homes, our friendships and community.

**All: Today, we choose to listen to God's voice, and to follow God's highest path.**

One: Many voices speak to us: through celebrities, commercials and media.

**All: Today, we choose to listen to God's voice, and to follow God's highest path.**

One: As many voices ring in our ears, we choose God, and we listen for God's guidance, praying for the strength to walk the path Jesus set for us.

**All: As members of the United Church of Christ, we choose to support each other as we follow God's highest path.**

One: Lead us. Guide us. Provide for us as we seek to live our Christian faith.

**All: Praise be to God! Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

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*All children wishing to attend Faith Formations are invited to exit at this time.*

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**

**CONTEMPORARY READING**

Vaughn Sigmund (Confirmation Mentor)

“Blessing The Way” by J. Richardson

With every step you take, a blessing rises up to meet you. It has been waiting long ages for you. Look close, and you can see the layers of it: how it has been fashioned by those who walked this road before you, how it has been created by their determination and their dreaming, how it has taken form from an ancient hope that drew them forward and made a way where none could be seen. Look closer and you will see this blessing is not finished, that you are part of the path it is preparing, that you are how this blessing means to be a voice in the wilderness and a welcome for the way.

**THE UCC STATEMENT OF FAITH** *(see insert)*

Finn Webb

**THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION**

Introduction

Ben Freeman

Confirmation Students and Mentors *(see insert)*

Questions to the Candidates

The Act of Confirmation and Laying On of Hands

*Parents and mentors are invited forward to lay hands on the confirmand.*

Prayers of the Congregation

**We welcome you with love, committing ourselves to Christ’s work. As a community of faith, we promise to provide opportunities for study, fellowship, celebration, and service. We promise support in your times of need, and to walk with you on life’s journey in a world that hungers for the love of God and peace of Christ.**

**ANTHEM**

“You Are Mine”

David Haas

**ADDRESS TO THE CONFIRMANDS**

“Don’t Be a Pigeon”

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 1:1-4, 14:6

Marco Torres

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.

Jesus said, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

**REFLECTION**

“Christ in All Things”

Rev. Dr. Eric Elnes

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Introduction

Words of Institution

Prayer of Blessing

Distribution of Elements

*The sacrament will be offered via intinction. Come forward, choose bread and dip it into the cup. Gluten-free, self-serve packets are available.*

**ANTHEM**

“In Remembrance”

Courtney/Red

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**(Read in unison)**

We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:

God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.

God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.

God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord, God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.

God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues, and races.

God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his passion and victory.

God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in that kingdom which has no end.

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