

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church United Church of Christ

# 8:30 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

### **GATHERING MUSIC**

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

#### **CENTERING MUSIC**

CALL TO WORSHIP Muriel Kehoe

Leader: When the world dazzles us with power, wealth, and grandeur—

People: We remember that God's realm is not built of stone and gold, but of justice

and compassion.

Leader: When fear whispers that following Christ is too risky—

People: We hold fast to the One who promises to be with us, even in trial and trouble.

Leader: When nations rise and empires fall, when the world feels uncertain—People: We stand firm in our faith, trusting that God's love endures forever.

Leader: Come, people of God—

People: Let us worship the One who gives us the courage, the strength, and the hope to

build God's realm on earth as it is in heaven.

### **OPENING SONG**

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

### **GIFT OF MUSIC**

SCRIPTURE Luke 21: 5-19, read by Muriel Kehoe

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down." They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them. When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven. But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

**SERMON** "Kingdom or Empire?" Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

**COMMUNION** The sacrament will be offered via gluten-free, self-serve packets.

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

Muriel Kehoe

You can donate via Venmo to (727) 200 – 2785 or by scanning the QR code below.



Offertory Prayer of Dedication

## **CLOSING SONG**

## **BLESSING**

\*Please stand in body or spirit.

#### **10 AM ORDER OF WORSHIP**

#### **GATHERING MUSIC**

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" Martin Luther/Hartsell

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\*OPENING HYMN "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" NCH #18

CHILDREN'S TIME Signe Webb

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GIFT OF MUSIC "Make Me a Channel of Your Peace" arr. Lloyd Larson

Erin Dickerson, Soloist

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 21: 5-19 Please see page to left.

**SERMON** "Kingdom or Empire?" Rev. Dr. Angela Wells-Bean

GIFT OF MUSIC "You Are Mine" arr. Mark Hayes

Erin Dickerson, Soloist

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Offertory "This Is My Father's World" Traditional/F. Sheppard

\*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below, Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*CLOSING HYMN "Be Now My Vision" NCH #451

**BLESSING** 

**POSTLUDE** "Great Is the Lord" Michael W. Smith

Many thanks to Jo Small and Erin Dickerson for sharing their musical gifts while Dale Williams and members of the PAG Chancel Choir are in Europe.

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand in body or spirit.

## **About Our Church**

Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church, United Church of Christ was founded in 1911. We are proud to be one of the 4,500 congregations in the United Church of Christ denomination.

We are an Open and Affirming Congregation which means that we welcome all persons into full membership and participation in the body of Christ, providing a safe welcome for a diverse people, including the full inclusion of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and non-binary persons (LBGTQ) in the church's life and ministry.

Our Mission Statement: As a diverse community of faith, we encourage people to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior; live with Christian values; and share God's love by showing compassion and generosity for all communities. No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

#### For Newcomers

We are so glad you are here, thank you for joining us! If you'd like to learn more about the church, you're welcome to get together with Pastor Angela by emailing her at seniorpastor@pagchurch.org. If you'd like to be added to our church mailing list, please contact our Church Administrator, Stacey Jackson at admin@pagchurch.org. We have opportunities to become a member of the church throughout the year. Please see our announcements or e-blast for more information.

#### **Children and Youth**

After the Children's Time, children ages three through fifth grade are invited to go to Faith Formation. We also have youth groups for middle and high schoolers. They meet on Sunday evenings at 6 PM from September through May (except for the first Sunday of the month, which meets at 11 AM). All children and youth are welcome to be part of our ministries here at PAGBCC!

Our Associates for Children and Youth are Signe and Todd Webb.

Please contact them with any questions at signewebb@yahoo.com.

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