BE

THE CHURCH
WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

- No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey, you are welcome in this **United Church of Christ** congregation.
- Large-print bulletins, hearing devices, and cough drops are available from the ushers.
- Nursery and pre-school care is available during worship if you wish.
- God is calling you today, but probably not on your cell phone! Please remember to put it on vibrate if you are expecting an emergency call.
- **ALL** are welcome to this time and place of worship.

Know that in this space you are welcome as you are, for who you are. Together we celebrate all of God’s children – young, old and in-between; male, female and in-between; gay, lesbian, straight and in-between; the assured, the doubting, and the in-between; the optimistic, the cynics, and the in-between; the foolish, the wise, and the in-between.

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Christians have to listen to the world as well as to the Word - to science, to history, to what reason and our own experience tell us. We do not honor the higher truth we find in Christ by ignoring truths found elsewhere.

~ William Sloane Coffin

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Gregory Taylor, piano

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for signing and passing the red hospitality pad found in the pews.

Please use your smart phone to check in on Facebook; let your family and friends know that you are at Coral Gables Congregational UCC.

 Invite your family and friends around the world to worship with us online each Sunday at www.Gablesucc.org/live.

Be sure to “like” us at www.facebook.com/mycgcc.

INTROIT

Gather Us In

Alex Woods, vocalist

Haugen

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For the beauty of the summer day,

People: And the comfort of friends nearby;

Leader: For the invitation to love and be loved,

People: For our God who extends that call;

Leader: For time set apart to nourish the soul,

People: For time to go out into the world armed with love:

Leader: For all these things we gather in worship as a community of faith.

Please remain standing for the opening hymn.
**OPENING HYMN**

*The Church's One Foundation*

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ our Lord;
2. Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
3. 'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of our war,
4. Yet we on earth have union with God, the Three-in-One,

we are Christ's new creation by water and the word;
one charter of salvation, one God, one faith, one birth,
we wait the consummation of peace for ever more;
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.

From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;
One name together blessing, one holy food we share,
Till with the vision glorious, our longing eyes are blessed,
O happy ones and holy! God, give us grace that we,

with precious blood Christ bought us for all eternity.
to one hope we are pressing, at one in work and prayer.
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.
like them, the meek and lowly, may live eternally.
*OPENING PRAYER*

All: God of every good gift:
    we come to worship today seeking many things.
Some of us are seeking peace,
    some are seeking healing,
    some are seeking answers,
    and others are looking for the right questions.
We trust you, that you will give us what we need;
    food for our deepest hunger.
We ask this in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray…

*THE LORD’S PRAYER (sung)*

    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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*THE PASSING OF THE PEACE*

Leader: Friends, regardless of who we are, what we believe or do not believe, or
       the names by which we identify ourselves, we are one in God. Let us
       express this unity by offering the peace of the living Christ as we say to
       one another, “The peace of Christ be with you.”

People: And also with you.

    You are invited to share words of peace with those around you.

    All children through Fifth Grade wishing to attend Sunday School are
    invited to leave during the Passing of the Peace and go to the Fellowship Hall.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

Dr. Greg Taylor, piano

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2: 41-47

So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand
persons were added. They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to
the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Continued...
Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Friends, Listen! God is still speaking!

Thanks be to God!

THE MORNING MESSAGE  Elephant in the Pew
Rev. Dr. Laurinda Hafner

THE GIFT OF MUSIC  Follow Jesus
Rice

The Summer Women’s Chorus

Hear the call of Jesus stirring in your heart
A voice of love that calls to you today
So follow Jesus, follow Jesus, follow Jesus with love

In a land of plenty children cry in need
Stir up your love to feed them every day
So feed the hungry, feed the hungry, feed the hungry with love

Living without shelter lost and all alone
Stir up your love to house the homeless ones
So house the homeless, house the homeless, house the homeless with love

Standing on your doorstep not a friend in sight
Stir up your love to welcome strangers in
So welcome strangers, welcome strangers, welcome strangers with love

Listen to their voices all around the world
Stir up your love to serve all those in need
Go serve the needy, serve the needy, serve the needy with love

Call upon the nations brothers, sisters all
Stir up your love for justice in our world
And work for justice, work for justice, work for justice with love

Go, follow Jesus, follow Jesus, follow Jesus with love
At this time, you are invited to text your prayer requests to Pastor Laurie at 305.968.6482.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

SUNG PRAYER RESPONSE  *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*

*Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes,
Our mutual burden bear,
and often for each other
flows the sympathizing tear.

THE RECEIVING OF OUR OFFERINGS, TITHES, AND PLEDGES

Invitation

*Offertory Music*

_They’ll Know We Are Christians By Our Love_安排：史密斯

Dr. Ron Morgan, organ

*PRESENTATION OF GIFTS AND THE SINGING OF THE 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._

*THE PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

_ALL:_ For the blessings of this and all our days, we thank you, gracious God. Accept, we pray, not just this money but also our lives freely offered in gratitude for all you have done for us. Use them both, in this place and wherever you might take us. Amen.

_Please remain standing for the closing hymn._
*CLOSING HYMN  They’ll Know We Are Christians

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we’ll guard each one’s dignity and save each one’s pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand  
And together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to Creator from whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God’s only son  
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
They will know we are Christians by our love.

*BENEDICTION

Leader:  By God’s amazing grace, we are the body of Christ. And because of that, let us go into the world in peace and courage, holding to the good, honoring all of God’s children, loving and serving God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. And the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People:  We go in peace to love and serve God. Amen.

*POSTLUDE

Dr. Greg Taylor, piano

Following the service, please join us in the Fellowship Hall for some refreshments and conversation with others. Visitors, we would LOVE to have you join us!
A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS
If you are visiting with us for the first time this morning, we welcome you. We are grateful we have found each other. And, if somehow, there is something in you, some still small voice seeking a place to live out your faith, to ask important questions, and to serve beyond yourself, we invite you into our community. For more information about the church or membership, please contact Pastor Laurie at 305.448.7421, ext. 116 or at LaurieH@gablesucc.org.

EACH SUNDAY: WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE
Invite your family and friends around the world to worship with us online today and each Sunday at gablesucc.org/live.

THANK YOU TO OUR USHERS:
John Graham, head usher; Ann and Felipe de las Pozas, and Debbie Albion

TODAY: SERMON FEEDBACK CAFÉ
Join us after worship for the Sermon Feedback Café. Have a little lunch and a conversation with Pastor Laurie about her sermon for the day. We will meet in Havighorst Lounge at 12:15 p.m.

SPANISH LANGUAGE SERVICES
Each Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Chapel

STAY IN TOUCH
Once a week or so, Pastor Laurie e-mails a pastoral letter, Laurie’s Lines, to all members and friends, filling them in on the week’s events, any special concerns that have arisen, and general church business. If you would like to be included, contact Ron Morgan at RonM@gablesucc.org.

FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE
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Marketplace Hours:
Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday-Saturday: Closed
Friday: 11:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.
Open for Thursday evening concerts: 12:00 p.m. - 9:30 pm
PRAYER SHawl MINISTRY  
Monday, July 17 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.  
Church Library

We gather to create beautiful prayer shawls to share with members of our church family who are ill, grieving, or moving away. You do not have to know how to knit or crochet – someone will teach you. If you are looking for a ministry of prayer and care for others, this may be it. Come and help wrap someone in God’s love by creating a beautiful prayer shawl. The teapot will be on.

BACK ON Track  
AARP’s Seven Smart Strategies  
Tuesday, July 18 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Havighorst Lounge

Back on Track Network is a faith-based, career support organization offering spiritual, motivational and practical techniques and best practices to individuals in various stages of career transition. This week, Marianne Lobo, AARP’s Back to Work 50+ Program Manager will share seven strategies successful jobseekers use to compete for full-time in-demand jobs. Participants will also be able to apply for AARP’s free coaching program that offers skill assessment, training, job search guidance and more. All are welcome.

GARDEN WARRiORS  
Saturday, July 22 (Please note the change of date) from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon

If you like to garden, pull weeds, plant flowers or just help make the exterior landscape of our historic church beautiful, then join us for a Garden Warriors’ workday. All volunteers will be welcomed and appreciated.

SABEEl SUMMER MOVIE WITH Q&A  
Occupation of the American Mind:  
Israel’s Public Relations War in the United States  
Friday, July 21, from 6:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in Havighorst Lounge

Join us for a documentary and a Skype discussion with Jewish peace activist and writer Russ Greenleaf. According to CUNY professor Douglas Rushkoff, the film is "a stunning exposé on how propaganda drives public opinion and, in turn, our understanding of reality. Here's the story of how American perceptions of the Middle East — as well as resulting legislation and military strategy — are engineered." The Sabeel organization, based in Jerusalem, acts as a Palestinian Christian voice of conscience for Palestinian self-determination and human rights. Dinner and drinks provided for this event.
HAS there ever been something you wanted to know about your faith, but were afraid to ask? You know, the kind of question that puzzles, annoys, or keeps you awake at night? Well, several folks have given their questions to Pastor Laurie. In turn, she promises an honest and personal answer describing where she sits on the question, and how she connects the question to her own personal faith. Come join us for thoughtful worship. Maybe it will scratch where you itch and answer one of your questions.

SERMON FEEDBACK CAFÉ
Sundays, July 23, and 30 at 12:30 p.m. in Havighorst Lounge
On these Sundays, Pastor Laurie will offer her Elephant in the Pew sermon series. Join us after worship for a light lunch and conversation with Pastor Laurie about her sermon for the day. Dissenting views are encouraged!

BUDGET HEARING
Sunday, July 23, at 12:15 p.m. in the Church Library
Church treasurer Andrew Hutchinson will be available to talk about the second quarter of our church budget. All church members are invited.

CANDLELIGHT CONCERT
A Summertime Offering of Romantic Music
Dr. Greg Taylor, pianist
Friday, July 28 from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Come enjoy a lovely evening of Romantic Music, including pieces by Chopin, Debussy, Rachmaninov, Liszt, and many more. Free will offering gratefully accepted.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT EDUCATION
Black Liberation Theology
Sunday, July 30 from 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. in Havighorst Lounge
Led by the Rev. Ben Sanders III
Black Liberation Theology emerged in the late 1960s in the context of the Black Power Movement. Many critics have labeled black theology as either anti-Christian or an example of reverse racism; however, these criticisms often emerge from poor understandings of black theology's central tenets. Join us as Ben Sanders, III, Assistant Professor of Theology and Ethics at Eden Theological Seminary, leads us in a discussion intended to (1) clarify the theological arguments of black theology and (2) identify challenges that black theology poses to the white American Church.
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SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Starry, Starry Nights!

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Thursday, June 8
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Thursday, June 22
Amit Peled

Thursday, July 6
Tony DeSare

Thursday, July 20
Chris Thomas King

Thursday, August 3
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