SO POWERFUL IS THE LIGHT OF UNITY THAT IT CAN ILLUMINATE THE WHOLE EARTH.

— Baha'U'Lah

CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING, JUST PEACE, W.I.S.E. & SANCTUARY CHURCH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Our Faith is over 2000 years old. Our thinking is not.

We invite you to be a part of our community of faith,
to be blessed by God's grace in our midst.
We invite you to grow spiritually, and to find welcome at God's table.
Our vision is to be an inclusive, vibrant, alive, witnessing community of faith.
We are the people of South Florida, a diverse, culturally rich, and intriguing community.
We are young and old, economically fortunate and economically struggling,
with and without disabilities, people of all races, gay and straight;
trans- and cis-gender, native Miamians, and transplants from around the globe.

REMEMBER:

As a church committed to good science and medical recommendations, we continue to keep our building closed for public worship for the safety and health of the congregation. While the building may be closed, the church is wide open and doing the work of the church by doing justice, loving kindness, and walking humbly with God. Please check out the many ways to be involved and engaged in ministry.

These are indeed times that call upon our faith—times like this, when we and those around us need assurance that we're not alone, and that together we will get through whatever lies ahead. Now is the time to draw close to God in prayer, and to one another in acts of compassion and care. If you are in need of groceries, a meal, conversation, a pharmacy run, or anything else, let us know.

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WE BELIEVE GOD CAN BLOW THE LID OFF ANY BOX AND TURN IT INTO A DANCE FLOOR. WE ARE OUT OF THE BOX PEOPLE.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

November 8, 2020 *Our faith is over 2000 years old* **11:00 a.m.**
Our thinking is not.

SERVICE OF HOPE AND UNITY

The way a team plays as a whole determines its success.
You may have the greatest bunch of individual starts in the world,
but if they don't play together, the club won't be worth a dime.

~ Babe Ruth

GATHERING MUSIC Dr. Greg Taylor, piano

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check your screen for upcoming events and programs

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome in this ***United Church of Christ*** *congregation.*

Thank you for signing in online.
We love knowing where everyone is worshipping from today.

Please use your smartphone 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 gablesucc.org/live.

Be sure to "like" us at facebook.com/gablesucc.

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO COMMUNITY

Prayer for the United States of America
Anthony Cabrera, vocalist

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST The Rev. Aaron Lauer

One: No matter from where you are worshipping with us today; no matter the concerns, worries, or joys that you bring; no matter your background or social status; your race, culture, faith tradition, political party, or sexual orientation, we offer to you the peace of Christ. Peace be with you!

If you are gathered with others, share the peace of Christ with one another.
If you are worshipping individually, know the peace of Christ is with you.
Email, text, or message your family and friends and share the peace of Christ with them.

MUSICAL INTERLUDE *(Sung)* Caribbean Traditional

Halle, halle, halle-lujah. Halle, halle, halle-lujah.
Halle, halle, halle-lujah. Halle-lujah, halle-lujah!

THE GOSPEL LESSON *Colossians 3:12-15*

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as God has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body.

Friends, Listen! God is still speaking!
Thanks be to God!

THE MORNING MESSAGE

The Rev. Dr. Laurinda Hafner

MUSICAL RESPONSE

My Country 'Tis of Thee
Anthony Cabrera, Mark Hart, Greg Jackson, and Alex Woods; vocalists

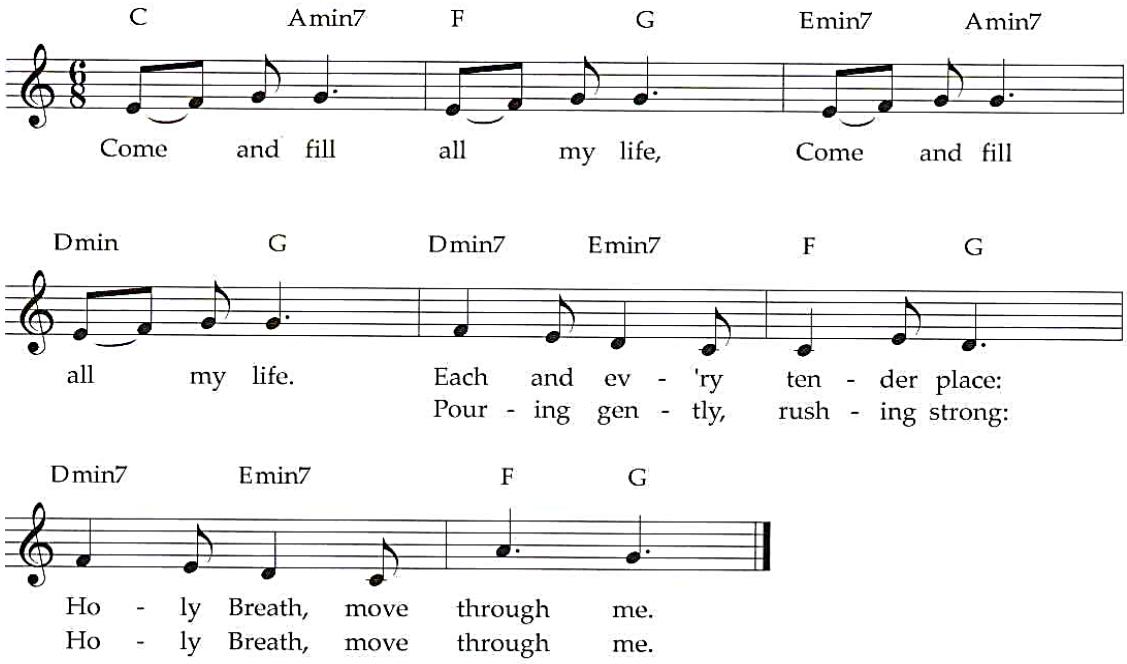
At this time, you may text your prayer requests to Pastor Laurie at 305.968.6482 or email her at 3059686482@vtext.com.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Creator, 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.

SUNG RESPONSE



THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

Please know that your financial support of the church does great things not only within these walls but far beyond. If you wish to give on your mobile device today, please text "GABLESUCC" to 77977 or go to our church app. You can also give on our website.

CLOSING HYMN *Let us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless*

Let us hope when hope seems hopeless, when the dreams we dreamed have died.
When the morning breaks in brightness, hunger shall be satisfied.
One who sows the fields with weeping shall retrace the sorrowing way
And rejoice in harvest bounty at the breaking of the day.

Faith and hope in love's compassion will survive though knowledge cease,
Though the tongues of joy fall silent, dull the words of prophecies.
Faith shall see and trust its object; hope shall set its anchor sure;
Love shall bloom in Love eternal. Faith and hope and love endure.

Continued…

Like a child outgrowing childhood, setting childhood things away,
We will learn to live in freedom, in the life of God's new day.
Now we see as in a mirror, then we shall see face to face,
Understand how love's compassion blossoms through amazing Grace.

BENEDICTION

Friends, do not be dismayed by the brokenness in the world.
All things break.
And all things can be mended.
Not with time, as they say, but with intention.
So let us love intentionally, extravagantly, unconditionally.
The broken world waits in darkness for the light that is you.

THE SUNG BENEDICTION *Alleluia*

POSTLUDE *Stars and Stripes Forever* Sousa-Horowitz
Dr. Greg Taylor, piano

CONNECTION CAFÉ

Following the service, please join us for our weekly Connection Café. Come, enjoy some conversation with the pastors and the chance to connect with others. Starting today, we will go right into the Connection Café after the postlude. It will be in the same video, so you will no longer need to refresh your page. Please send the pastors messages through our Facebook video, the website chat, the YouTube video, or text or email Pastor Laurie directly at 305.968.6482 or 3059686482@vtext.com.

A WARM AND CORDIAL WELCOME TO ALL GUESTS!

If you are visiting us today, 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, please contact Pastor Laurie at 305.448.7421, ext. 116 or LaurieH@gablesucc.org.

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

IN OUR PRAYERS

We remember all those places of war, violence and unrest, as we continue to pray for peace for all people around the world. Today's prayers especially include our global community as well as our own nation and city as all encounter the coronavirus. A lighted candle on the altar symbolizes our prayers for peace, healing, compassion, and unity.

CHURCH PRAYER LIST

The Called to Care Team prays together each Wednesday. They use a list compiled from your prayer requests texted to Pastor Laurie on Sunday morning. Contact Pastor Laurie at 305.968.6482. or Carol Fifield, Called to Care Coordinator, at miamifife@gmail.com.

GET OUR CHURCH APP

For all Apple and Android users, get your official Gables UCC App by going to the App Store or Google Play and downloading it. It's free! And it will keep you up-to-date and connected with church information, special announcements, calendar, and the staff. Need help? Contact Elena Korallis, our Director of Communications, at ElenaK@gablesucc.org.

STAY IN TOUCH

Once a week or so, Pastor Laurie emails 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 Drew at DrewS@gablesucc.org.

THE COMPASSION FUND

We have established a "Compassion Fund" to help church family and friends in need through these challenging days. We invite you to give, knowing that your gift will assist those struggling to make ends meet. If giving through our church website, app, or by texting "GABLESUCC" to 77977, please go to where it says "Fund," scroll down to the Compassion Fund, and contribute. It's that easy, and you will be helping other members.

FRIENDS WHO CHURCH CHECK-IN

Sundays at 12:30 p.m.

Every Sunday the young adults of Gables UCC are gathering for a time of check-in, reflection, and learning. Each week a new leader facilitates a great conversation and encourages our growth in community. If you are in your 20s or 30s+ and would like to join us, contact Pastor Aaron for the Zoom login at AaronL@gablesucc.org or 651.252.7544.

WEEKDAY MORNING MESSAGES ARE BACK!

The months of November and December are filled with important and meaningful traditions such as Thanksgiving, Advent, and Christmas. Therefore, we have brought back our morning devotions as a way to stay connected, to inspire, and to provide encouragement and hope during these special days. Join us at **8:00 a.m. each weekday morning** on all the usual places such as Facebook, Instagram, our church app, and our website, for these morning moments.

N.E.A.T.

Second and Fourth Tuesdays of the Month at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

N.E.A.T. (Network, Empower, And Transition) offers practical, motivational, emotional and spiritual support when facing challenges in business, career and life transitions. If interested, send an e-mail to Suely Piraino Argianas at suely@crownecoaching.com to receive a Zoom link via email.

WISE (WELCOMING, INCLUSIVE, SUPPORTIVE, AND ENGAGED FOR MENTAL HEALTH) SUPPORT GROUP

Being socially distant does not mean having to be socially isolated.

Each Tuesday at **7:00 p.m.**, Lisa LeSueur leads a Zoom opportunity to connect with other and to share stories, as well as survival strategies, for getting through these challenging times. Email to LisaL@gablesucc.org for the link to the meeting.

CULTURALLY INFORMED THERAPY

A Partnership Between the University of Miami and Gables UCC

Do you experience depression, anxiety, relationship difficulties, or other stress?
Or, have you been diagnosed with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder,
or a psychotic spectrum disorder?

If so, you may be eligible! We offer two separate and specialized therapy groups. The groups are free, culturally informed, religiously-based, and part of a research aimed at improving psychotherapy. During the treatment, clinicians will provide education on mental health as well as techniques to assist in coping with it. Groups are available in English and Spanish. To learn more, contact us at 305.284.5455 or miamiCIT@gmail.com.

SPANISH LANGUAGE CONVERSATION SKILLS CLASS

Every Friday at 4:00 p.m. on Zoom

A beginner conversational Spanish class is now available led by Monica McDougal. If you are interested in working on your basic Spanish language skills, please contact Monica at mmcdougal817@gmail.com for the Zoom ID and password to join the classes.

FROM OUR GERMAN LANGUAGE CHURCH
Three Ways to Celebrate St. Martin's Day

1. Pre-Order your Breadman (*Stutenmann*) by November 8
On St. Martin's day, we remember the story of the generous St. Martin who cut his cloak in half to share with a beggar. These pastry bread men taste better shared, too!
Order here: https://gablesucc.org/product/stutenmaenner-bread-man/

All online pre-orders must be completed by **today, Sunday, November 8, 2020.**
Stutenmaenner are baked for the German Ministry and available *only* by pre-order.
Proceeds will benefit the work of the German Ministry and a local non-profit.

2. Show off your Homemade Lantern in our Virtual Parade to Win
Make your own St. Martin's Day lantern -- see here for ideas -- and email picture of it to germanministry@gablesucc.org by noon on St. Martin's Day (November 11).
We will publish the pictures as a virtual lantern parade on Gables UCC's social media and randomly draw a picture to win a $50 gift card to the Fair Trade Marketplace.

3. Pick up your Breadman on November 11 from 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Watch the Virtual Lantern Parade and online St. Martin's Service Drive By
at 3010 Columbus Blvd., Coral Gables, FL 33134.
To protect the health of our student volunteers, please stay in your car and wear a mask during pick-up. At that time, we will post the winning lantern pictures on social media and release our student-led St Martin's service featuring Pastor Aaron, Herr Oliver Gorf, and this year's confirmation class.

A NEW GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP FORMING
Led by Pat Berman, M.S., Family Therapy
Grief is a powerful emotion and can stop us in our tracks. It can also break our hearts enough to make us feel that we will never again be whole. Whether you are newly bereaved or still struggling with painful feelings that occurred years ago, join us in a safe place, led by a professional marriage and family therapist with over 40 years of experience to find mutual support and care. This is a new group forming and will meet on the **Second Saturday of the month at 2:00 p.m.** (**November 14** this month). For more information or to register, please contact Pat Berman at pberm@mindspring.com.

WOMEN'S BOOK STUDY

Women Rowing North:

Navigating Life's Currents and Flourishing as We Age

Saturday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom

(We will look at Section II and beyond)

Author Mary Pipher offers a timely examination of the cultural and developmental issues women encounter as they age and explores ways women can cultivate resilient responses to the challenges they face. "If we can keep our wits about us, think clearly, and manage our emotions skillfully," Pipher writes, "we will experience a joyous time of our lives. If we have planned carefully and packed properly, if we have good maps and guides, the journey can be transcendent." Join us for a great conversation led by Lisa LeSueur.

The book is available from all the usual places. Register at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMkf-uvqjooGNKtgXmswqAKOXiRsn8U7vPE

THE "NEW NOW" OF CHURCH

A Special Sunday Morning Adult Education Series

Sunday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m. on Zoom

As members and leaders, we are finding ourselves in a profound moment of change within the church. According to one church specialist, "We on the cusp of unprecedented change which will forever transform the church as we have known it." Or as another church specialist suggests, "The new normal…ain't going to be normal at all."

Over these next Sundays, Pastor Laurie is encouraging ALL members and friends of the church to share in conversation, reflection, a time of visioning and learning about what a "new now" might look like for the church.

To register go to:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0tcuqhrT8sGNHt7GO8dHV5L_7KcQF1mwzl

LUNCH AND THE BIBLE

Tuesday, November 17 at 12:00 Noon on Zoom

Please join one of our pastors virtually for lunch, fellowship, and a discussion on one of their favorite Bible passages. You bring your lunch, and we'll provide the scripture. To join this Bible study, please register in advance for this meeting at:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEsduqhpjkvG9RL2VHXMRKFktH6-9EH-jVH

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the gathering. For more information, feel free to contact Pastor Laurie.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Monday, November 23 at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

We will gather virtually as we knit or crochet prayer shawls to share with members of our church family who are ill. If you would like to join us and have not received the link for Zoom, please contact Pastor Laurie at LaurieH@gablesucc.org.

SISTERS ON SOJOURN

Saturday, November 21 from 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. on Zoom

All women, regardless of age, are invited to join in this relaxed and easy-going group. Sit down with a cup of coffee or tea, maybe something to eat, and let's just spend some time listening, sharing, comforting, and laughing together over Zoom. A link will be sent out to all who are on the SOS list. If you are not on the list and would like to be included, please let Pastor Laurie know at LaurieH@gablesucc.org.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ELEMENTARY CHILDREN

Each Sunday**,** Pastor Megan will meet via Zoom with our Sunday School Children to explore *The Beatitudes,* using an illustrated curriculum. Sunday Zoom meeting times:

10:30 a.m. - Kindergarten and First Grade ~ **11:00 a.m.** - Second and Third Grades

11:30 a.m. - Fourth and Fifth Grades

STORY TIME WITH PASTOR MEGAN

Infants through PreK-2

Each week a short story time video will be emailed.

Contact Pastor Megan at MeganS@gablesucc.org to receive the weekly Bible story.

FROLIC PRESCHOOL: LITTLE STEPS, BIG FAITH

Each Thursday, parents will receive an email with a music lesson video for their child in PreK-3 and PreK-4 starring Ms. Alex. Then, each Sunday, **at 10:00 a.m.** the PreK- 3 and PreK- 4 Sunday School class will meet with Pastor Megan to hear a Bible story and do fun activities together on Zoom, based on The New Testament Stories of Jesus' teachings.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays through November 15 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Using video, scripture, coloring, music, drawing, observation, TV and current events, our youth will be encouraged to document one "*compassion sighting"* in their life each week. Join Pastor Megan each Sunday via Zoom. To register and get information use tis link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdOmhpzosHtTG4K9FVizLH6zMrFGGfame.

HIGH SCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, November 1-22 at 1:30 p.m. via Zoom

Today's high school youth experience stress and anxiety at alarming levels, impacting their school work, social lives, and physical and mental health. Our Christian faith speaks to this anxiety and provides us ways to respond to stress through faith practices, community, and a deepened relationship with the ground of all life, God our creator. Join us for this innovative class on how our faith can call us back into wholeness and health in an anxiety-ridden world. Please contact Pastor Aaron at AaronL@gablesucc.org for the Zoom link.

WE ARE OPEN !!

Miami Fair Trade MarketPlace

Thursdays - Saturdays 1pm - 5pm

305.448.7821 Ext.165 MiamiFairTrade@GablesUCC.org

Your purchases continue to help artisans in developing countries build strong, local economies. These skilled workers are paid fair-living wages while crafting sustainable products that do not harm the environment. Lives are changed as the artisans support their families with the dignity and pride of their work.

We offer curbside pickup and delivery too.

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WE ARE OUT OF THE BOX PEOPLE

LET US LIGHT UP YOUR HOLIDAYS WITH HANDCRAFTED ARRANGEMENTS

Our traditional Advent Wreaths are now available to order. Despite having to skip our annual German Christmas Market, our wreaths are returning this year to brighten your home.

Ready to order?
Simply **send an Email** to:
danielakuczurba@gmail.com
no later than November,25th 2020.

Please include your wishes of colors, material, style and price. Prices range from 35$ to 75$. Don't forget to include your name and phone number. Upon receipt of your order request, you will receive pictures of your wreath along with instructions for **contactless pickup and payment.**

With the proceeds, the Coral Gables UCC's German Ministry will benefit social projects as in previous years.
Thank you for your support!
Your German Ministry's Craft Team

NEW THIS YEAR:

ADD AN ADVENT CALENDAR TO YOUR WREATH

You may choose between chocolate packages or quotes in German or English.
Various designs and combinations are available.
Prices range between $5 and $12.

Here are some examples:

BLESSING OF THE PETS & BEST FRIENDS MEMORIAL GARDEN INAUGURATION

November 22
2:00 p.m. in the Courtyard

Immediately following the blessing, we are pleased to announce the inauguration of the Best Friends Memorial Garden.

A special area near the Chapel and around the statue of Saint Francis has been set aside as a space to memorialize our departed best friends.

A plant and a personalized etched stone will be placed in the garden during a special service.

Reservations required for this special service and $150 donation suggested.

Contact Ann de las Pozas at adelaspozas@gmail.com by Sunday, November 15 to make your reservation.

DRIVE-IN

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

COME AS YOU ARE, BUT STAY IN YOUR CAR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GABLES UCC PARKING LOT

LIVE MUSIC - TREATS - FUN