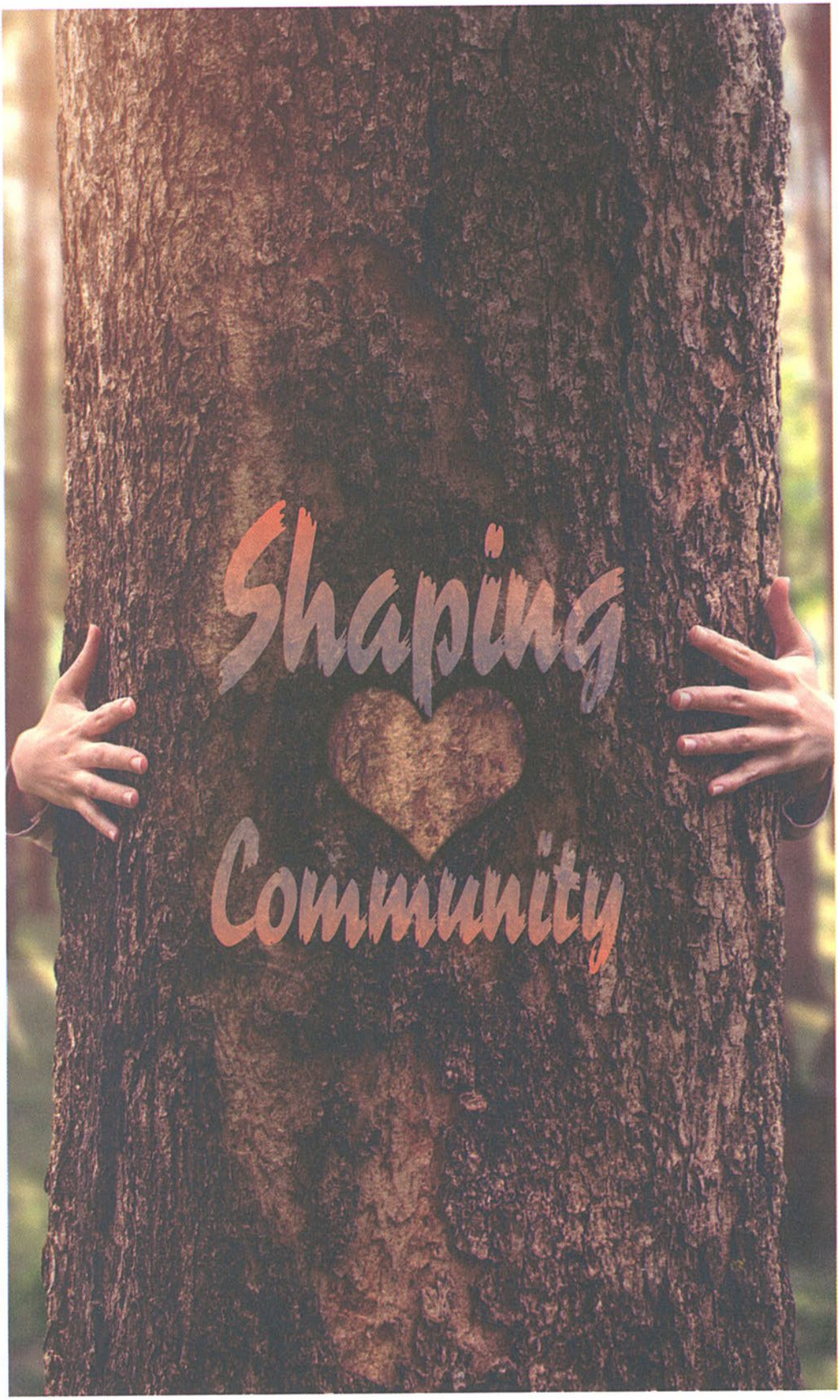
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CORAL GABLES CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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

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

WELCOME

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

The novel coronavirus, COVID-19, has been declared a worldwide pandemic by the World Health Organization. As a result, federal, state, and local governments and agencies recommend social distancing and have, in many locations, prohibited the congregation of groups of people. We are doing everything we can to be compliant with all regulations and ensure your safety. We have put in place preventative measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19, but we cannot guarantee that you or family members will not become infected. By your presence in our church building, you agree to the following: On behalf of yourself and your children, you hereby release, covenant not to sue, discharge, and hold harmless the Coral Gables Congregational UCC, its employees, agents, and representatives, of and from all liabilities, claims, actions, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind arising out of or relating to your participation in our programs, services or activities. You understand and agree that this release includes any claims based on the actions, omissions, or negligence of this organization, its employees, agents, and representatives, whether a COVID-19 infection occurs before, during, or after participation in any such program, service, or activity.

The Reverend Dr. Laurinda Hafner, Senior Pastor
The Reverend Megan Smith, Associate Pastor
The Reverend Aaron Lauer, Associate Pastor for Emerging Generations

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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.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

August 8, 2021 *Our faith is over 2000 years old* **11:00 a.m.**
Our thinking is not.

ELEVNTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

There is no love without forgiveness, and there is no forgiveness without love.
~ Bryant McGill

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Greg Taylor, Parish Musician and Dr. Ron Morgan, Director of Music Ministry

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please check in on Facebook and let your family and friends know that you are joining us virtually at Coral Gables Congregational UCC.

Invite your family and friends around the world to worship with us online each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. at gablesucc.org/live.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, or Twitter.

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 833.245.6434 or go to our church app.
You can also give at gablesucc.org/give.
For those in the sanctuary, offering plates are in the narthex.

Thank you for your gifts and generosity.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

I Live to Know You More Hillsong United
Brandon Mowry and Alex Woods, vocalists

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Holy one, we are gathered this morning seeking the comfort of your presence and the wisdom of your word.

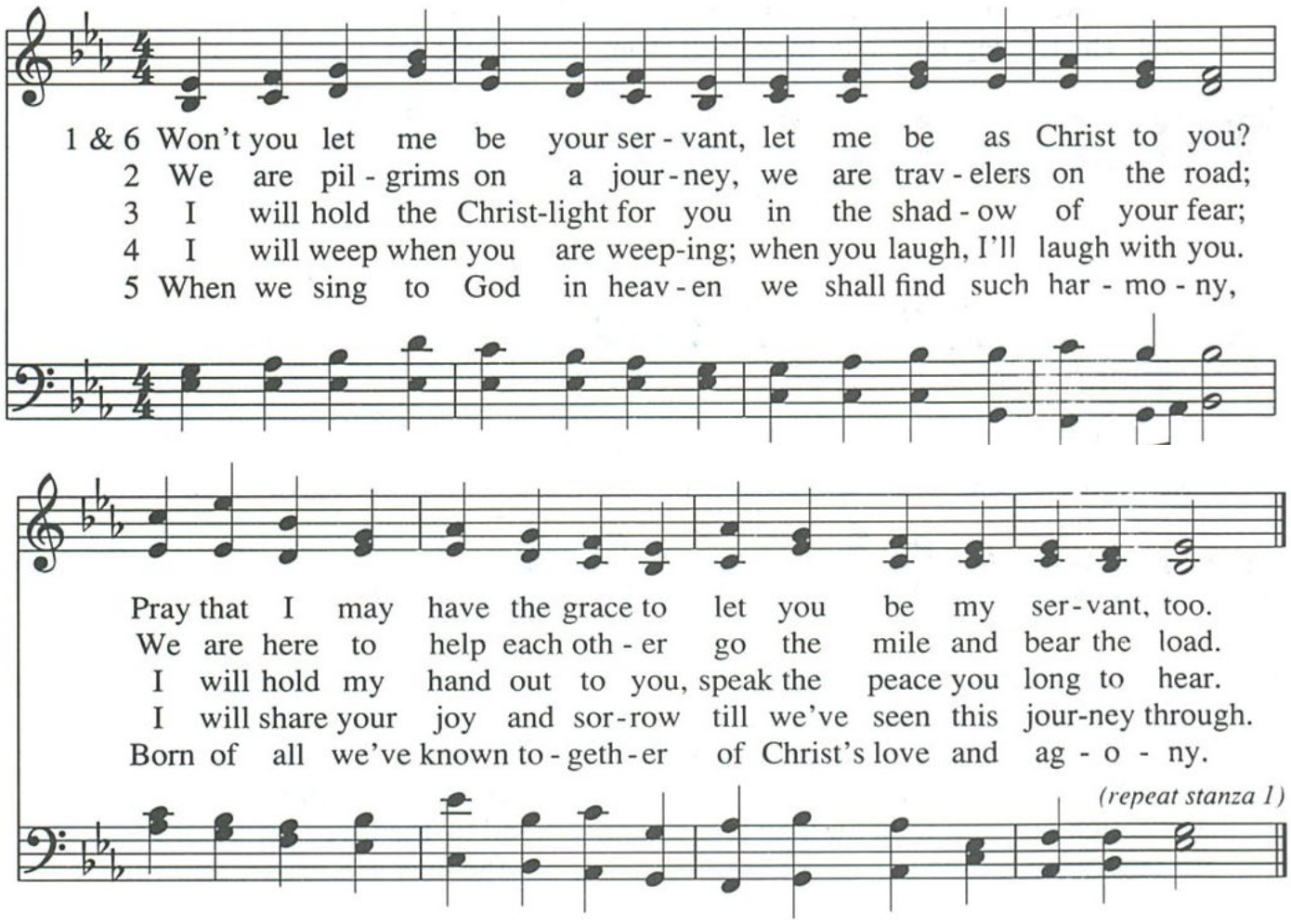
People: We come filled with gratitude for your enduring love and grace, gifts that fill our hearts with hope that all will be well.

Leader: Fill us this day with knowledge to go forward on our journey, so that we might continue to learn how to share these gifts with one another, even when our hearts have been wounded.

People: Let us worship God, who continues to speak to us in the language of love and forgiveness. Amen

Please remain standing for the opening hymn.

***HYMN** *Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?*



***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

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, or sexual orientation, we offer to you the peace of Christ. Peace be with you!

Many: And also with you.

If you are in the sanctuary, offer a wave, bow, hand over the heart, smile, or nod to others.
If you are gathered with others at home, 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.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSON *Ephesians 4:25-5:2*

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

Continued…

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore, be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Friends, listen. God is still speaking.
Thanks be to God!

THE MORNING MESSAGE

The Rev. Lisa LeSueur

CHORAL RESPONSE *Do They See Jesus in Me?* Joy Williams
Brandon Mowry and Alex Woods, vocalists

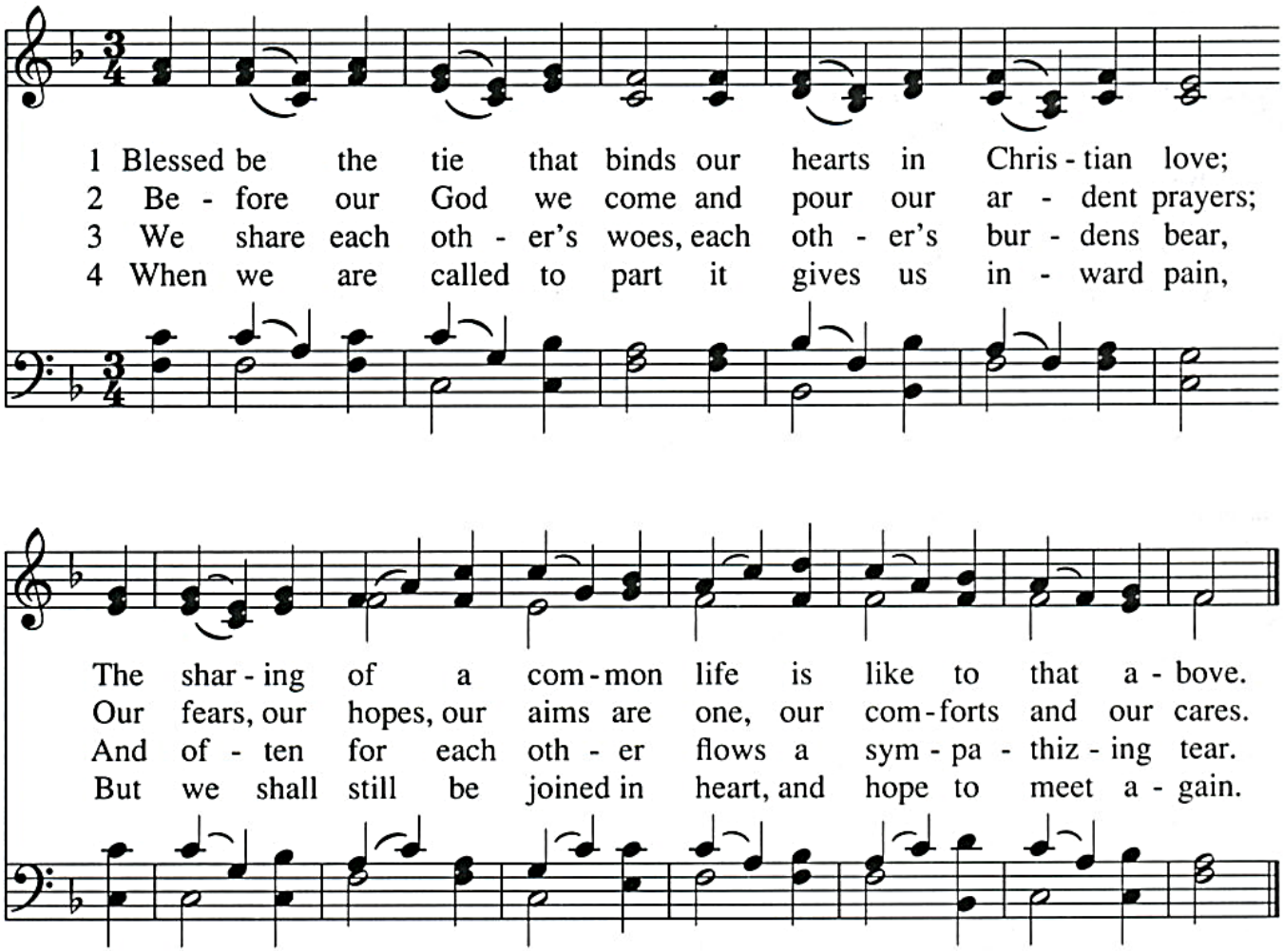
At this time, you may text your prayer requests to Pastor Laurie at 305.968.6482 or email her at 3059686482@vtext.com to be included in this morning's prayers and during the Called to Care prayer time on Wednesday.

THE MORNING PRAYERS

THE LORD'S PRAYER (spoken)
You are welcome to use the language or words of your tradition or choice.

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.

Please stand as you are able for the closing hymn.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

***BENEDICTION**

***SUNG BENEDICTION** *Alleluia, Alleluia*

On verse two, you are invited to raise your hands up in glory to God.

***POSTLUDE** *Etude in F Major op. 72* Moszkowski

Dr. Greg Taylor, piano

Following our service this morning, you will be excused pew by pew by the ushers. We hope to keep folks physically distanced while inside but invite you, with masks on, to enjoy fellowship outside with pastors, church members, and friends.

Those worshipping with us online, please be sure to stay in touch. If you need anything or would like to check in with one of the pastors, please just give us a call. We miss you!

The flowers that grace the altar this morning are given in loving memory of Marianna Dunmire, a longtime member of the church by her family.

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.

We are also a large online congregation of expats from our congregation who have moved to places around the country and around the world. Folks are actively involved in our church who have never set foot in our building, but are committed to our vision, values, and beliefs as a progressive, open-minded, and open-hearted Christian congregation.

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

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 neighbors at Surfside who have suffered such a tragic event as well as our Haitian and Cuban neighbors. A lighted candle on the altar symbolizes our prayers for peace, healing, compassion, and unity.

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 Communications Coordinator, 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.

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.

FAIR TRADE MARKETPLACE

Shop for unique, handmade gifts from around the world
Store Hours: Thursday – Saturday from 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Located on the Columbus Boulevard Side of the Church

Each of your purchases helps 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. No child labor is used. Women's lives are changed as they support their families with the dignity and pride of their work. Come and safely shop (masks required) in support of our justice ministry. If you can't shop on the days we are open, feel free to call/text our personal bilingual shopper Marilyn Smit at 786-897-1515 or email mcsmit55@aol.com to make an appointment.

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.**, Pastor Lisa LeSueur leads a Zoom opportunity to connect with others, and to share stories, as well as survival strategies, for getting through these challenging times. If you are interested in joining, please email Lisa at LisaL@gablesucc.org and the link to the meeting will be forwarded to you.

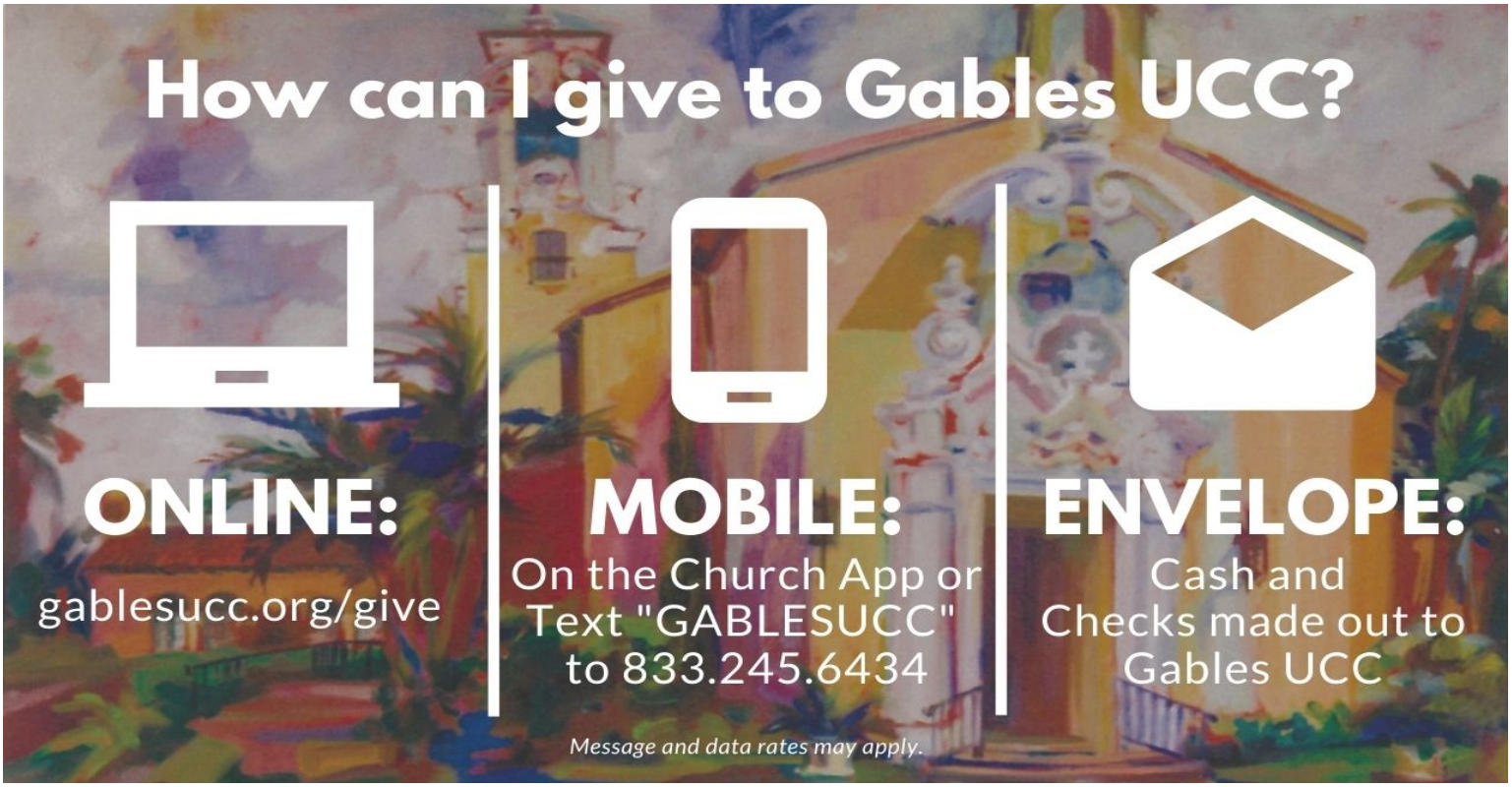
FOOD PANTRY

In July, our food pantry gave out 46 bags of food! Could you help us replenish our shelves? Canned or tinned goods (especially with pull-top lids) such as soups, stews, proteins (think tuna, chicken, Spam, sausages), beans, vegetables, and fruit along with pasta, rice, pasta sauce, and peanut butter go a long way to feed hungry folks. We also appreciate financial donations so that we can purchase special foods for those with special needs.

Please drop off your bags of groceries at the church on **Sunday morning, Tuesday – Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., or on Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.** You may also donate at gablesucc.org/give. Under the fund column, select "food pantry." We also LOVE getting boxes from Amazon or other places filled with canned goods inside.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL
Join Us for Compassion Camp In-Person!
Sundays through August 15 from 11:00 a.m. – Noon

The camp includes songs, compassion-in-action activities, lovingkindness practice, movement activities, crafts, Bible stories and so much more! To register for this Summer Sunday Camp go to: https://gablesucc.org/compassioncamp/. **Not ready to send your child back to in person learning?** No worries! We've got you covered. Register your child to receive the weekly videos and then pick up their Compassion Camp Kit to complete at home, by contacting Pastor Megan atMeganS@gablesucc.org



Do you have an upcoming 6th Grader in your family? Then you are invited to join Pastors Megan and Aaron for an evening meal, conversation, and learning more about our Middle School ministries at Gables UCC. Please RSVP with Pastor Aaron at AaronL@gablesucc.org. Both parents and youth are invited!

WORSHIP WITH US

One Church ~ Three Congregations:

9:00 a.m. Communion Service

A more intimate and meditative worship experience in the Sanctuary. Holy Communion is celebrated weekly, and music is presented by one of our talented soloists.

10:00 a.m. Spanish-Language Worship

Spanish language worship is available each Sunday in the Chapel. Under the care of Pastora Yoli Izquierdo-Yglesias, the congregation is a warm, supportive, and caring community.

11:00 a.m. Worship In-Person or Online

Join us in person or online for beautiful music, challenging and inspiring messages, and liturgy that offers a renewal of mind and spirit.

German Language Worship

If you are part of a German-speaking family or would like to worship in German come and join us for services, Bible studies, and cultural activities conducted in German. For more information about our German language ministry, contact us at germanministry@gablesucc.org.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

For those who have experienced grief and loss over the past year or so…

Saturday, August 21 at 2:00 p.m. at the Church

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. If you are newly bereaved or grieving over a loss in your life during the past year or so, join us in a safe and confidential place, led by a professional marriage and family therapist with over 40 years of experience, to find mutual support. To register, please contact Pat at 305.505.2415 (call or text) or at pberm@mindspring.com.

GREEN CHRISTIANS

Becoming a Creation Justice Church

Thursday, August 26, 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

As we become more aware of the climate crisis facing our world, this congregation is committed to doing justice for the earth and caring for God's creation. We will soon embark on a journey to become a "Creation Justice" church, in partnership with the national setting of the United Church of Christ, and invite all who are interested in this work to join us for our first meeting where we will here about plans for environmental justice in the coming year. Please contact Pastor Aaron (AaronL@gablesucc.org) for more information.

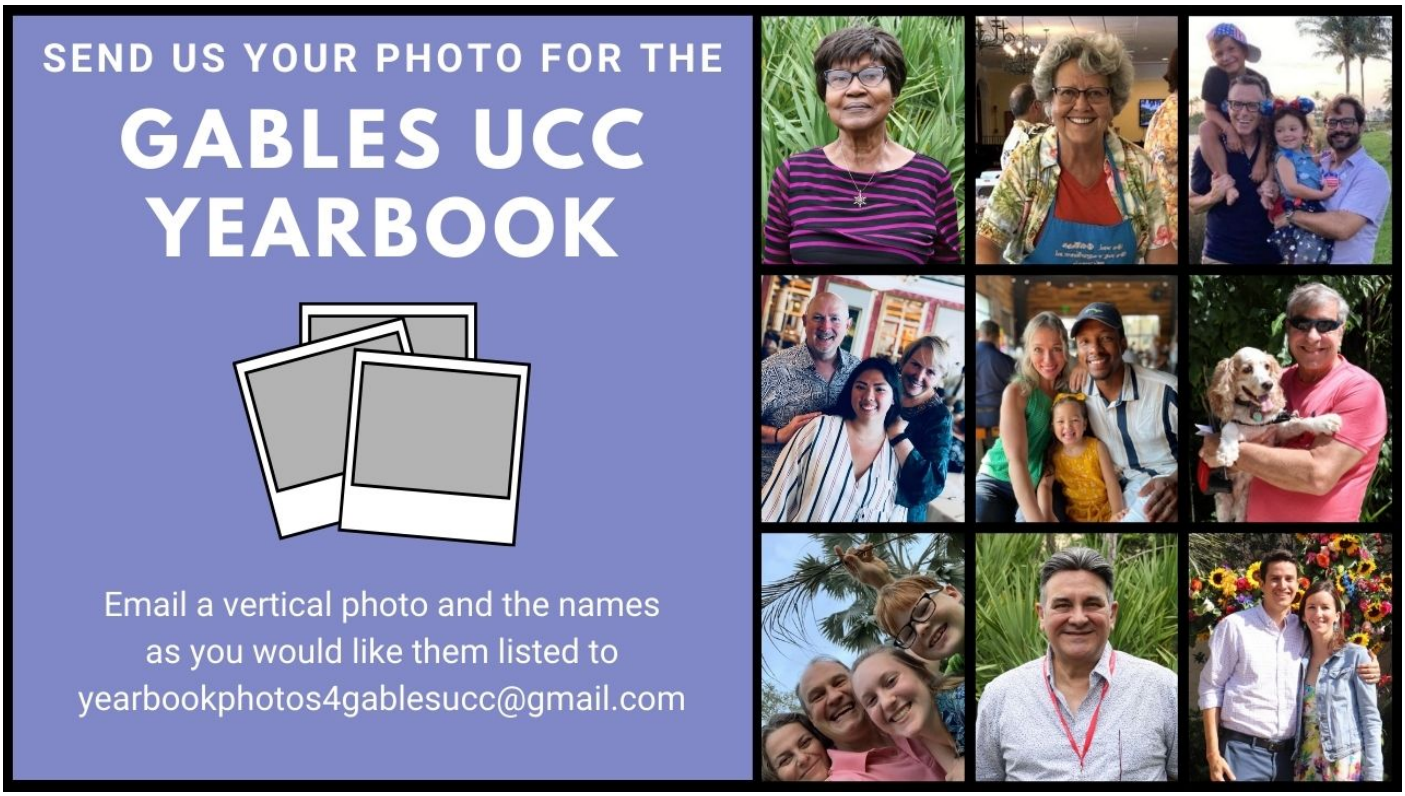
Register for the meeting
here: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcpdOiupjooGtZLaM5BoHuLPpcIjTOb0OW

SPIRIT SUNDAY: IT'S A HOMECOMING!
Spirit Sunday, September 12

The theme for this year's annual Spirit Sunday, a day when we celebrate the joy, fullness, and vitality of our beloved faith community, is *Homecoming*. Following so many months apart and separated from each other, we don't think there could be a better theme as we gather back for a heartfelt day full of worship, fellowship, and gratitude!

As with every homecoming, there will be a time for catching up, with lots of food, fun, and a celebration of our re-creation and our continuing hope as a church family as we live into the new-now.

And what would be a homecoming without a yearbook? During our time physically apart, new members have joined us, our expats have created a community from around the world, and a few of us have changed. So, we are inviting everyone, near and far, to submit a picture of you or your family to be included in the yearbook. It can be informal, fun, serious, with your pets, etc. All we ask is that you try and send us a picture taken vertically and clearly give us your names as you wish to be listed.

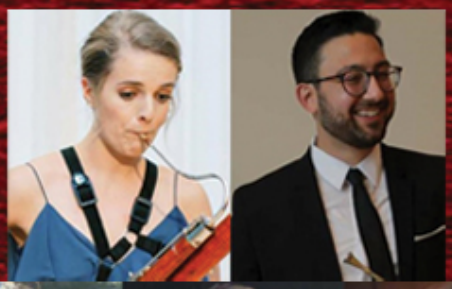


If you don't have a picture, Malcolm Davies, will be available after worship TODAY, August 8 to snap a great picture of you.

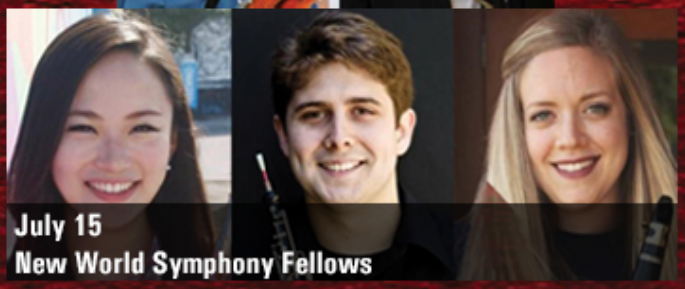
Please e-mail your picture to Elizabeth Delgado at yearbookphotos4gablesucc@gmail.com. If you have any questions, please be in touch with Pastor Laurie.

Be sure to mark your calendar for Sunday, September 12 for our homecoming!

July 8
Troy Roberts Trio



July 22
Zach Bartholomew Trio



July 15
New World Symphony Fellows

July 29
Diego Melgar Trio
with Vocalist Justine Garcia

August 5
Priscila Navarro

August 12
John Daversa & Tal Cohen

COMMUNITY ARTS PROGRAM 2021

VIRTUAL SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

36th Season!
(Second Virtual!)

July 8 - August 12

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Gratefully accepted to help engage the musical and technical artists for the *Community Arts Program (CAP) 2021 VIRTUAL Summer Concert Series.*

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EVERY Thursday

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