



# NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

June 28, 2026 | 10 AM

An Open and Affirming Congregation

A WISE for Mental Health Congregation

Mission: To love God and all our neighbors as God loves us.





# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP, PLEASE SILENCE YOUR ELECTRONIC DEVICES.

## WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

## PRELUDE

*O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*  
Sanctuary Choir

Mark Hayes

## CALL TO WORSHIP

## \*OPENING HYMN #580

*We Are Called to Be God's People*

AUSTRIAN HYMN

## INVOCATION

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

**ALL: Compassionate God, the hearts of all turn to You in hope; and You give them what they need. You open Your hand and satisfy the hunger and thirst of every living thing. May the time we spend together in Your presence nourish our hearts and minds; may it strengthen our relationship with You, and renew our commitment to live in this world as Your faithful disciples. Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

## RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

**Congregational Response: We, the members of Naples United Church of Christ, welcome you with joy into our communion and fellowship. We pledge to you our support, our help and our prayers, that you may evermore increase in the knowledge and love of God. We promise, with God's help, to walk with you in Christian love, to aid you as we can, and to bind ourselves together in the common task of building here upon this earth the realm of god.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

## MINISTRY OF MUSIC

*Whoever Welcomes You Welcomes Me*

Larry E. Schultz

Arianni Antonacci and Pamela Jimenez, Soloists • Miguel Coates, Clarinet

## OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT RENEWAL

Leader: As a community of faith, Naples United Church is committed to welcoming and affirming all people through God's love. As part of that commitment, let us renew our covenant as an Open and Affirming congregation...

**ALL: We, the people of Naples United Church of Christ renew our covenant with God and with one another to embrace diversity and affirm the dignity and worth of every person, including persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status, and faith background.**

Leader: Will you strive to create and cultivate a community where all people can come together to grow in their faith, find support, and celebrate God's love regardless of their background, beliefs, or identity?



**ALL: With the help of God, we will. We promise to advocate for the marginalized, to educate ourselves and others, and to foster a culture of belonging, love, and respect.**

Leader: We recognize that our covenant is a living promise—a commitment to ongoing growth and action. Let us seal this renewal by praying together:

**ALL: Loving God, renew our spirits and bind us together in your love. Give us the courage to be your hands and feet in the world. May this congregation be a beacon of your unconditional love, welcoming all who enter our doors. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER

**ALL: 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.**

MUSICAL RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 10: 40-42

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

SERMON

Offer Cold Water

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

OFFERTORY

*Like a River*  
Sanctuary Choir

Tim Osiek

\*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OLD 100<sup>th</sup>

**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.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #273

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

CHEREPONI

\*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

*Gigue in B-flat Major BWV 825*  
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano

J.S Bach

## PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE:

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister  
Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care  
Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Director of Music  
Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Pianist  
Sanctuary Choir

Arianni Antonacci, Soloist  
Pamela Jimenez, Soloist  
Miguel Coates, Clarinet  
Hunter Reum, Production Specialist - Producer  
Landon Townsend, Production Specialist - Video  
Colton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio

**STEPHEN MINISTER:** Deb Marini

**WELCOMERS:** Jane Barry and Helen Roth

**USHERS:** Jennifer Rainey (head usher), Ronnie Bellone, Christine Buol, Kathleen Devitt, Bill Durrell, Becky Lambert, Jane Lane and Hank Temple.

**NURSERY CARE:** Elena Fernandez

**SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE:** Bobbie Ray

**SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE:** Nancy Harper

**GATHERING PLACE STAFF:** Samantha Santarosa, Membership Coordinator | John Greer, Fellowship Support | Raymond Gangl, Facilities Manager

Throughout 2026, the ministry of our pianist in worship has been graciously underwritten by Ronnie Bellone and Jennifer Rainey.

This Sunday's chancel flowers are given to the Glory of God by George and Lynne Fries in joyful celebration of their 68<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today, June 28<sup>th</sup>.



As the season winds down, our mission is still going strong—and we need your help. The Bargain Box is seeking volunteers on **Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays.**

### **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- **Hospitality & Cashiering:** Be the face of the shop! Welcome customers and manage the register.
- **Donation Transport:** Help move donations from the Naples UCC shed to the Bargain Box.
- **Curation & Sorting:** Help us inspect, organize, and prep incoming donations.
- **Display & Merchandising:** Get creative! Help stage and style items to make the sales floor shine.

**Donations Needed:** Each donation helps transform generosity into meaningful support for our community.

Reach out to **George De La Roche** at 239-262-3802 or in the Gathering Place with **Samantha Santarosa**. We'd love to have you on the team!

# PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS

## Upcoming Events

### Join Naples UCC Anytime

While the Membership & Growth Committee will be on hiatus during July, we would be happy to connect with you and help you begin the membership process.

For more information about memberships, contact Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place or email her at [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org). We look forward to welcoming you into the Naples UCC family!

## Chancel Flower Dedication

We have available dates for our Chancel Flower Dedications! This is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate, honor, or remember a loved one. We will feature your message in the Sunday Bulletin and on our livestream.

For up-to-date availability, or if you have any questions, please contact Sara Both, at [sara@naplesucc.org](mailto:sara@naplesucc.org), or call (239)261- 5469. We hope you will participate in this thoughtful tradition!

## Independence Day Worship

JULY 5, 10:00 AM | SANCTUARY

Come join us next Sunday for worship that will include Holy Communion and some very special patriotic music.

Invite your friends and family to come on this holiday weekend!



# UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

Visit [www.NaplesUCC.org](http://www.NaplesUCC.org) to view our full calendar.

## TODAY



### Open & Affirming Sunday

10:00 AM • June 28 📍 Sanctuary



### Joining Sunday

10:00 AM • June 28 📍 Sanctuary



### Choir Rehearsal

11:15 AM • June 28 📍 Sanctuary

## MONDAY



### Mahjong

1:00 PM • June 29 📍 McSpadden Hall

## FRIDAY



### Office Closed - Independence Day

July 3

## Next Sunday

Sunday, July 5, 2026

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams

"Set Free"

Matthew 11: 25-30

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Independence Day Worship

## Office Closed

JULY 3 | INDEPENDENCE DAY

Please note that the church office will be closed on Friday, July 3, in observance of Independence Day. We wish you a safe and joyful holiday weekend as you celebrate with family and friends. We look forward to seeing you for worship on Sunday.



WE ARE CALLED TO BE AN INTERGENERATIONAL CHURCH

## Children and Youth Ministry



**SUNDAYS** — We are so happy to have families with young children in our midst! During the worship service, children are invited forward for a **Children's Message**. Coloring activities and worship resources are available each week on the family table in the Narthex.

**NURSERY CARE** — Nursery care for infants through age 4 is available beginning at 9:30 a.m. in The Wiggle Room (a temporary location due to Nelson Hall renovations). Please ask a deacon for directions.

**YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL** — Activities will resume on August 9 with the Backpack Blessing and the start of our new Sunday morning camp, **Snowball Mountain Challenge!**



If you would like a word of prayer or quiet conversation, stop by the parlor for a visit with today's Stephen Minister. The parlor is to the right as you are leaving the sanctuary.

## PRAYER LIST

Angelo Anello	Doty Gridley	Gordon Mounts
Merrickay Bailey	Fred Gridley	Diane Myers
Lilibet Bana	Walter Grieb	Jack Neller
Cathleen Boeck	Patsy Hanson	Gerry Nonken
Tom Carley	David Hocking	Gary Pint
Karin Ciesla	Kate Hutchinson	Margaret Pint
Patricia Cloutier	Jamie Jacquart	Shannon Peterson
Thomas Coates	David Johnson	Kathy Reno
Ann Culshaw	William Jones	Riddle-Somers Family
Jack Downs	Bobbie Juster	Gabrielle Emily Ridout
JT Ellis	Kris Kirschner	Fred Schneeberg
Laurie Fowler	Chloe Honda (Konsker)	Darrel Siebert
Scott Freeman	Marla Koshgarian	Sara Treiser
Leah Gartell	Sue Lindbloom	Joanie Toren
Sally Giglio	Patricia Manzano	Anwyn Watts
Richard Gilbert	Nancy Maxwell	Ben Wigginton
Andrew Gillis	Trey McGregor	
Jim Gilmore	Bob McLennan	

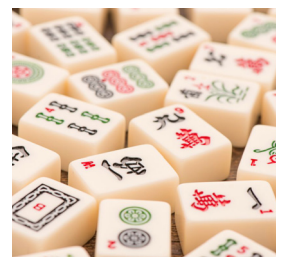
To add or remove a name, please email [samantha@naplesucc.org](mailto:samantha@naplesucc.org).

Names stay on the list for four weeks. To keep your loved one's name on the list longer, please reach out with an email.

## Mahjong

JUNE 29, 1:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Challenge your mind, one tile at a time. Mahjong is the perfect blend of fun and focus. Join us for Mahjong on Mondays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the McSpadden Hall. Free, and all are always welcome!



# Prayer Shawl Ministry

JULY 7, 1:00 PM | PARLOR



Please join us as we prayerfully knit and crochet beautiful prayer shawls and lap blankets for those who need a warm hug from God. Lessons & supplies are available or bring your own project to work on. Everyone is welcome to participate in this caring ministry. Contact Janet Goodhart at (610) 420-7196 for questions.

# Caregivers Support Group

JULY 10, 2:00 PM | PARLOR

The Caregivers Support Group meets every other Friday year-round to support those caring for loved ones. Whether you're a caregiver, a past or future one, or seeking resources, all are welcome. Church membership is not required, and discussions remain private. Bring a friend who may benefit! For more info, contact Joan Millon at joanmillon6@gmail.com.



# Social Soirée

JULY 13, 4:00 PM | TACOS & TEQUILA CANTINA

Join Naples UCC friends and family at this month's Social Soirée to Tacos & Tequila Cantina, located in the Pavilion Shopping Center at 8971 Tamiami Trail North, Naples, FL at 4:00 p.m. This gathering is a great place to have fun & fellowship after a busy day! Please sign up by scanning the QR code or in person at the Gathering Place by July 12, or call the church office at (239) 261-5469 with any questions. Hope to see you there!



# Anwyn Watts Fundraiser Dinner

JULY 19, 6:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

Join us on Sunday, July 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Naples UCC for a special dinner celebrating Anwyn Watts' remarkable recovery following brain surgery.

Enjoy a meal inspired by Anwyn's favorite foods, prepared by David Bogin and Jimmy Borden, along with a raffle featuring items donated by church members and local businesses. **A \$25 cash donation at the door is suggested**, and all proceeds from the dinner and raffle will benefit the Watts family.

Reservations are required—please RSVP by scanning the QR code. For more information, call the church office at 239-261-5469.





# NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

A Traditional Church for Progressive People

Naples United Church of Christ strives to show that actions speak louder than words. Our Core Values are: Open and Affirming, Mission-Driven, Powerful Worship, Continuing Generosity, Caring Ministry, Hospitable Fellowship.

We are an **Open and Affirming Congregation**, embracing diversity and affirming the dignity and worth of every person, including persons of every race, ethnic background, age, gender identity and expression, sexual orientation, physical or mental ability, socio-economic background, marital status, and faith background. Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here. We are proud to be one of more than 4,500+ congregations in the United Church of Christ community.

We are glad you are here! You can dress comfortably and in a manner that makes you feel at ease. Whether it's casual attire or dressed-up, we're happy to welcome you just as you are. Please know that we livestream our Sunday morning worship services and subsequently post video recordings on our website and on the internet, including social media, for later viewing. By attending a service, you acknowledge and consent to appearing in these broadcastings, recordings and postings.

## STAFF

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