



NAPLES UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

July 5, 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

America, the Beautiful

Arr. Ed Good

Dr. Alexandra Carlson, Piano • Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Organ

CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN #727

America, the Beautiful

MATERNA

INVOCATION

Rev. Sonja Phillips, Minister of Congregational Care

ALL: God ever-creating, God ever-loving, God ever-leading: We turn to you in uncertain times, trusting in your steadfast love. Where we are anxious about the future, grant us peace. Where we are overwhelmed by our responsibilities, give us strength. Where we feel heavy, trapped or burdened, set us free. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

Jesus Loves Me

Arr. Michael T. Smith

Pamela Jimenez, Soloist

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 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned teachers of the law and Pharaisees and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

SERMON

With Whom Are You Yoked?

Rev. Dr. Mark Williams, Senior Minister

OFFERTORY

What a Friend We Have in Jesus
Sanctuary Choir

Arr. Molly Ijames



LORD'S SUPPER

At this table all are welcome guests of Jesus, our host. It is our tradition to hold the bread and cup until all are served and then we commune together here. Our offering includes individual cups of grape juice and gluten-free bread. Please place your cup in the pew back, as it will be collected after the service. The choir received Communion before worship. If you would like to receive home Communion, please contact Molly Baker at mbakerlex@gmail.com.

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORD'S OF INSTITUTION

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

Come to Me

Dan Forrest

Angelina Sozio, Stephanie O'Neill, Pamela Jimenez, Madison Fullarton and Grace Bigelow, Soloists • Isabel Sanchez, Cello

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: We thank you God, for inviting us to this table where we have known the presence of Christ and have received all Christ's gifts. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and let us show forth your praise in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #473

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

CONVERSE

*BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE

America, the Beautiful!

Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf, Organ

John S. Dixon



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.

Chancel Flower Dedication

We have available dates for our Chancel Flower Dedications! 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, or call (239)261-5469. We hope you will participate in this thoughtful tradition!

Anthem Dedication

Did you know that you can donate an anthem in memory or in honor of a loved one? Every time the anthem is sung, the dedication will appear with the anthem in the bulletin. To learn more about donating an anthem, please contact our Director of Music, Dr. Becky Weese-Rumpf by email at becky@naplesucc.org. It is the gift that keeps on giving!

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
Pamela Jimenez, Soloist
Angelina Sozio, Soloist
Stephanie O'Neill, Soloist
Madison Fullarton, Soloist
Grace Bigelow, Soloist

Isabel Sanchez, Cello
Taylor Matthews, Production Specialist - Producer
Christian Pyles Production Specialist - Video
Colton Townsend, Production Specialist - Audio
Thomas Hartland, Production Specialist - Audio

STEPHEN MINISTER: Jean Lemmon

WELCOMERS: Judy Varty and Nancy Harper

USHERS: Kathleen Devitt (head usher), Carol Berglund,
Bill Durell, Mary Fisher, Mary Beth Jones, Bill Rumpf,
Hank Temple, Sandy and Roger Terry.

NURSERY CARE: Elena Fernandez

SERVING AT ARBOR TRACE: Bobbie Ray and Sara Nonken

SERVING AT BENTLEY VILLAGE: Joe Rickard

GATHERING PLACE STAFF: Janine Rahaim and 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 Pablo Pick, in remembrance of his beautiful wife, Karol, on what would have been their 60th wedding anniversary, July 2, 2026.



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 becoming a member, contact Samantha Santarosa in the Gathering Place or email her at samantha@naplesucc.org. We look forward to welcoming you into the Naples UCC family!

Stay Connected this Summer!

Whether you're spending the summer in Naples or away for the season, you can stay connected with Naples UCC. Join us for worship each Sunday through our livestream on our website, and keep up with church news and upcoming events by reading our weekly eBlast.

Not receiving the e-Blast? Contact Samantha Santarosa or call the church office 239-261-5469 to get signed up and stay connected wherever you are.

UPCOMING MINISTRY EVENTS

Visit www.NaplesUCC.org to view our full calendar.

TODAY



Choir Rehearsal

11:15 AM • July 5 • Sanctuary

MONDAY



Mahjong

1:00 PM • July 6 • McSpadden Hall

TUESDAY



Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:00 PM • July 7 • Parlor

FRIDAY



Caregivers Support Group

2:00 PM • July 10 • Parlor

Next Sunday

Sunday, July 12, 2026

Rev. Sonja Phillips

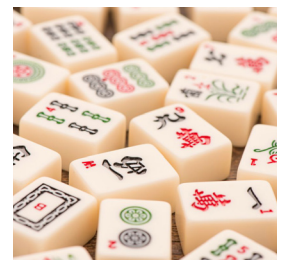
"Regenerative Hope"

Isaiah 55: 10-13

Mahjong

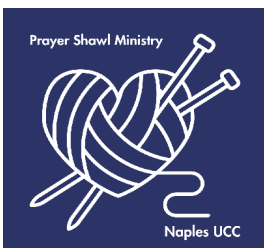
JULY 6, 1:00 PM | MCSPADDEN HALL

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.

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 — Our Youth Sunday School program will resume on **August 9** with a special Backpack Blessing and the launch of our new Sunday morning camp experience, **Snowball Mountain Challenge!**

Children and youth can look forward to a fun-filled season of faith, friendship, music, games, hands-on activities, and engaging Bible lessons designed to help them grow in their relationship with God. Throughout the fall, participants will explore themes of courage, kindness, teamwork, and trust as they journey through this exciting new program together.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back in August for another wonderful year of learning, laughter, and spiritual growth!

PRAYER LIST

Angelo Anello
Merrikay Bailey
Lilibet Bana
Cathleen Boeck
Tom Carley
Karin Ciesla
Patricia Cloutier
Thomas Coates
Ann Culshaw
Jack Downs
JT Ellis
Laurie Fowler
Scott Freeman
Leah Gartell
Sally Giglio
Richard Gilbert
Andrew Gillis

Jim Gilmore
Doty Gridley
Fred Gridley
Walter Grieb
Patsy Hanson
David Hocking
Kate Hutchinson
Jamie Jacquart
David Johnson
William Jones
Bobbie Juster
Kris Kirschner
Chloe Honda (Konsker)
Marla Koshgarian
Sue Lindbloom
Patricia Manzano
Nancy Maxwell

Trey McGregor
Bob McLennan
Gordon Mounts
Jack Neller
Gerry Nonken
Gary Pint
Margaret Pint
Shannon Peterson
Kathy Reno
Riddle-Somers Family
Gabrielle Emily Ridout
Fred Schneeberg
Darrel Siebert
Sara Treiser
Joanie Toren
Anwyn Watts
Ben Wigginton

To add or remove a name, please email 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.

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 at 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 or in person with Samantha Santarosa at the Gathering Place. 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.

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