

Good Afternoon Friends of UCOM,

It is during uncertain times like now that I find encouragement from the strength in our unity.

There are so many ways we differ from each other. But, there are so many ways we are the same. We all need food, shelter, and community. We all feel compassion and want dignity.

Fred Rogers said, "When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

I am so thankful to be part of a community of helpers. Seeing where the needs are and addressing them. Giving compassion to our aging seniors, being an advocate for equality, and bringing light into the darkness by baring witness to truth.

This weekend, I was making my calls to the apartment complexes we are serving during COVID. One of the people we usually see at our pantry that I hadn't seen in a while lives in one and I asked their apartment manager to check in on them. The manager called me back with a request for groceries to be delivered. Our client has been ill, and hadn't eaten a meal in four days...only snacks that didn't need preparation. Our client is a senior, arthritic hands, walks with assistance, and a 'pull yourself up by your own bootstraps' type. Doesn't ask for 'handouts'.

I looked for the helpers in our community and groceries were delivered. He had a friendly person to talk with on the phone. We got him a tele-appointment with a doctor. And another helper picked up medicine for him.

4 helpers answered the call and changed this one man's life this weekend.

To be plain, this is one example of hundreds in the southside faith community. We all work together to address needs with compassion and dignity. We remember "but for the grace of God, this could be me".

Thank you for being united in the ministry of feeding the hungry and giving hope and dignity to those living in poverty in our southside community.

United, we get things done quickly and with grace and I am so privileged to be on this team of awesome that is UCOM.

Cheers for being the helpers during this time. Cheers to all the drivers, providers, connectors, and hand and feet that are doing God's work.

Blessings, *Sara Mitchell*, Executive Director

Ps. we are looking for drivers for meals on wheels. Please email [saramitchell@ucomjax.org](mailto:saramitchell@ucomjax.org) with any interest in being a helper in that way.

## To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he hath done;  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

### Refrain

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear His voice;  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,  
Let the people rejoice;  
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

### Refrain

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

### Refrain

## There's Within My Heart a Melody

1. There's within my heart a melody  
Jesus whispers sweet and low:  
Fear not, I am with thee, peace, be still,  
in all of life's ebb and flow.

### Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus,  
sweetest name I know,  
fills my every longing,  
keeps me singing as I go.

2. All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,  
discord filled my heart with pain;  
Jesus swept across the broken strings,  
stirred the slumbering chords again. **[Refrain]**

3. Though sometimes he leads through waters deep,  
trials fall across the way,  
though sometimes the path seems rough and steep,  
see his footprints all the way. **[Refrain]**

4. Feasting on the riches of his grace,  
resting neath his sheltering wing,  
always looking on his smiling face,  
that is why I shout and sing. **[Refrain]**

5. Soon he's coming back to welcome me  
far beyond the starry sky;  
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown;  
I shall reign with him on high. **[Refrain]**

## Blessed Assurance

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

### Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.  
**(Refrain)**

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.  
**(Refrain)**