



where faith happens and love abounds

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

April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

10:00 am

Visitors and guests, welcome to the Church of the Palms, a United Church of Christ. You are encouraged to sign our Guest Book, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to receive our newsletters and minister's weekly emails, please include your email address. Also, please check in on Facebook and let your family and friends know that you are at the Church of the Palms! And please join us after worship for conversation and refreshments in the Friendship Center.

To Enhance Your Worship Experience...

- Remember to silence your cell phones in the sanctuary.
- There are not assigned seats; sit where you feel most comfortable.
- A hearing "loop" encircles the sanctuary to help those with hearing aids.
- For your comfort, back cushions for the pews available in the back pews to pick up as you enter or ask an usher.
- Special bulletins for children are available from the ushers.



- If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the recycle box at the exit to Friendship Center.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Welcome and the Life of the Church

Prelude

Prayer

Ambrosia

*Call To Worship

One: We gather with joy, for Easter continues.

All: Locked doors have been opened and fear has turned to peace.

One: We celebrate the presence of the risen Christ among us.

All: Doubts have been erased and uncertainty has turned to faith.

One: Let us rejoice and be glad!

*Gathering Hymn

Joy Dawned Again on Easter Day

#241

*Gathering Prayer

One: Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

All: Christ is with us now! Alleluia!

One: Let us pray:

All: Holy God, the earth is full of Your glory, and so we worship You.

**Our hearts are on fire with the awareness that Christ is with us,
and so we thank You.**

**Our fears have been calmed in the bright light of the Resurrection Day,
and so we praise You.**

Do not leave us, we pray.

**Let us abide for ever in the assurance of Your love;
through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Gloria (*feel free to sing the traditional words or the inclusive version below*)

#759

Glory to the Creator, the Christ, the Holy Spirit: Three in One!

**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen! Amen!**

Anthem

The Eyes of All Look to Thee
(Psalm 145:15,16)

arr. Thoburn

The eyes of all look to Thee O Lord, and Thou givest them their food in due season. The eyes of all look to Thee O Lord, and Thou givest them their food in due season. Thou openest Thine hand, Thou openest Thine hand and nourish all things living with plenty, with plenty. Thou openest Thine hand, and nourish all things living with plenty, and nourish all things living with plenty. The eyes of all look to Thee O Lord, and Thou givest them their food. Thou givest them their food in due season. Thou openest Thine hand. Thou openest Thine hand, and nourish all things, and nourish all things living with plenty, and nourish all things living with plenty.

Children's Conversation

Gathering and Sending Song:

God loves me, God loves me, from head to toe I know it's so, God loves me.

Pastoral Prayer

Response (sung by all)

Sweet Hour of Prayer

#505, verse 3

**Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer! Whose wings shall my petition bear
to One whose truth and faithfulness engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since I'm bid to seek God's face, believe God's word, and trust God's grace,
I'll cast away my every care, and wait for you, sweet hour of prayer!**

Offertory

Offertory in G

Massenet

*An Easter Doxology

**O Jesus, risen now to bless, do You Yourself our hearts possess,
that we may give You all our days, the willing tribute of our praise!**

Prayer for Understanding

Reading of Scripture

First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

NT p. 105

*Alleluia (sung twice, first by choir and then by all)

Celtic Alleluia

Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*Gospel Reading Luke 14:36b-48 NT p. 67
*Affirmation of Faith A New Creed Hymnal #887

Sermon *The Reality of Jesus* The Reverend Susan Moore

Prayer of Thanksgiving

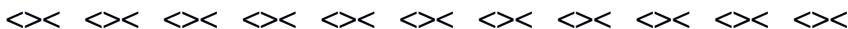
Prayer of Our Savior (*trespasses*)

*Hymn *The Strife is O'er* #242

*Blessing and Sending

*You are invited to exit quietly or remain seated
during the musical postlude, to enjoy a last moment of worship.*

Postlude *Triumphal March* Grieg



PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

The Reverend Susan Moore, Guest Pastor
Elizabeth Gates Sanders, Liturgist
Edward Krynicki, Music Director
Elaine Reinhardt, Pianist

FOOD PANTRY Please support CROS by contributing boxed or canned food. Your donations are welcomed and appreciated. This week they are specifically asking for *Canned Vegetables*.

EARTH DAY MISSION PROJECT

Your Newly Formed Mission Ministry Team is offering you a way to honor Earth Day by participating in a postcard campaign from Interfaith Power and Light, a leader in faith responses to the environmental crisis. They are providing resources and postcards for local congregations. We hope that you will take this simple action to protect God's creation. Look for cards and info this week and next following worship in Friendship Center.

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



As an **Open and Affirming** congregation of the United Church of Christ, our goal is to extend to everyone an extravagant welcome in hopes that you will experience the abundant love of God here and be inspired to share that love with the world.

Nursery: We offer child care for infants and toddlers in the Education Building.

Sunday School: Children start the service in the sanctuary. After a special conversation with them during the service, they may go to Sunday School in the Education Building if they choose. On 1st Sundays children remain for the entire service including Communion.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to include joys and concerns in our prayers, please write them on one of the Prayer Request forms and put it in the offering plate. Thank you. You may also contact the church office (561.276.6347). All prayers are included in the Thursday Prayer Ministry gathering.

THIS WEEK AT CHURCH OF THE PALMS

Today

11:00 am..... **Social Hour**
6:00 pm 11th Step AA
7:30 pm Ambassadors Church

Daily

7:00 am Breakfast Club

Monday, April 16th

6:30 pm Freedom from Alcohol

Tuesday, April 17th

10:30 am Current Events
6:30 pm Daily Grace

Wednesday, April 18th

7:30 pm Gathering AA

Thursday, April 19th

10:00 pm **Prayer Ministry**
10:30 pm **Bible Study**
6:00 pm **Choir Practice**
7:00 pm Westside AA
7:30 pm Naranon

Friday, April 20th

1:00 pm Bridge Club
6:00 pm DAA
7:30 pm Friday Night AA

Saturday, April 14th

7:30 pm Saturday Night AA

Sunday, April 15th

8:00 am Breakfast Club
10:00 am Ambassadors Church
**10:00 am..... Worship,
Sunday School, and Nursery**

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are
Tuesday through Friday, 9 am – 1 pm.

PASTOR'S HOURS this week are on Thursday.
Pastor is away through Wednesday.

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