## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

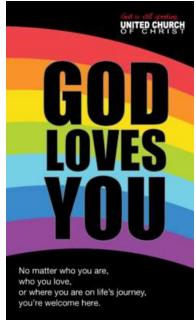
## Special Thanks to Reverend Charles Morey for filling in at the last minute. Pastor Brad is recovering from eye surgery.

<u>Office Hours</u> this week are Tuesday-Friday, 9am-1pm. Pastor will be in on Thursday from 9am.

**Summer Growth Series: Quiet Day Retreat** is Thursday, July 26, 12pm-3:15pm. Please sign up in advance on the Sign-Up Table at the back of the Church. A minimum of 5 participants is needed for the even to be held.

<u>New Members</u> will be received on September 2. If you are interested contact the pastor. Membership Orientation Class(es) will be scheduled in August.

<u>Women's Fellowship</u> next meeting will be Tuesday, August 7, 2018, 11am at Ellies Diner.





# **Church of the Palms United Church of Christ** *Where faith happens and love abounds*

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Sunday, July 15, 2018 + 10:00am Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

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

Visitors are a special blessing! Please sign our Guest Book, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to receive our newsletters and weekly emails, include your email address. And join us after worship for conversation and refreshments in the Friendship Center.

To enhance your worship experience...

- Kindly silence your cell phone in the sanctuary
- Back cushions are available in the back pew or ask an usher
- A hearing loop encircles the sanctuary for those with hearing aids
- There are no assigned seats sit where you feel most comfortable
- If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please place it in the recycle box as you exit to Friendship Center
- Let us know what we can do for you!

<u>Nursery Care</u> is available for infants and toddlers in the education building. Ask an usher for assistance. **Children through grade 3** are invited to the Kids Korner at the back of the sanctuary following the Children's Conversation.

<u>**Prayer Requests**</u> may be submitted using a form in the pew rack and placing it on the offering plate. Requests are included in the 2nd Thursday Contemplative Prayer gathering. Prayer. Requests may also be called in to the Church Office during the week.

#### SERVICE OF THE WORD

\*please stand in body or spirit

#### Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude

Adagio in B<sup>b</sup>

Dubois

### **Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer**

One: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

- All: And also with you.
- One: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout joy to the rock of our salvation!
- All: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.
- One: Let us pray:
- All: God of light and truth,

You are beyond our grasp or conceiving.

Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces.

With lowly reverence and adoring love

we acclaim your glory and sing your praise,

for you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*Gathering Hymn	God is Truly With Us	#68

**\*Psalm 149** (*read responsively*) Hymnal, page 722

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

**Children's Conversation** 

Song: God loves me. God loves me. From head to toe I know it's so. God loves me. Prayers of the People and Response #775 (sung by all)

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

## **Invitation to the Offering**

Offertory	Hooked on Hexatonic Hymn Tunes		arr. Brent	
	Handbell soloist	Vinny Mutarelli		
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*Offertory Respons		C4		
0	but Your own, whate'er the gi	•		
All that we have is Yours alone, we give it gratefully.				
Prayer for Underst	anding			
Reading of Scriptur				
Gospel,	Gospel, Luke 16:19-31		NT p. 69	
<b>Response</b> (sung by	v all – Tune: Stuttgart, #13)			
God, your word is for your people, written, spoken, sung, proclaimed.				
As we hear, thus may we follow, and by Christ shall we be named.				
Sermon	Chasms and Walls			
Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Prayer of Jesus (trespasses)				
*Hymn	Lord, Dismiss Us with Your	r Blessing	#77	
*Sending and Blessing				

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

Postlude

The 32<sup>nd</sup> Psalm

Marcello