

THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Search Committee meets Monday, 6:30pm, in the Volunteer Office.

Women's Fellowship meets Tuesday, 10am, at the Church.

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

Summer Growth Series: Contemplative Prayer is Thursday, 10-11:15am, in the Sanctuary.

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.

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





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



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Sunday, July 8, 2018 + 10:00am
Seventh 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!

Nursery Care 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.

Prayer Requests 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

Thou Shalt Bring Them In

Handel

Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer

One: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us,

All: God has called us to bring good news to the poor.

One: God has sent us to proclaim release to the captives,

All: God has called us to let the oppressed go free.

One: God is telling us that now is the time,

All: Even if some won't listen to us.

One: Now is the time,

All: Even if the words are hard to proclaim.

One: Now is the time,

All: Even when we tremble and are afraid.

One: Now is the time,

All: To do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with our God.

One: Let us pray:

All: Compassionate and faithful Lord,

you are our Redeemer and the source of all strength.

Open our eyes and ears, hearts and minds to experience you this day.

Lift us up by your grace and surround us with your love.

In Christ we pray. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn #70** *God is here*

***Psalm #123** (*read responsively*) Hymnal, pages 705-706

***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

Cantilene

Dubois

***Offertory Response #785**

We give You but Your own, whate'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Yours alone, we give it gratefully.

Prayer for Understanding

Reading of Scripture

Old Testament Ezekiel 2:1-5

Gospel Mark 6:1-13

Response (*sung by 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

The Success of Failure

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Prayer of Jesus (*trespasses*)

***Hymn #417, verses 1-4**

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

***Sending and Blessing**

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

Postlude

Christus Victor

Brandon



PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Rev. Brad S. Lutz, M.Div., Designated Term Pastor

Ed Krynicki, Director of Music

Jennifer Volcy, Liturgist

