

Church of the Palms United Church of Christ

Where faith happens and love abounds

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Sunday, August 12, 2018 + 10:00am
Twelfth 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

Make The Sounds of Praise

Hughes

Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer

One: Christ our Lord united his followers together in Christian love.

Many: Christ's presence makes our community a happy experience.

One: When Christ is our life, our community takes on the nature of Christ,
we experience unity, love and humility toward one another.

Many: May Christ live in us, that we may be like Jesus.

One: The Lord is with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: Let us pray. God of Love, you have loved us first and continue to love us.

Many: We come before you a people longing to love you in return.

**We hunger for your healing love in our lives,
for we long to love ourselves and our neighbors.**

Come to us this day and fill our longing.

In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

***Gathering Hymn #68**

God is Truly With Us

*** Psalm 34:1-8, Hymnal page 644 (read responsively)**

***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: To be like Jesus, to be like Jesus! My desire to be like Jesus!

All through life's journey from earth to glory, My desire to be like Jesus.

Prayers of the People and Response (Tune: Regent Square #126), *sung by all*

**Saints, before the altar bending, watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly, your prayers attending, Christ beside you shall appear.
God has heard our supplication, so we now give thanks and sing.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Elevation

Benoit

***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

Scripture Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

Hymn #131

It Came upon the Midnight Clear

Sermon

Touched by an Angel

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

***Hymn #27**

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

***Sending and Blessing**

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

Postlude

Christ The Redeemer

Birchwood