



Church of the Palms
United Church of Christ

Where faith happens and love abounds

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Sunday, September 23, 2018 + 10:00 am

Eighteenth 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. **Sunday School** classes meet in the Education Building 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 at Prayer Ministry Gatherings on the 1st & 3rd Thursdays of the month, 10:30am. 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

Siciliana

Van Paradies

Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer

One: As a mother gathering her child in a welcoming embrace,
God welcomes us into his presence.

Many: In God's presence we are taught the way of servanthood and humility.

One: Let us follow God this day and forever.

Many: We will worship God all of our days.

One: Let us pray:

All: Fill us with your goodness, O God.

Draw us into the orbit of your activity in the world

that we might fulfill the purpose for which you created us. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn #451**

Be Now My Vision

*** Psalm 1, Hymnal page #621 (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 #769,
Hear our prayer, O God, hear our prayer, O God.
Incline your ear to us, and grant us your peace.

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

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Bach

***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

Epistle James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Gospel Mark 9:30-37

Response (sung by all; Tune: St. Anne, #25)

Your Gospel, Jesus, we believe and for your help we pray;
That we, in word and thought and deed, your Gospel may obey.

Sermon

Walking the Walk

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

***Hymn #533**

Children of God

***Sending and Blessing**

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

Postlude

Triumphal March

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