



**PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE**

The Reverend Brad S. Lutz, Designated Pastor

Edward Krynicki, Music Director

Elaine Reinhart – Pianist

Polly Champ - Liturgist

Susan Moore, Lizz Sanders - Greeters





“Darkness cannot drive out darkness:  
only light can do that.  
Hate cannot drive out hate:  
only love can do that.”

— Martin Luther King Jr.

# SERVICE OF WORD AND MORNING PRAYER

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Welcome and the Life of the Church

### Prelude

*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

arr. Larson

*(You are encouraged to use this time for prayer & meditation.  
In respect for others, please observe silence in the sanctuary.)*

### \*Open Sentence

One: O God, open my lips.

All: **And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

One: Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

All: **as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

One: Alleluia!

All: **Alleluia!**

### \*Morning Hymn #50

*I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty*

### Morning Psalm Hymnal page 660

*The psalm is read responsively with the response sung as indicated.*

### Psalm Prayer

**Creating God, deep within our hearts we yearn for your presence,  
and hunger and thirst for your righteousness.**

**Satisfy us by the power of your Spirit, yet keep us restless to seek your will as  
we follow where Christ may lead. Amen.**

### Anthem

*A Psalm of Praise*

Fettke

Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name; bless his holy name. Bless the holy name of the Lord. Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name; bless his holy name. And forget not all his benefits. He forgives all your sins and heals your diseases, he redeems your life from destruction and he crowns you with his love and compassion. Bless the Lord, O my soul and all that is within me bless his holy name; bless his holy name, bless the holy name of the Lord. Bless the Lord, bless the Lord.

### 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.**

**Reading from *Letter from Birmingham Jail* by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

**Reading from Scripture**      Amos 5:18-24

**Silence for Reflection**

- *Martin Luther King quoted Amos 5:24. God want us to seek good and do justice; then truly will God be with us.*
- *How do you pray for civil leaders to establish justice? For church leaders to increase justice in the church for all?*
- *How do you offer your heart to God for the work of justice and righteousness?*

**\*Canticle of Zechariah #110**      *Now Bless the God of Israel*

**Invitation to the Offering**

**Offertory**      *My Faith Looks Up To Thee*      arr. Thompson

**Prayers of the People and Prayer of Our Savior (*trespasses*)**

Pastor:      Our cause is with the LORD,  
All:      **Our reward is with our God**

**Collect:**

One:      God is with you!

**Many:      And also with you.**

One:      Let us pray.

**All:      Almighty God, who by the hand of Moses led the people of Israel out of slavery, and freed them: grant that your Church, following the example of your prophet Martin Luther King, may resist oppression in the name of love, and may strive to secure liberty and justice for all people. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**\*Concluding Hymn #588**      *Let Justice Flow Like Streams*

**\* Sending and Blessing**

One:      May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Let us bless God!

**All:      Thanks be to God!**

*Please be seated for today's special Speaker.*

**Speaker**      *Mark Lauzier, City Manager, Delray Beach*

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

**Office Hours** this week are Tuesday - Friday- 9AM-1PM.

Pastor Brad will be in on Tuesday and Thursday.

**New Beginnings** small group session #4 is today, 11:30am-1:30pm.

**Blood Drive** is today, 11am – 1pm. The Big Red Bus is on site for your blood donation.

**Annual Delray Beach Community Commemoration for Martin Luther King Jr** is today at 3pm at St. Paul Baptist Church, 46 SW 10<sup>th</sup> Ave., Delray Beach. Rev. Susan Moore will lead the invocation.

**Prayer Ministry** gathers in the Sanctuary on Thursday, 10:00am – 10:25am.

**Bible Study** is Thursday at 10:30am in Fellowship.

## **Next Sunday, January 27 - Annual Congregational Meeting**

10am - Service of Morning Prayer

11am - Potluck luncheon

11:45am - Annual Meeting (Friendship Center)

*Annual reports (print copy) are available, 1 per household.*

*Electronic copies are available by calling the Church Office.*

## **Volunteers Needed:**

- Mission Team:
  - Volunteers are needed for the Live Fresh Shower truck for the homeless, to assist clients in receiving towels, hygiene kits and fresh underwear. Contact Judy Fenney (judyfenney1@gmail.com) and/or Kathleen Megan (kathleenmegan12549@gmail.com) of the Interfaith Committee.
  - Pine Grove Elementary School's Literacy Day is January 30, 8:00am. If you would like to read to a classroom, please contact the school at (561) 266-1100.
- Liturgists, ushers, greeters, and Communion servers are needed for the church. Sign up at the back of the church.

## **REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

Tuesday - Friday, 9am-1pm - Office Hours

Thursdays, 10:30am - Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)

Thursdays, 6:00pm – Choir rehearsal (Music Room)

4th Thursdays of every month, 10:00-10:25am - Prayer Ministry (Sanctuary)

Sundays, 10am following Children's Conversation is Sunday School

2nd Sunday of every month, 11:30am-12:45pm Super Sunday Team Meetings





# Church of the Palms

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Sunday, January 20, 2019, 10:00 am  
*Second Sunday after Epiphany*

*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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month, 10:30am. Requests may also be called in to the Church Office during the week.