

# Church of the Palms

## United Church of Christ

*Where faith happens and love abounds*

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Sunday, February 10, 2019, 10:00 am  
*Fifth 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 or called into the Church Office during the week. Prayer Ministry Gatherings are on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

# SERVICE OF WORD

*\*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Welcome and the Life of the Church

### Prelude

*Just A Closer Walk*

arr. DeCou

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

### Call to Worship

One: Jesus calls us to praise and prayer, to song and silence;  
**Many: Jesus calls us to worship.**  
One: Jesus calls us to hearing and healing, to service and solidarity;  
**Many: Jesus calls us to love.**  
One: Jesus calls us to advocacy and action, to protest and provision;  
**Many: Jesus calls us to justice.**  
One: Let us heed the call of Christ.  
**All: Let us worship together with joy.**

### \*Gathering Hymn #172

*Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult*

### \*Gathering Prayer and Prayer of Jesus (*trespasses*)

One: Christ is with us!  
**All: Christ is in our midst!**  
One: Let us pray:  
**All: Holy God, we come before you with awe, for you are great in love  
and power.  
Some of us come with reluctance, and some with joy, some with  
sadness, and others full of fear, yet we know you receive us as we  
are.  
Touch us, God, with your healing fire.  
Speak to us through your word.  
Send us back into the world renewed and eager to do your will,  
we pray in the name of Jesus Christ and as he taught us,  
"Our Father. . ."**

### \*Sentences of Praise (*from Psalm 138*)

One: Give thanks to God with all your heart.  
**All: I bow toward your holy temple and thank your name  
for your loyal love and faithfulness.**

**\*Gloria #759**

**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.**

**Affirmation of Ministry of the 2019 Leadership Council**

**Congregational Covenant**

**We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.**

**Anthem**

*Shall We Gather At the River*

arr. Carter

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod. With its crystal tide forever, flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river. Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, I want to cross over into campground.

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God; that flows by the throne of God.

**Prayer for Understanding**

## Reading of Scripture

Old Testament        Isaiah 6:1-8

Gospel                 Luke 15:1-11

## Response (Tune: Nettleton #59)

**May we hear with understanding, by your Spirit taught and led;  
may the springs of all our being by your Living Word be fed;  
may our hearts accept with meekness all the grace your light makes known;  
may obedience mark our footsteps, till we make each word our own!**

## Reflection on Scripture

*God Calling*

## 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

*Andante*

Brahms

## \*Doxology 780/778

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below;  
Praise God for all that love has done: Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One.**

## \*Prayer of Dedication

**We dedicate our lives and all that we have to the work of life, of love, of peace.  
Receive our gifts and lead us in wisdom and courage. Amen.**

## \*Hymn #173

*Tú has venido a la orilla (You Have Come down to the Lakeshore)*

## \*Sending and Blessing

## Postlude

*March (from 5<sup>th</sup> Symphony)*

Beethoven

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



# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

Pastor Brad will be in on Tuesday and Thursday.

**Super Sunday** for all Ministry Teams is today, 11:30am - 12:45pm.

**Women's Fellowship Complementary Valentine's Day Luncheon** is Thursday, Valentine's Day, at noon in Friendship Center.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS – Mark Your Calendars**

**Women's Fellowship meeting** and meeting and making of Comfort Dolls is Tuesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>, at 11am in Fellowship Hall.

**Congregational Conversation** on *Open and Affirming*, is Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am - 12:45pm

**Congregational Conversation** on the *New Beginnings Report*, is Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am - 12:30pm

**Spring Rummage Sale**, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, is Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, and Saturday, March 2. Donations are being accepted now. Call Margot Beck at 561-737-0012 for more information and to sign up to help.

**Volunteers Needed** for Liturgists, ushers, greeters, and Communion servers are needed for the church. Sign up at the back of the church.

**Food Donations** are needed for CROS Ministries. We have more than 100,000 food insecure people in Palm Beach County who rely on CROS for food. Please put your food items in the bins at the back of the church. To make a financial donation, go to [crosministries.org](http://crosministries.org).

## **REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

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

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

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

4th Thursday 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

4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month, 6:00pm – Leadership Council (volunteer conference room)