



# Church of the Palms

## United Church of Christ

*Where faith happens and love abounds*

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Sunday, April 28, 2019, 10:00 am

*Second Sunday of Easter*

*No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey,*

*No matter who you love, you are welcome here!*



**Guests 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.*



As an Open and Affirming congregation of the United Church of Christ, our goal is to extend to everyone an extravagant welcome in hopes that you will experience the abundant love of God here and be inspired to share that love with the world.

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 except on Communion Sunday.

**Prayer Requests** may be submitted using the Connect Cards 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.

# WELCOME AND LIFE OF THE CHURCH

*\*Those who wish may stand*

## \*Welcome and Life of the Church

### Prelude

*How Great Thou Art*

arr. Wilson

*(You are encouraged to use this time for prayer & meditation.  
In respect for others, please refrain from unnecessary conversation.)*

### \*Call to Worship

One: Praise God, praise God in this sanctuary, praise God in your home.

**All: Praise God's mighty deeds**

One: Praise God with the organ, the piano, and your voices

**All: Praise God with your deeds of love and mercy**

One: Praise God by forgiving those who have hurt you

**All: Let everything that breathes praise the Lord.**

### \*Gathering Hymn #252

*Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

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

One: Let us pray: Emptier of Tombs, you raised Jesus from the grave so all fears might be banished; so the locked doors of our hearts could be flung open; so our quivering lips could declare what we have seen and heard.

**All: Bright Glory of God:**

**as you stood in the middle of your friends on that first Easter night,  
come among us now, in this time and place,  
showing us that death and sin no longer stand in the way of our life with  
you.**

One: Breath of Peace:

**All: Strengthen us so we may stand with all who fear life;**

**take our hands in yours,**

**so we may serve all who are broken with grief;**

**inspire us to share the grace which has been breathed into our very souls.**

**God in Community, Holy in One, hear us as we pray as Jesus taught  
us, saying, *Our Father...***

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know You art mine. For You all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou. If ever I loved You, My Jesus, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love You because You have first loved, first loved me. And purchased my pardon on Calv'ry's tree. I love You for wearing the thorns on Your brow. If ever I loved You my Jesus, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love You in life, I will love You in death. And praise You as long as You lendest me breath. And I will say when the death dew lies cold, lies cold on my brow. If ever I loved You, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight. I'll ever adore You in heaven so bright. I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow. If ever I loved You, my Jesus, my Jesus, 'tis now.

**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.**

**Prayer for Understanding****Reading of Scripture**

**First Reading Acts 5:27-32**

**\*Gospel Halleluja #236 (sung by choir)**

**\*Gospel John 20:1-18**

**\*Halleluha #236 (sung twice by all)**

**Sermon**

*Rev. David L. Cooper*

**Prayer of the Congregation**

**Response #772**      *Nothing Can Trouble*

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten,**

**Those who seek God shall never go wanting**

**Nothing can trouble, nothing can frighten. God along, fills.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith #882**

*The Apostle's Creed*

**Invitation to the Offering**

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never. I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever. Where streams of loving water flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth. And where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth. Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me. And on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me, and on His shoulder gently laid, and home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me. Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me. Thou spread'st a table in my sight, Thy unction grace bestoweth, and O, the transport of delight with which my cup overfloweth. And so, through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house for ever! And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never. Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house for ever! Amen.

**\*An Easter Doxology**

**O Jesus, risen now to bless, do you yourself our hearts possess,  
That we may give you all our days, the willing tribute of our praise.**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**God of Resurrection,**

**may these gifts we have given be used to bring renewed life in our world:  
hope to the despairing; joy to the depressed; peace to the dismayed;  
love to all of your children, everywhere.**

**We give this offering to you in the name of your Son, the Resurrected One, Jesus. Amen.**

**\*Hymn #393**

*Blessed Be The Tie That Binds*

**\*Sending and Blessing**

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

**Postlude**

*Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*

arr. Innes/Fasig

# Church bulletin board

The following appeared in church bulletins  
or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

## PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

The Reverend Brad S. Lutz, Designated Pastor

The Reverend David Cooper, Guest Minister

Edward Krynicki, Music Director

Elaine Reinhardt – Pianist

Jennifer Volcy – Liturgist

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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

Pastor Brad will be in on Tuesday and Thursday.

**“Ask the Treasurer”** with Treasurer, Deirdre Scott is today, after services, 11:30am - 12:30pm, in the Church Office Volunteer Conference Room. Please drop in to ask any questions about the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Financial Report.

**Bible Study** resumes this Thursday, at 10:30am in Fellowship Hall.

**Congregation Conversation** – New Beginnings Update is next Sunday at 11:30am.



**Food Donations** are needed for CROS Ministries. Pantry item needed this week is Peanut Butter. Please put your food items in the bins at the back of the church and in Friendship Center. To make a financial donation, go to [crosministries.org](http://crosministries.org).

## **Upcoming Events**

**Women’s Fellowship** – next meeting is May 14 at 11am, at the Palm Diner, located on Military Tr. at Boynton Beach Blvd. (next to Walmart).

## **REGULARLY SCHEDULED EVENTS**

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

Tuesdays, 6:00pm – Handbell Practice (Sanctuary)

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