



Church of the Palms

United Church of Christ
Where faith happens and love abounds

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Sunday, June 16, 2019, 10:00 am

First 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!*



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!

KIDS KORNER During the summer months children will remain in the Sanctuary. An activity and reflection table is available in the back of the church for children through age 8. Sunday School resumes after Labor Day.

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 4th Thursday of the month at 10:30am in the Sanctuary.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Those who wish may stand*

Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude

Adagio

Nyquist

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

Call to Worship and Gathering Prayer

One: We gather this morning in the name of the Creator,
who creates time and space, galaxies and stars and planets.

Many: **In the name of Jesus Christ, born on planet Earth,**

One: and in the name of the Spirit who fills Earth with her presence.

Let us pray:

All: **Creator God, in this time we call ‘now’**

in this space we call ‘here’

we worship you.

Make your presence felt among us. Amen.

***Gathering Hymn #273** *Praise with Joy the World’s Creator*

***Psalm 8** (*read responsively*) Hymnal, pages 624

***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.

Prayers of the People

One: Holy Spirit, our Comforter,

Many: **receive our prayer.**

Response #775 (*sung by all*)

**And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.**

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

How Great Thou Art

arr. Whitworth

***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

Reading of Scripture

Matthew 18:10-14

Response (*sung by all – Tune: Stuttgart, #13*)

**God, your word is for your people, written, spoken, sung, proclaimed.
As we hear, thus may we follow, and by Christ shall we be named.**

Sermon

True Belonging

Ms. Lisa LeSueur, Minister of Congregational and Staff Care
Coral Gables United Church of Christ

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

***Hymn #471** *What a Covenant*

***Sending and Blessing**

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

Postlude

Recessional

Asper

Allan Herbst is today's guest organist. He is a recent retiree from positions in higher education and banking in Ohio. Music has always been an avocation of his. He has served churches of many denominations culminating in retirement from Broad Street Christian Church in Columbus, OH.



PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE

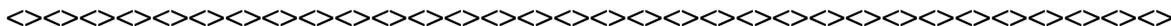
The Reverend Brad S. Lutz, Designated Pastor

The Reverend Lisa Laseure, Guest Pastor

Edward Krynicki, Music Director

Allan Herbst, Guest Organist

Lizz Sanders, Liturgist



THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

Office Hours this week are Tuesday – Friday, 9AM – 1PM.

Pastor Brad will be out until Sunday, June 23.

If you need pastoral care, please call the office.

Congregational Conversation on repair of the stained-glass window will be Sunday, June 30, at 11:30am.

Offering Cards – are now available in the baskets in the back of the church. If you give electronically, you can place a “I give electronically” card in the offering plate to represent your donation. “Generosity” cards are available to those who cannot give or who are making a special gift of their time and/or talents. Please write what you will do this week in gratitude for your blessings on the back of the card. Pick up the cards when entering the sanctuary and place them in the offering plate during the offertory.

Mission Team Update:

- Family Promise Volunteer Training will be June 27, 6pm at 840 George Bush Boulevard, Building D. If you are interested in helping the homeless, RSVP with Sandy Symonds, 561-265-3370, ext. 100.
- The Live Fresh Shower Truck needs two volunteers every Friday (for signing in clients, distributing clothing, towels, hygiene kits and insect repellent. If you are interested in volunteering, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the back of the church.
- We have a box in the back of the sanctuary for donations of towels, new underwear, feminine hygiene products, socks and insect repellents for Shower Truck participants.



Food Donations are needed for CROS Ministries. 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.