



# Church of the Palms

United Church of Christ  
*Where faith happens and love abounds*

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Sunday, June 23, 2019, 10:00 am

*Second 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

*Meditation*

Massenet

*(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: In the midst of the noisiness of the city, the noisiness of life,

**Many: we hunger for a time of peace and quiet.**

One: The God who speaks in grandiose thunder, and also in stillness, has called us together,

**Many: we have come together to worship, to be refreshed, to engage the God of noise and silence.**

One: Let us pray: God, once again we have gathered in this place;

**Many: once again we are here to explore how you are active in our lives.**

One: In this time of worship, this time of pause from the world,

**Many: move among and within us, speak to us in speech and song and silence.**

One: And as we prepare to go back out into the world,

**Many: help us carry the confidence that we are not alone,  
even if we can not hear Your voice we are not alone. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn #502**     *Dear God, Embracing Humankind*

**\*Psalm 42** (*read responsively*)     Hymnal, pages 649-650

**\*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**

*I Love To Tell The Story*

Fischer

**\*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<sup>1</sup>**

**Reading of Scripture**

1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a

**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**

*Silence in a World of Noise*

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

**\*Hymn #531**     *God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak*

**\*Sending**

One:             Our worship comes to a close, our service and ministry continue.

Many:           **We go out from here to share the love of God with all those we meet.**

One:             And as we go, we take hope and courage and strength;

Many:           **from the knowledge that God is with us always.**

One:             Sometimes in noise and flash and grandeur,

Many:           **and sometimes in the still small silence. Thanks be to God!**

**\*Blessing**

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

**Postlude**

*Thine Is The Glory*

Handel

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<sup>1</sup> Thomas a Kempis in *The Imitation of Christ* (adapted), Book I, Chapter 3

