

# CHURCH OF THE PALMS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Where faith happens and love abounds*

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Sunday, October 20, 2019

10:00 am

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**Guests are a special blessing!** Please sign our Guest Book, located in the back of the sanctuary where a visitor packet is waiting for you! If you would like to receive our newsletters and weekly emails, include your email address. We are blessed by your presence.



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.

***After worship, join us for refreshments and conversation in the Friendship Center.***

**To enhance your worship experience...**

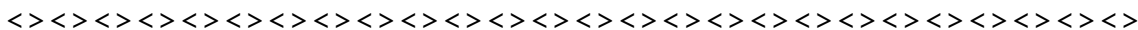
- Kindly silence your cell phone in the sanctuary
- There are no assigned seats – sit where you feel most comfortable
- Back cushions are available in the back pew or ask an usher
- A hearing loop encircles the sanctuary for those with hearing aids`
- If you do not wish to keep your bulletin, please 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** are welcomed. Please use the *Connect Cards* in the pew rack and place it on the offering plate or call the Church Office.

**If you are interested in more information or becoming a member,** please complete the information on a *Connect Card* and place it on the offering plate or contact the Church Office to speak with the Pastor.

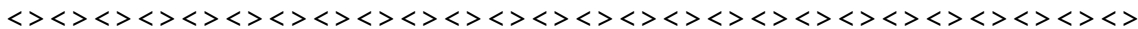


**PARTICIPATING IN THIS MORNING’S SERVICE**

Reverend Luigi Chekwa, Guest Minister

Dr. Kirsten Hellman, Music Director

Lizz Sanders, Liturgist



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

*\*please stand in body or spirit*

Welcome and Life of the Church

Search Committee Announcement

Fred Moore

Prelude

*Aria in F Major*

by G. F. Handel (1685-1759)

## \*Call to Worship

One: Some of us wonder what this faith is all about,  
All: **And come hoping to learn things that will help us.**

One: Some of us are confident in  
“what we have learned and what we have believed,”

All: **And come longing to share our insights**

One: Most of all we have come to learn from the words of scripture.

All: **You write your sacred texts, O God,  
in scripture and on our hearts;  
you welcome us into depths of understanding.**

**Meet us here and lead us deeper into You;  
equip us for every good work.**

**Join our desire to learn  
with your willingness to teach us  
your ways of justice and joy.**

**For this purpose, we gather, O Holy One.**

\*Gathering Hymn #28

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

## \*Invocation (In Unison)

**Divine Creator,  
come and remind us of the law  
you have written on our hearts.**

**Enter us by your Holy Spirit  
and show us how powerful Your words are.**

**Holy One of our yearning,  
bring your comfort and strength to this gathering  
that we may all partake of your wondrous love  
and welcome you to our lives. Amen.**

## Children's Conversation

**Song: Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.**

**Little ones to Him belong. They are weak but He is strong.**

**Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me.**

**Reading of Scripture**            Exodus 33:12-20

**Hymn #23**                    *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

**Sermon**                      *"I Need More"*

Rev. Luigi Chekwa, Guest Minister

## Pastoral Prayer and Prayer of Jesus

**Response #769** (sung by all)

**Hear our prayer, O Lord, hear our prayer, O Lord**

**Incline thine ear to us, and grant us your peace.**

## Invitation to the Offering

**Offertory**                      *Arabesque no. 1*                      by Claude Debussy (1862-1918)

**\*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.**

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**\*Hymn #81**                    *God Be With You*

## Benediction

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

**Postlude**                      *Praeludium in C, BuxWV 137* by Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)



**I WILL MAKE ALL  
MY GOODNESS  
PASS BEFORE YOU**

Exodus 33:19

# THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH



**Office Hours** this week are Tuesday - Friday, 9 AM to 1 PM. If you need pastoral care, please call the church



**Rev. Todd Petty** meet and greet is Saturday, 4pm -6pm in Friendship Center. **Congregational Meeting** to vote on our new pastor is next Sunday. Members should stay after worship to participate.

choir practice



If you are interested in singing in our Choir, please contact Dr. Kirsten Hellman at [kirsten.hellman@gmail.com](mailto:kirsten.hellman@gmail.com). **Choir Practice** is 6 PM on Wednesdays.



FEED THE HUNGRY

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



**Fall Rummage Sale**, sponsored by the Women's Fellowship, is Friday, Noon – 2pm (\$3.00 admission) and Saturday, 8:30 AM – Noon (Free admission).



**Shower Truck** needs donations of Women's small t-shirts (not White), small (size 32-34) bras, socks, and small (5-6) underpants; and men's medium boxer shorts, medium and large t-shirts (not White), socks, towels and washcloths. All items can be used, EXCEPT underwear MUST be new. Bins are in the back of the sanctuary.



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