

# CHURCH OF THE PALMS UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Where faith happens and love abounds*

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Sunday, November 17, 2019

10:00 am

Twenty-third 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.***



# SERVICE OF THE WORD

*\*please stand in body or spirit*

## Welcome and Life of the Church

**Prelude**      *Sonata for flute and keyboard, BWV 1032 "Vivace"*  
by J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

### \*Call To worship

One:            The Holy One is here in this community of faith.  
**Women:      Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**  
One:            Let us bless our Lord's Holy Name forever and ever.  
**Men:          Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**  
One:            Let us meditate on God's wondrous works.  
**Women:      Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**  
One:            Let us bless and praise God's name forever and ever.  
**All:            Great is our God and greatly to be praised!**

### \*Invocation

**Holy One, you have promised to be with us,  
And long ago sent your Spirit to abide among us  
and guide us to a future of goodness and hope.  
We come seeking your truth, your justice, your kindness.  
O God, you are with us this morning.  
Let us feel your presence and  
welcome you into our lives.  
Come and fill these desires of our hearts. Amen.**

**\*Gathering Hymn #1**      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

### Prayer of Confession

**O God, we long to rest in you, to trust in your goodness, in your care for us,  
in your abundant life.  
But we don't know how to rest and we have forgotten how to trust:  
    We seek material goods that we don't really need.  
    We befriend people not always out of love.  
    We ask questions of you like the Sadducees did of Jesus,  
        questions that try only to prove our point,  
        not to grow in understanding of your desires for us.  
Slow us down, Holy One.  
Attend to us, Holy One,  
And show us that you are our salvation and our resting place.**

## **Assurance of Pardon**

The Holy One will make a place for you  
that is full of life and love, forgiveness and humility, kindness and justice.  
Your belonging to God is your salvation. You may rest in that truth.

## **Children's Conversation**

**Song: God loves me. God loves me. From head to toe I know it's so. God loves me!!**  
(repeat)

**Old Testament Lesson**                      **Isaiah 65:17-25**

**Gospel Lesson**                                **Luke 21: 5-15**

**\*Hymn #522**                                    *I Love to Tell the Story*

**Sermon**                                        **The Peaceable Kingdom?**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**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.**

## **Offering Invitation**

**Offertory**     *Sonata for flute and keyboard, BWV 1032 "Largo e dolce" by J. S. Bach*

## **\*Doxology**

**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. Amen.**

## **\*Dedication**

**The gifts that sometimes seem, in our sight, to be nothing, O God,**  
**You bless and increase for your purposes.**  
**Where you dwell, where your Spirit abides, compassion abounds.**  
**We are happy to offer these gifts to you.**

**\*Closing hymn #473**     *Blessed Assurance*

## **Benediction**

**Postlude**     *Sonata for flute and keyboard, BWV 1032 "Allegro" by J. S. Bach*



**CITY OF DELRAY BEACH**  
with  
**One Soldier at a Time, Inc.**

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual PROJECT HOLIDAY**  
**SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN**  
**DEPLOYED OVERSEAS DURING THE HOLIDAYS**

- Thermoguard pads (heating pads)
- Bags of hard, individually wrapped candy (lifesavers, dollar store hard candy, no chocolates except for tootsie rolls, tootsie roll pops).
- Snacks to put in their pockets while on duty (fruit cups, peanut butter crackers)
- Gum
- Beef jerky, Slim Jims, pepperoni or similar dried meats
- Boxes of granola bars, protein bars, crackers
- Individual bags of nuts, dried fruit, trail mix or sunflower seeds
- Boxed and/or individual drink packets (Crystal Light (with caffeine), Wal-Mart or Target brand, Kool-Aid, hot chocolate, etc)
- Foil packed tuna and chicken
- Sun block (non-aerosol)
- Lip balm
- Baby wipes (no bigger than 2 ½" wide packages)
- Purell hand sanitizer (small sizes)
- Eye drops
- Hand lotion (small sizes)
- Batteries (AA or AAA)
- Foot powder (small sizes)
- Deodorant
- Toothpaste, Toothbrushes (individually packaged)
- Socks (white or black knee-hi)
- Soap, razors (disposable), shampoo (travel size)
- Feminine products
- Toiletries – travel size
- Holiday decorations – all faiths (small)
- Note cards for troops to use, also cards, notes and letters of encouragement to troops

**DEADLINE FOR DONATIONS: DECEMBER 6, 2019**

**CONTACT PERSON: DELORES RANGEL (561) 243-7010**

**Financial donations can also be made to assist with postage.**

**Please NO: Canned foods, family size items, pump dispensers, aerosols, chocolate, glass or alcohol.**

# 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.



Treasurer Report

**Ask the Treasurer** with Deirdre Scott is today at 11:30 AM in the office conference room and Tuesday, November 19 at 11:30 AM in the office conference room. Please attend one session if you are interested in learning more about our finances.

choir practice



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



FEED THE HUNGRY

**Food Donations** are needed for CROS Ministries. The homeless population in our area has increased and CROS **NEEDS** Food. Pantry item needed this week is **Canned Tuna**. 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).



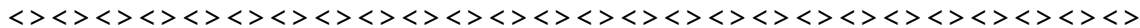
Following the Thanksgiving Day service on November 24, at 11:30, we will commence **The Hanging of the Greens** to prepare the sanctuary for the Advent Season. Many volunteers are needed!

*Christmas Luncheon*

The Women's Fellowship **Annual Christmas Luncheon** is Dec. 2 at the Delray Beach Golf Club. RSVP with Margot Beck, 561-737-0012.



**A special pledge** was made to the church to honor Rev. Dr. Charles Mory for his stewardship and unflagging faith in the life and future of the church. Also, we received another special donation in honor of Sally Dye's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. Thank you!



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