



WELCOME!

Church of the Palms Congregational United Church of Christ

Where Faith Happens and Love Abounds!

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Sunday, January 19, 2020 | 10 o'clock in the morning

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

SERVICE OF THE WORD

**Please stand, as you are able, in body or spirit*

Welcome and Life of the Church

Prelude

Largo from “Xerxes”

G.F. Handel
arr. Lani Smith

*Call To Worship

Psalm 24:4-5

One: Make me know your ways, O God...

All: Teach me your paths.

One: Lead me in your truth and teach me...

All: For you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long!

*The Hymn - No. 67 (Verses 1-4)

Let Me Enter God's Own Dwelling

*Opening Prayer

Good and gracious God, called together as your people, we come with our hearts and minds wide open to your Spirit. Speak to us. Challenge us. Convict us. Comfort us. Send us into the world to be your people of hope and love. All this we ask in the powerful name of Jesus the Christ who makes us one. Amen.

Words for Children of All Ages

The congregation singing...

God loves me, God loves me.

From head to toe I know it's so, God loves me.

(Please repeat as children leave for Sunday School)

Anthem

Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love!
arr. Robert J. Powell

Pastoral Prayer and Our Savior's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

John 1:29-42

Sermon

“What Are You Looking For?”

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

A Moment for Quiet Reflection

Call for the Offering

Offertory

Slumber Song

Robert Schumann
arr. by Ira B. Wilson

*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*The Hymn - No. 172

Jesus Calls Us, O'er the Tumult

*Benediction

Postlude

The Spacious Firmament from “The Creation”

by Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. John Innes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY WE WELCOME OUR NEW PASTOR, The Rev. Todd A. Petty. Please join us for a luncheon immediately following the worship service in the Friendship Center as we mark the beginning of our shared ministry!

OUR GRATITUDE IS EXTENDED TO THE SEARCH COMMITTEE for all of their hard work as they prayerfully and diligently carried out their mission: to nominate a settled pastor for our church family. Please be sure to thank them for their service! The search committee members are: Margot Beck, Genelle Groh, Jean McFadden, Fred Moore (Chairperson), Charles Mory, Liz Sanders, and Jennifer Volcy.

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS are Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

REV. PETTY WILL HOLD REGULAR OFFICE HOURS on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. For the immediate future, afternoon hours will be reserved for pastoral care, home visits, and other get-to-know-you opportunities with COTP members and friends and others in the Delray Beach community. Unless a pastoral care emergency arises, Rev. Petty will observe Monday and Saturday as days off. On Friday, he will work from home on his weekly sermon.

IF YOU ARE EVER IN NEED OF PASTORAL CARE, please call Rev. Petty directly at 616.322.2316.

FOOD DONATIONS ARE NEEDED at CROS Ministries. The pantry item needed this week is canned fruit. You may place your donations in the bins provided at the back of the Sanctuary and in the Friendship Center. To make a financial donation to CROS Ministries, please visit them at: crosministries.org. Thank you!

A BIG THANK YOU to the Women's Fellowship for the time they spent making Comfort Dolls in support of children in crisis in Delray Beach and beyond.

THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING will be held next Sunday, January 26, 2020, immediately following the worship service. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this important meeting!

YOU HONOR US BY YOUR PRESENCE!

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If you're a first-time visitor, welcome to Church of the Palms!

Please sign our guest book located at the back of the Sanctuary so that we may send you a note of welcome and invite you to return and worship with us again as soon as possible! If you would like to receive our newsletter or weekly emails, please include your email address. Thank you!

Church of the Palms is an Open and Affirming Congregation

Our goal is to extend to everyone an extravagant welcome in hopes that all will experience the abundant love of God in this place *and* be inspired to share that love with the world!

After the Service of Worship

Everyone is invited for refreshments and conversation in the Friendship Center.

Nursery Care and Sunday School

Nursery Care (for infants and toddlers) and Sunday School are offered at Church of the Palms. Please ask an usher for additional information. Children leave for Sunday School after the Children's Conversation in the worship service.

Prayer Requests

If you would like to submit a prayer request, please use a *Connect Card* found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or speak to Rev. Petty before or after the service.

Becoming a member of Church of the Palms

If you would like information about becoming a member, please complete a *Connect Card* found in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate or speak with Rev. Petty.

To Enhance your Worship Experience

- * Kindly silence your cell phone in the sanctuary
- * Sit wherever you'd like - there are no assigned seats
- * A hearing loop encircles the Sanctuary to assist those with hearing aids
 - * Ask an usher if you'd like a back cushion
 - * Let us know if we can do anything for you!

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SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY

All Members and Friends of COTP, Ministers
The Rev. Todd A. Petty, Pastor
Dr. Kirsten Hellman, Organist and Director of Music
Elaine Reinhardt, Pianist
Liz Sanders, Liturgist