## **OPEN** & AFFIRMING

We, the Church of the Palms, declare ourselves to be Open and Affirming. With God's grace, we seek to be a congregation that includes all people, embracing differences of sexual orientation, gender, marital status, age, mental and physical ability, as well as racial, ethnic, or socio-economic background. We welcome all to share in the life, leadership, ministry and fellowship, worship, sacraments, and responsibilities and blessings of participation in our congregation.