

# The Church of the Palms

*God is still speaking,*  
**UNITED CHURCH  
OF CHRIST**



April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

10 a.m.

*Christ is Risen. Risen, Indeed.*

Our Church Life		Pastor Jim
Welcome		Pastor Paul
Prelude	<i>Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Call to Worship		Suzanne Boisclair
Anthem	<i>Sound the Trumpet</i>	Sanctuary Choir
*Hymn 216	<i>with Christ the Lord is Risen Today</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Readings	<i>D.L. Moody, Mahatma Gandhi, Victor Hugo, Hillary Clinton, And Jack Handey</i>	Suzanne Boisclair
Special Music	<i>Fairest Lord Jesus</i>	Doris Gott and Jennifer Hoppe
Scripture Reading	<i>John 20:1-18</i>	Pastor Paul
Message	<i>Stone Rollers</i>	Pastor Paul
*Hymn 228 v 1 & 3	<i>The Day of Resurrection!</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul
Volunteer Recognition		Pastors Paul and Jim
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Jim
Offertory Music	<i>Crown Him with Many Crowns</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Paul
*Hymn 226 v 1 & 3	<i>He Lives!</i>	Congregation

\*Please stand as you are able.

\*\*Communion is available after Worship. Please come forward as you are able; if you are not, please remain seated as we will come to you. The bread for all Communion Services is gluten free.

*Our services are video recorded thanks to a gift in memory of Ramona Schenk. They are posted on social media and our website.*

### Our Open and Affirming Statement

The Church of the Palms, United Church of Christ, welcomes all people into the full life and ministry of our church, regardless of age, race, or gender; personal, mental or physical ability; gender identity or expression; sexual orientation; ethnic, cultural or religious background; marital, social, or economic status; or life history. We believe that God loves all People and offers us gifts by our diversity. We affirm families and relationships built on love, respect, responsibility, and trust.

The Church of the Palms, United Church of Christ, acknowledges the communities of Indigenous People who first lived in the land of this valley we call home. The particular land on which this building stands was honored and managed with stewardship by Hohokam, the O-odham Jewed and the Pima-Maricopa as well as the diverse vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

**Website:** <https://thepalms.org>; **Phone:** 623.977.8359; **Office Hours:** Monday-Thursday 8a-1p;  
**Fridays-Office Closed; Address:** 14808 North Boswell Blvd, Sun City, AZ 85351

**EASTER SUNDAY, 20 (Two Services)**  
 \*8:00a First Worship Service PT  
 9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR  
 10:00a Regular Worship Service SA  
**NO FELLOWSHIP HOUR**

**Monday, 21—OFFICE CLOSED**  
 1:00p Advocacy Mtg BR/HY

**Tuesday, 22—Earth Day**  
 10:00a Feet N More Shower Trailer  
 @ Bicentennial Park OS

**Wednesday, 23**  
 9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR  
 10:00a Evangelism & Growth Team Mtg BRC

**Thursday, 24**  
 2:30p Choir Rehearsal MR  
 3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC

**Friday, 25—Office Closed**  
 9:00a Feet N More Shower Trailer  
 @ St. John's OS

**Saturday, 26**  
 9:00a Feet N More Shower Trailer @  
 Hit the Streets with Jesus OS  
 1:00p Jennifer Hoppe's Piano Recital SA

**Creation Justice Sunday, 27**  
 9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR  
 10:00a Worship Service SA  
 11:00a Super Salad Spectacular!/  
 Fellowship Hour & Beehive Gathering KH

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**Please pray for our fellow church families:**

Clay Lyon  
Dalton Parr  
Brent & Tracy  
(Judy Pinter's family members)  
Marlys Davenport  
Allan Gott  
Bruce & Lynda Chubbuck  
Jim Schulz  
Deb Bontadelli  
Herbert & Anneslia Turner  
(Lynette Turner's parents)  
Linette Stenberg  
Donna Stenberg  
Melissa Collins  
Jackie (a friend of TCOTP)  
Bob Parks  
Vanessa Stiller  
Addie Bovier's husband Greg  
& friend Lauren  
Chris D. Goshorn  
Linda Place  
Linda Allwelt  
Richard Campbell  
Judy Savage  
LiHua Kehl  
(Ron Kehl's sister-in-law)  
Larry Savage  
Nancy Tsuchiya  
Charm Tipton  
(Pastor Jim's aunt)



This week, let's pray for the members & ministries of:

**St Clement of Rome Catholic Church (15800 Del Webb Blvd)**

**Pray** for churches working with migrants and asylum seekers.  
**Pray** for our homeless. **Pray** for our pastors and their families.  
**Pray** for the leaders and staff of the Southwest Conference and National Setting of the United Church of Christ.  
**Pray** for the Tent of Nations.

**Social Justice Prayer**

Lord, on this Easter morning, we are reminded that Your promises never fail. The disciples thought all hope was lost, but Jesus rose just as He said He would. Help us to trust in Your Word, even when life seems uncertain. Strengthen our faith to believe in Your goodness and faithfulness. When doubts arise, remind us that You are the resurrection and the life. May we stand firm in faith, knowing that You are always working for our good. Thank You, Lord, for being faithful. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Flowers are given by  
**Nicole Lindsay**  
To celebrate her Daughter  
Blair's 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday!

***News from the Pews Summer Newsletter Sign-Up***

"If you are leaving Arizona during the summer, please make sure we have your current e-mail and mailing address so that we might keep in touch with you during your time away. We will be creating special communications for you to let you know what is going on at The Church of the Palms while you are away. You can provide your summer contact information by completing the form on the Narthex Table."

**"LET'S TALK SUICIDE:  
IT IS NOT A TABOO TOPIC,  
IT IS A NEEDED DIALOGUE"  
\*THIS CLASS HAS  
BEEN CANCELED.**



**Jennifer Hoppe's Studio**  
FREE concert of mixed  
genres from Pianists to Vocalists  
of all ages will be  
**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at 1:00p**  
**in the Sanctuary.**  
Hope to see you there!



## **Lifelong Learning Team**

The Lifelong Learning Team is excited to sponsor a special class: "An Exploration of LGBTQ+ from a Clinical and Theological Perspective," taught by Dr. Phil Ladd, an ordained minister and licensed psychotherapist. With a compassionate and well-informed approach, this class will delve into the clinical aspects of LGBTQ+ identity, sexual orientation, and well-being. Participants will also explore how Christian faith affirms and celebrates LGBTQ+ individuals as beloved children of God. Progressive Christians often face challenges from some Evangelicals who assert that LGBTQ+ individuals should not be affirmed or accepted. This class will equip you with tools to refute these beliefs and demonstrate that God accepts and affirms everyone, regardless of their sexual orientation or identity. This Class will be conducted at The Church of the Palms on Wednesdays, April 30<sup>th</sup>, May 7<sup>th</sup>, and May 14<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a in the Behle Resource Center. A sign-up sheet will be available in the Narthex a few weeks before the class.

## **ONLINE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY**

STEP BY STEP ON HOW TO EASILY ACCESS:

1. Visit <https://thepalms.org>

A screenshot of a web browser address bar showing the URL "thepalms.org".

2. Click "Contact Us"

A screenshot of a button with a plus sign and the text "Contact Us".

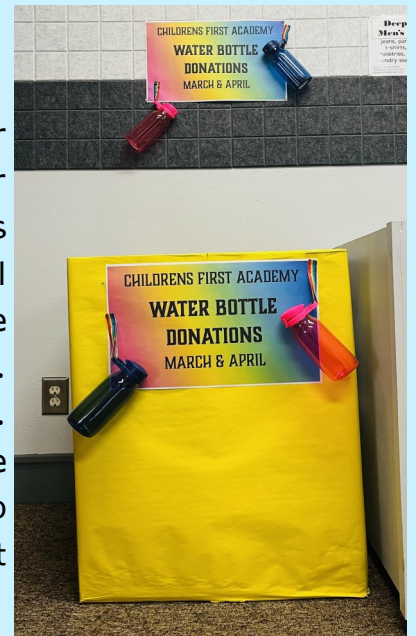
3. Scroll Down and select  
"Membership Directory"

[Membership Directory](#) (For password, contact church office)

4. Call Church office at 623.977.8359  
to retrieve password.

# Water Bottle Donation Drive for Children First Academy

For the last several years our church has provided bottled water for kids attending Children First Academy (a school for homeless kids near downtown Phoenix). The water is provided to kids as they ride the bus to and from school in the hot months of the year. This year we will be providing reusable water bottles. Inexpensive eight and twelve ounce reusable bottles can be purchased at Walmart or Target stores. We will be collecting these reusable bottles for the remainder of April. Please consider picking up a package and bringing them to the Donations Area near the Narthex. Or, if you wish to make a donation to support this effort, place cash or check in a church envelope and mark it "HELP HOMELESS KIDS & SAVE THE ENVIRONMENT." Thank you!



## SUPER SALAD SPECTACULAR NEXT SUNDAY!

Super Salad Spectacular will be returning next Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> during Fellowship Hour in King Hall. We start with nice fresh crisp lettuce and then add all the diverse and wonderful ingredients that make a salad a SALAD. And the best part of the feast is that everyone brings their favorite "fixins" to the table. It might be olives, garbanzo beans, onions, mushrooms, raisins, etc....You name it, you bring it, and we will put it on your salad plate. It is a wonderful way to enjoy a great meal with you're The Church of the Palms family and friends, enjoy some good fellowship and perhaps win some trivia prizes.



## EASTER BLESSING

*Please return this form to the church office along with your donation through Easter Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.*



This Easter you have the opportunity to give to the Easter Blessing fund which will be placed in the general operating budget to further the ministries of The Church of the Palms. You may give your donation in memory or in honor of your friend (s) or loved one (s). Please use your Easter offering envelope or a regular envelope along with this completed form to include your memorial or honoree information for our Easter Blessing dedication page in our Order of Worship Bulletins to come. Thank you!

[ ] In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

[ ] In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Donated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Submitted \$ \_\_\_\_\_

