

The Church of the Palms

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



April 6, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Lent

10 a.m.

Messages and Music for Everything In Between

Our Church Life		Pastor Paul
Welcome		Pastor Jim
Call to Worship		Pastor Jim
*Hymn	<i>Righteous Mercy</i>	Congregation
Messages	<i>Strangers and Neighbors</i> <i>Lost and Found</i>	Rev. Lynette Turner Rev. Mark Makowski
Music	<i>Lament</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Scripture Reading	<i>Isaiah 43:15-21</i>	Pastor Paul
Chorus	<i>God Will Make a Way</i>	Congregation
Messages	<i>Righteousness and Mercy</i> <i>Call Me Out</i>	Rev. Lynette Turner Rev. Mark Makowski
Music	<i>In the Garden</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Messages	<i>Power and Humility</i> <i>I've been the Thief</i>	Rev. Lynette Turner Rev. Mark Makowski
Music	<i>Behold the Wounds in Jesus' Hands</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Communion		Pastors Paul and Jim
Music for Communion	<i>Adagio for Strings</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Music	<i>They Carried My Lord Away</i>	Carrie Rowe and Sanctuary Choir
Messages	<i>In the Direction of Hope</i>	Rev. Lynette Turner Rev. Mark Makowski
Music	<i>Now the Green Blade Riseth</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Paul
Offertory Music	<i>There Is a Balm in Gilead</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Jim
*Hymn 180 vs 1 & 3	<i>Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days</i>	Congregation

*Please stand as you are able. The Communion bread is gluten free.

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THE CHURCH OF THE PALMS: AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION

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.

Solidarity for Our Indigenous Siblings

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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, 6

8:45a Choir Rehearsal SA
*10:00a Worship Service/
Lenten Musical Presentation SA
10:00a-6:00p Rainbows Festival @
Heritage Gardens in Pheonix OS
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Monday, 7

10:00a Lifelong Learning Mtg BR/HY

Tuesday, 8

9:00a Creation Justice Mtg BR/HY
10:00a Ministry Council Mtg BR/HY
1:00p Presentation on Refugee Family KH

Wednesday, 9

9:00a Needles & Pins Craft Group BR
10:00a **LAST** Sacred Self Care Class BRC/HY

Thursday, 10

12:00 Criminal Justice Mtg BR/HY
1:00p Social Justice Mtg BR/HY
2:30p Choir Rehearsal MR
3:00p Inspirit Bible Study BRC/HY

Friday, 11—Office Closed

Saturday, 12

9:00a Mini Golf tournament OS

PALM Sunday, 13

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR
10:00a Worship Service SA
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

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Worship Themes

April 6th—Fifth Sunday in Lent. The Sanctuary Choir, Rev. Lynette Turner, Rev. Mark Makowski and our keyboard musicians will present "Messages and Music for Everything In Between." We will journey from Jerusalem to Mount Calvary.

April 13th—Read Luke 19:28-40. Pastor Paul will be preaching. Be careful to choose the right parade.

SA=Sanctuary; B2L=Bridges to Learning; HY=Hybrid; KH=King Hall; BR=Boardroom; OS=Offsite; A=Narthex;

CHP=Chapel; PP=Pastor Paul's Office; MR=Music Room; BRC=Behle Resource Center; PT=Patio

“SHARING GOD’S UNCONDITIONAL LOVE, JUSTICE, AND EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME”

Please pray for our fellow church families:

- Clay Lyon
- Dalton Parr
- Brent & Tracy
(Judy Pinter’s family members)
- Marlys Davenport
- Rhonda Krinsky
- 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
- Larry DeLong
- Addie Bovier’s
family & friends in
the California fires,
Addie’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



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

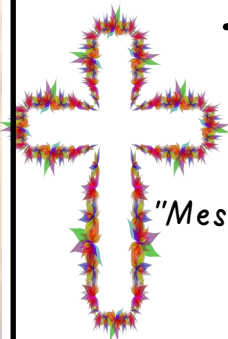
**St Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church
(9725 Palmeras Dr)**

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

God, I know I can be a bit selfish and self-centered when it comes to my time, attention and money. All too often, I think about myself without regard to others. Please open my eyes to the needs of those around me, and help me to respond generously when I have the ability to meet a need. Amen.

THE LENTEN SCHEDULE



Lenten Musical Presentation

TODAY, Sunday, April 6th—10:00a SA

"Messages and Music for Everything In Between"

Presented by: The Music Department

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 17th—5:00p @ SA

Good Friday

Friday, April 18th—2:00p in
The Chapel at The Palms (CHP)

Easter Sunday (Two Services)

Sunday, April 20th—8:00a on the patio (PT) & 10:00a SA

Flowers are given by

Mary Hoy

*To celebrate the
musicians & narrators*



**DON'T FORGET:
SPIRITUAL GIFTS SURVEY
*PLEASE SUBMIT BY APRIL 20th**

Click [HERE](#) for survey!



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. Inexpensive eight and twelve ounce reusable bottles can be purchased at Walmart or Target stores. We will be collecting these reusable bottles during the month 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!

Lenten Study Sacred Self-Care

Dave Klingensmith will lead our **LAST SESSION** April 9th from 10:00a-11:00a in the Behle Resource Center. Participants can share how they're doing at their own self-care. Even if you can't come to the class you are encouraged to get the book and care for yourself.

What's after IHELP? A group of 40 gathered on March 31st to learn that the City of Surprise Human Services is seeking funding and administrative support for a 2.0 version. We discussed volunteer possibilities around our homeless ministry now that IHELP closed.

Here are ways to stay involved:

- Help with TCOTP's Feet & More Shower Trailer (contact Max Klinkenborg).
- Join TCOTP's advocacy network to contact legislators about Senate and House bills (contact Tom Theisen).
- Collaborate with summer heat relief programs in this area (contact City of Surprise Resource Center 623.222.4673).
- Learn about ways to connect homeless with street outreach services (contact Phoenix Rescue Mission 602.346.3361 or City of Surprise 623.222.1550 about an app for your phone called SAFE). A team is checking with two homeless shelters in Surprise to see if we would partner with them by bringing an evening meal on Monday nights.

Here are a few thoughts that were shared about the Heart Joys of IHELP:

- Blessings from all who ate with us.
- Successful temporary housing of overnight guests for five plus years.
- My heart filled and eyes teared when guests had two to three helpings of food. Some said it was the first food in two days.
- Meeting new friends who are hopeful of their future.
- Knowing our guests were clean, fed, and rested.
- People treated with dignity.
- The Church living our mission.

SUPER SALAD SPECTACULAR!



The Fellowship Team is excited to announce that The Church of the Palms Super Salad Spectacular will be returning April 27th during Fellowship Hour in King Hall. 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.



LIFELONG LEARNING

The Holy Bible serves as one of our primary sources for shaping our faith and the structure of our beliefs. However, we often forget that our English translations and paraphrases of the Bible are based upon documents written in a language that no one has spoke in a millennium. What happens when that integrity is not maintained? What effect can that have on our beliefs? To give one perspective of this problem, Lifelong Learning will present the film *1946: The Mistranslation that shifted the Culture* on April 16th at 10:00a in King Hall with a discussion following led by Mark Makowski. Please sign up in the Narthex the next two Sundays so that we can estimate the number of people willing to attend.

“LET’S TALK SUICIDE:

IT IS NOT A TABOO TOPIC, IT IS A NEEDED DIALOGUE”

April 25th and May 3rd (both Saturdays) there will be Part I & II (two) classes on suicide; 1:00p to 2:30p (or 3:00) in the boardroom. Class size is limited to 20 participants; pre-registration is required. Sign up in the Narthex of the church. Kay Klinkenberg will be the lead facilitator. All professional research validates that openly talking about suicide saves lives! This will be a safe (unrecorded) environment to talk about one of the most difficult subjects in our lives. A sacred circle of safety will be the environment for learning (personal sharing is not expected or mandatory). Words hard to say suicide and suicide prevention. This is an opportunity to learn tools, resources and creative ways to have a real conversation with the people in your life. You don’t need special training to have an open, authentic conversation about mental health. Bringing up the subject of suicide DOES NOT increase the chances that a person will become suicidal or be more apt to act on such thoughts or impulses. In fact, it is just the opposite. See April’s Palm Leaf for a complete description of the class and topics. Klinkenberg currently is a spiritual Director/Companion; a retired RN, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT) and Clinical Member of AAMFT (American Assoc of Marriage & Family Therapists). The facilitators are members of The Church of the Palms. Cold water provided; break time; bring a snack to eat at your discretion.



Jennifer Hoppe’s Studio Presents!!

A FREE concert of mixed genres Pianists and Vocalists of all ages!
Come join us Saturday, April 26th at 1:00p in the Sanctuary.

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EASTER BLESSING

Please return this form to the church office along with your donation through Easter Sunday, April 20th, 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 _____

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