

The Church of the Palms

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



March 29, 2026

Sixth Sunday in Lent—Palm Sunday

10 a.m.

Prelude	<i>Ride On, O King, Ride On!</i>	Elaine Klauser
Our Church Life		Pastor Paul
Welcome	<i>The Gospel According to Mrs. Farnell's Pre-K Class</i>	Pastor Mark
Sacred Reading	<i>Start with a Wedding</i>	Kay Klinkenberg
*Hymn 192	<i>All Glory Laud and Honor</i>	Congregation
Sacred Reading	<i>They're Out of Wine</i>	Suzanne Boisclair
Anthem	<i>Alleluia! Praise With Glad Music</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Sacred Reading	<i>If God Lived Next Door</i>	Kay Klinkenberg
Scripture Reading	<i>John 12: 12-16</i>	Pastor Mark
Sacred Reading	<i>Surely, This Must Be It</i>	Suzanne Boisclair
Anthem	<i>Kama Muta</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Sacred Reading	<i>Unwritten Agreement</i>	Kay Klinkenberg
*Hymn	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>	Congregation
Sacred Reading	<i>The Things That Matter Most</i>	Suzanne Boisclair
Anthem	<i>The Love of God</i>	Sanctuary Choir
Sacred Reading	<i>For the Sake of Tiny Resurrections</i>	Kay Klinkenberg
Anthem	<i>Down to the River to Pray</i>	Women of the Choir
Offertory Sentences	<i>If You Hear Nothing Else, Then Hear This</i>	Pastor Mark
Offertory Music	<i>Simple Song</i>	Wendy Whitlock
Sacred Reading	<i>Love & Love & Love Again</i>	Suzanne Boisclair
*Hymn	<i>God of Love and Joy and Laughter</i>	Congregation
Benediction	<i>Birdsong</i>	Pastor Mark
Postlude	<i>The Triumph of the King</i>	Elaine Klauser

*Please stand as you are able. Poems by Rev. Sarah A. Speed / A Sanctified Art LLC / sanctifiedart.org

**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.*

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The Church of the Palms

Our W.I. S. E. Covenant



The Church of the Palms is a WISE Congregation for Mental Health.

Therefore:

- ◆ We commit to create a **WELCOMING** environment for people with mental wellness issues, challenges, individuals with disabilities and to their families and support persons.
- ◆ We commit to **INCLUDE** people with mental wellness issues, challenges, or individuals with disabilities in their life, in the work and leadership of this congregation.
- ◆ We commit to **SUPPORT** people with mental wellness issues, challenges, individuals with disabilities and their families.
- ◆ We commit to **ENGAGE** with other organizations that work at the intersection of mental wellness issues, challenges, individuals with disabilities persons. This includes, but is not limited to: Not-for-profits, Natl/ST organizations, faith/spiritual/religious organizations. We also commit to ENGAGE in continued education for our congregation on these topics.

The Church of the Palms commits to train individuals interested in The **Mental Health First Aid**, a course developed and accredited by the **National Council for Behavioral Health**. Individuals successfully completing this training will wear identifying badges when at church or on church sponsored excursions or events.

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.

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Please pray for our fellow church families:

- Marlys Davenport
- Doris and Allan Gott
- Lynda Chubbuck
- Jim Schulz
- Linette Stenberg
- Donna Stenberg
- Bob Parks
- Nancy Tsuchiya
- Andy Jordan
- Jim and Elaine Klauser
- Lila Miller
- Shari Kanehl
- Herbert Turner
- Sue Wilson
- Sally Heathcoat
- Bonnie Adrian
- William Groover (Ellen Merchant’s father)
- Tom Packerman (Nancy Mueller’s friend)
- Jane (Everett Leff’s sister)
- Diane Kluge (Tim Kluge’s mother)
- Jennifer Charyk (Ken Barberi’s friend)
- Sara Shettlesworth (Georgia Feiste’s sister)
- Paul Farris (Kay Klinkenborg’s brother)
- Jim Merkle (Brandenbergers’ friend)
- Alexia Hale
- Rob Delvo (Anthony Park’s friend)
- Don Zoss
- Richard Campbell
- Lyle and Marcia Hollingsworth
- Anthony Park
- Bill Olsen and Mike Fuesting (Brandenbergers’ friends)
- Bob Thompson (John Durbin’s brother-in-law)
- Debbie Williams (For Her Family)
- Tyson and Andrea Mustian

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.



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

Bellevue Heights Church (TM)
12225 N 103rd AVE

Social Justice Prayer

Creator God,

In our capitalistic society the rich get richer and the poor get poorer. At best the poor live from paycheck to paycheck. They chose between food and medicine, deciding which bill not to pay this month so they can get by. Tenants are at the mercy of landlords who evict renters for any excuse, destroying their credit score, making it very difficult to rent again. In addition to providing the basic needs of the poor, may we engage as advocates of the poor with city governments to bring justice and fairness for the poor among us.

Amen

The flowers are given by

Mandy DeSmidt

in honor of

Mom and Dad’s Birthdays.

Holy Week Schedule:

Thursday, April 2, 5:00p Maundy Thursday Service—United Church of Sun City, 11250 N 107th Ave

Friday, April 3, 9:00a Labyrinth Walk; 12:00p Good Friday @ Homeless Jesus

Sunday, April 5, 8:00a Early Easter Worship
10:00a Easter Worship in the Sanctuary.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, March 29—Palm Sunday

9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR
10:00a Worship Service SA
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH
11:00 *Straight from the Heart* Art Show KH

Monday, March 30

Tuesday, March 31

2:00p InSpirit Sacred Readings/Scripture Gathering BR
5:00p AA Big Book Study (Closed Meeting) BR

Wednesday, April 1

9:00a Pins and Needles Craft Group BR

Thursday, April 2

10:00a Worship Team Meeting BR
1:00p Choir Rehearsal MR
5:00p Maundy Thursday Service OS

Friday, April 3—OFFICE CLOSED

9:00a Good Friday Labyrinth Walk LB
12:00p Good Friday Service Homeless Jesus

Saturday, April 4

Sunday, April 5—EASTER SUNDAY

8:00a Early Service on the Fountain Patio
9:00a Choir Rehearsal MR
10:00a Worship Service SA
11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

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; LB Labyrinth
BRC=Behle Resource Center; MG Memorial Garden

Beehive Bingo – Saturday, April 11, 3:00 to 5:00 PM in King Hall

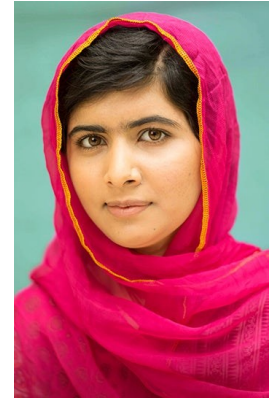
Mark your calendar for an afternoon including fellowship, Beehive Bingo, and a meal. Win prizes, including restaurant gift cards, church member crafts, dinners prepared by some of our outstanding church member "chefs", and the grand prize of a five-day getaway for up to six guests at a beautiful Palm Springs home. Signup sheets are on the opportunity table in the Narthex.



March is Women's History Month

"I want every girl to
know that her voice
can change the
world."

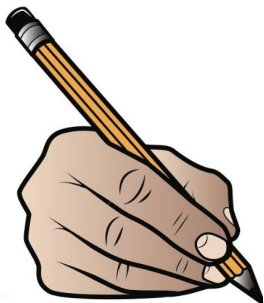
-Malala Yousafzai



A Letter from Paul

As we navigate this season of political upheaval and the shadows of conflict, it is natural to feel a sense of "holy impatience." In our progressive walk, we know that the current landscape—marked by divisive rhetoric and policies that often marginalize the vulnerable—can feel like a "wilderness" experience.

However, our faith reminds us that we are not a people of fear, but a people of prophetic hope. Our call to be a social justice church is not dependent on who sits in the Oval Office; it is rooted in the eternal mandate of Micah 6:8: to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.



When the world feels amoral, our community becomes the "conscience of the state." We find hope in our collective action—in feeding the hungry, protecting the immigrant, and standing as a bulwark against hate. Chaos may be loud, but the quiet, persistent work of love is more durable. Let us be the light that the darkness cannot overcome.

Shalom, Paul

Support for Dysart Community Center

Dysart Community Center extends heartfelt thanks for your generous cereal donations. Each school day, 100 children receive a cereal breakfast, and on Fridays a box of cereal goes home with families needing weekend support.

At the same time, increased ICE activity has created real fear in the community, causing some families to avoid the local food pantry.

How we can help

Cereal remains important—please continue bringing kid-friendly cereal boxes to the collection area by the King Hall doors. We also invite you to make every grocery trip a small spiritual practice. Each time you shop, consider picking up one item for a neighbor. A simple act of generosity becomes a quiet way of building hope. Nonperishable items can now be placed in the newly named Dysart Meal Cart. Helpful donations include:

- Canned goods
- Flour
- Rice
- Macaroni and cheese
- Soups
- Tuna and chicken
- Sugar
- Saltine crackers
- Powdered milk

Your ongoing generosity—your food, your love, and your prayers—continues to make a real difference for families facing uncertainty.



EASTER BLESSING

This Easter, you are invited to give to the **Easter Blessing Fund**, which supports the general operating budget and helps further the ministries of The Church of the Palms. Gifts may be made **in memory** or **in honor** of friends or loved ones.

Please use your Easter offering envelope—or a regular envelope—and include this completed form so we may list your memorial or honoree on the **Easter Blessing dedication page** in upcoming Order of Worship bulletins. Thank you for your generosity.

Please return this form to the church office along with your donation through Easter Sunday, April 5th.



[] In Memory of _____

[] In Honor of _____

Donated by: _____

Phone Number: _____

Amount Submitted \$ _____



A place for Notes...

