



The Church of the Palms



God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

May 24, 2026

Pentecost Sunday

10:00 AM

What are your Holy Spirit moments?

Our Church Life		Pastor Mark
Welcome		Pastor Paul
Prelude	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>	Elaine Klauser
Call to Worship		Elizabeth Johnson
*Hymn	<i>Holy Spirit Rush Among Us</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Reading	<i>Albert Schweitzer, Anne Frank, Wilma Rudolph, Nadia Bolz-Weber</i>	Elizabeth Johnson
Special Music	<i>The Power of Your Love</i>	Karen Cox
Scripture Reading	<i>Acts 2:1-21</i>	Pastors Mark & Paul
Message	<i>Holy Spirit Moments</i>	Pastor Paul
*Hymn	<i>Spirit of the Living God</i>	Congregation
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Paul
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Mark
Offertory Music	<i>Spirit of God</i>	Elaine Klauser
Benediction		Pastor Paul
*Hymn	<i>O God of Vision</i>	Congregation
Postlude	<i>The Glory of the Spirit</i>	Elaine Klauser

*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.

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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.

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

Marlys Davenport, Doris and Allan Gott
Lynda Chubbuck, Jim Schulz
Donna Stenberg
Nancy Tsuchiya, Bonnie Adrian
Andy Jordan, Lila Miller, Shari Kanehl
Herbert Turner, Sue Wilson, Sally Heathcoat
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)
Alexia Hale, Don Zoss, Richard Campbell
Marcia Hollingsworth, Anthony Park
Bill Olsen (Brandenbergers' friend)
Bob Thompson (John Durbin's brother-in-law)
Debbie Williams (For Her Family)
Tyson and Andrea Mustain
(Linda True's Children)
Kathy Maloney (Bonnie Adrian's friend)
Eileen (Patti Sutherland's sister)
Danette Jenkins, Martin Meadows
Emily Rowe (Chuck & Carrie's daughter)
Donna Harrison (Pam Caron's niece)
Mark Miskell

Good News to Celebrate!

Thanks to your incredible generosity, our Piano Fund is now **fully funded!** What a joyful way to honor and celebrate Pastor Paul's 10 years of faithful, compassionate leadership among us. Your gifts ensure that our music ministry will continue to inspire and uplift for years to come. Thank you for sharing so generously in this milestone of gratitude and grace.

We express our sympathy to **Kay Klinkenborg** on the death of her mother, Delores Irene Farris.

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 the National Setting of the United Church of Christ. Pray for the Tent of Nations.



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

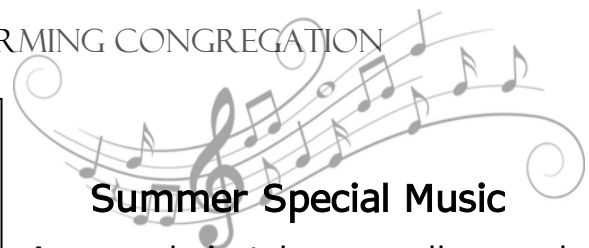
**Shepherd of the Desert
Lutheran Church (ELCA)
11025 N 11th Ave.**

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.

Social Justice Prayer

Almighty and merciful God, whose Son became a refugee and had no place to call his own; look with mercy on those who today are fleeing danger, homeless and hungry. Bless those who work to bring them relief, inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts; and guide the nations of the world towards the day when all will rejoice in your Kingdom of justice and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Summer Special Music

As our choir takes a well-earned summer break, we're looking for individuals or small groups who would like to offer **special music** during worship in June, July, or August. Whether you sing, play an instrument, or have a musical piece you'd love to share, we'd be delighted to include you.

If you're interested, please look for the signup sheet on the music room door or talk to **Jennifer Hoppe**.

Pentecost Labyrinth Walk – Monday, May 25

Begin your Pentecost week with a time of reflection and renewal. The Labyrinth will be open for a **Pentecost Walk on Monday, May 25, at 9 a.m.** All are welcome to move at their own pace as we walk in the Spirit and open ourselves to fresh winds of hope.

Honoring the Breath of Peace

This Memorial Day, as the grills are lit and the long weekend begins, we pause to remember that this day is carved out of a much

OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, May 24 – Pentecost Sunday

10:00a Worship Service SA

11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Monday, May 25 – Memorial Day – OFFICE CLOSED

9:00a Pentecost Labyrinth Walk LB

Tuesday, May 26

9:00a Shower Trailer at Bicentennial Park OS

2:00p InSpirit Sacred Reading/Scripture Gathering BR

5:00p AA Big Book Study (closed meeting) BR

Wednesday, May 27

9:00a Needles and Pins Craft Group BR

Thursday, May 28

Friday, May 29—OFFICE CLOSED

12:30p Shower Trailer at St. John OS

Saturday, May 30

4:00p Shower Trailer at Amazing Grace OS

Sunday, May 31

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



deeper, more somber necessity. Beyond the picnics and the welcome break from work, Memorial Day calls us into a space of **profound reflection and gratitude**.

As a progressive community of faith, we honor those who gave their lives in service, recognizing the heavy cost of conflict. We remember not to glorify the violence of war, but to honor the **humanity and sacrifice** of those caught within

it. For many, this day is a quiet vigil for lost siblings, parents, and friends whose absence is felt at every family table.

Let us use this time to recommit ourselves to the sacred work of **peacemaking**. We honor the fallen best when we strive to build a world where such sacrifices are no longer required. Today, may we hold space for grief, offer thanks for our freedoms, and pray for a future defined by justice and reconciliation.

Peace be with you. Shalom, Paul