



The Church of the Palms

God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



August 2, 2026

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM

What do you think happened at the feeding of the 5,000+?

Our Church Life		Pastor Mark
Welcome		Pastor Paul
Prelude	<i>Amazing Grace</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Call to Worship		Kim Pontius
*Hymn 419	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i>	Congregation
Spiritual Reading	<i>Dorothy Day, Marcus Borg, Desmond Tutu, & Erma Bombeck</i>	Kim Pontius
Special Music	<i>Thank You for This Day</i>	Lynette Turner
Scripture Reading	<i>Matthew 14:13-21</i>	Pastor Mark
Message	<i>Choosing to Share!</i>	Pastor Paul
*Hymn 403	<i>In Remembrance of Me</i>	Congregation
Communion		Pastors Mark & Paul
Music for Communion	<i>Canon in D</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
New Members		Pastors Mark & Paul
Offertory Sentences		Pastor Paul
Offertory Music	<i>How Deep the Father's Love for Us</i>	Jennifer Hoppe
Benediction		Pastor Mark
*Hymn 420	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	Congregation
Postlude	<i>Just A Closer Walk With Thee</i>	Jennifer Hoppe

*Please stand as you are able. The Communion bread 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, Donna Stenberg
Nancy Tsuchiya, Bonnie Adrian
Andy Jordan, Shari Kanehl
Herbert Turner, Sue Wilson
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)
Alexia Hale, Don Zoss, Richard Campbell
Marcia Hollingsworth
Bill Olsen and Cyndie Klein
(Brandenbergers' friends)
Bob Thompson (John Durbin's brother-in-law)
Debbie Williams (For Her Family)
Eileen (Patti Sutherland's sister)
Danette Jenkins
Emily Rowe (Chuck & Carrie's daughter)
Donna Harrison (Pam Caron's niece)
Mark Miskell, Bob and Millie Carlson
Rev. Judy Green Davis
Hadley and Evelyn Starkey
(Anthony Park's friends)
Doris Hoy, Betty Teeson, Sandi Askew,
Victoria McWilliams, Heidi Saupe
Robert (Ellen Merchant's son)
Gene Bennett (Carrie Rowe's Dad)

Remember, you can watch today's service again on our website, thepalms.org. If you are interested in becoming a member, our next Visitor Information Session will be on **August 23**, right after worship in the boardroom. Your presence with us—whether in person or online—is truly valued and deeply appreciated. We are grateful you chose to spend part of your day in community and worship with The Palms.

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:

**First Presbyterian Church
122225 N 103rd 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

God of justice and mercy, open our eyes to the needs around us and our hearts to Your call. Strengthen those who are marginalized or weary, and guide us to act with courage, compassion, and humility. Make us instruments of peace and builders of Your beloved community, until justice rolls down like waters and all creation reflects Your hope. Amen.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER THIS WEEK:

Sunday, August 2

10:00a Worship Service SA

11:00a Fellowship Hour KH

Monday, August 3

10:00a Life Long Learning Meeting BR

Tuesday, August 4

9:00a Men's Fellowship Breakfast @George's Café OS

2:00p InSpirit Sacred Reading/Scripture Gathering BR
Psalm 105

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

Wednesday, August 5

9:00a Needles and Pins Craft Group BR

Thursday, August 6

10:00a Worship Team Meeting BR

Friday, August 7—OFFICE CLOSED

Saturday, August 8

Sunday, August 9

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

**Come join the
Sanctuary Choir!**

Why you ask? Because we are fun!

In all seriousness, though, music is a very important ministry here at The Palms. Notice that I said ministry! And as other ministries here at The Palms, we cannot run the music ministry without help from all of you. We have rehearsals on Thursdays from 1-2:30 pm in the music room and again on Sunday mornings from 9-9:45 am. Don't read music or have no previous choir experience? No problem! We will all work together and support each other so that we are all comfortable. That is what it is all about: community and worship. Come join us! Rehearsals start Thursday, September 3.

**Our Favorite Hymn Sing —
Share Your Favorites!**



As you pass through the narthex, look for the *Our Favorite Hymn Sing* barrel.

Write down the titles of your favorite hymns and drop them in — we'll be singing from

your selections before worship in August. Don't forget to come a few minutes early in the month of August to enjoy the singing.

Pack-a-Sack

Pack-a-Sack in King Hall During Fellowship Hour

We invite you to stop by King Hall after worship today and help pack a lunch sack for the Surprise Resource Center. Each bag you fill provides essential food items for neighbors in need. A few minutes of your time makes a real difference — thank you for sharing Christ's love in this simple, hands-on way.