

# WORSHIP



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*Sunday, July 22, 2018*

Rock of our salvation, we have accepted the invitation of Jesus to gather as your beloved people. We have been far away from you in our thoughts and separated from you in much that we do. Now we are together, seeking reconciliation with you and one another. We call on your steadfast love for assurance and healing. We feel your compassion for us and for all your children. We sense your longing for our wholeness and renewed faith and trust. You call us to be saints and apostles and prophets. We are overwhelmed, even as you draw us close. Amen.



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Welcome to



*Loving God...Loving Neighbor.*

### New Members Class

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month in the Chapel Reception Room, from 10:15 am - 12 pm.

**Next class: August 12**

Our pastors, staff and Elders invite you to share in our worship and the exciting opportunities that Church of the Palms offers to learn, serve and grow in your faith. So whether you are a first time visitor, member, affiliate member or frequently attend . . . **we're glad you're here!**

**Be sure to join us every Sunday after the service in the Palms Center for coffee and fellowship!**

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**Service times:** Traditional - 9 & 11 am (Sanctuary)  
Contemporary - 10 am (Campus Center)



**Watch our 9 am Sanctuary service on Comcast Cable Channel 189, or via livestream on our website.** Services are archived on our website. DVD copies may be purchased through the church office.



Our worship order is available in **large print**. Please ask an usher for assistance.



**Children's worship activity packets** are available. Please visit the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary Narthex. Nursery care is available in room 103 of the Education Building.



Printed copies of **sermon texts** are available in the Sanctuary Narthex and front office. Digital copies are available on our website.



**Hearing loop available.** Please switch hearing aids to T-Coil.



**Need help?** Visit the Welcome Center in the Sanctuary Narthex and someone will gladly assist you.

# a celebration of **WORSHIP**

9 & 11 am  
Sanctuary Service  
Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER

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### Prayer of Preparation

Roxanna Browning *1<sup>st</sup> service* Charlie Wright *2<sup>nd</sup> service*

### Prelude

*Petite Suite* Claude Debussy

3. Menuet
4. Ballet

*Summer Classical Series:* During the summer months, Jonathan and Genevieve will play favorites from the classical literature as part of the Prelude. We hope it will be a new way for you to prepare for worship. We are grateful when you do not respond with applause, but instead we invite you to silently express your gratitude to God for all the wonderful music God has given us to enjoy.

## WE PRAISE

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### Chimes on the Hour

#### \*Call to Worship

#### \*Hymn #487

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

## WE CONFESS

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#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession (*together*)

**God of all times and places, we confess that we have wandered after the false gods of this age. We have disobeyed your commandments, violated your covenant with us, and forsaken your ways. We have denied our need for you and mistreated those whom you have called us to love. We have become strangers and aliens, plagued by false values that squeeze life from our souls. Loving Parent, hear your penitent children, and let us come home, we pray. Amen.**

### **\*Declaration of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### **\*Congregational Response** *(together)*

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

### **\*Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed** *(together)*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **WE SHARE**

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### **Response**

**Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of God's unchanging love!**

### **Life at Church of the Palms**

*Please sign and pass the red covered friendship pad at the end of the pew.*

### **Minute for Mission**

**Day of Hope**

## The Psalter *11 am*

Psalm 61

### Anthem

*What Wondrous Love is This?* arr. Linda Wells

*Kathy Dotson, soloist*

### Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

### Offertory

*The Lord Is My Light* Frances Allitsen

*Tom Koenig, soloist*

### \*Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## WE PROCLAIM

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### Children's Moment *9 am*

Hmingi Browne

### Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism *11 am*

Georgia Rae Cotter, daughter of Leah and Christian

### \*Hymn #316

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

### Scripture Lesson

Acts 8:26-39 (Pew Bible NT pg. 128)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Sermon

*Let the Wild Rumpus Start*

**Rev. Laurie Haas**

## WE GO

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**\*Hymn #391 (vs. 1-4)**

*Take My Life*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Benediction Response**

**Grant us thy peace upon our homeward way;**

**With thee began, with thee shall end the day.**

**Guard thou the lips from sin, the heart from shame,**

**That in this house have called upon thy name.**

**\*Postlude**

*Trumpet Voluntary* Jeremiah Clarke

*\*Congregation, please stand if able*

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## LEADERSHIP TEAM

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## JULY USHERS

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**9 am:** Elizabeth Dexter, Judy Falkenthal, Monty Jackson, Matthew King, Bob & Edith Lane, Dave Lutes, Susan McKinnon, Ingrid Petri, Carol Selvey, Ethel Webb.

Captain: Barry Buchanan

**11 am:** Judy Armitage, Steve Black, Barry Buchanan, Emily Conklin, Deborah Keck, Bob Luedeka, Mary McQueen, Ben Morgan, Diana Owens, Carol Spangle, Peg Tonn.

Captain: Pat Frazier

## JULY 22 GREETERS

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9 am: Don & Sandi Stewart, Norman & Ann Widen, Barb Williams

11 am: Martha Church, Jane Hutchins, Greg & Jackie Williams

## SANCTUARY FLOWERS

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The flowers are given today to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Marien**, from Grammy.

# Blessing <sup>of the</sup> BackPacks

Kids are invited to bring their backpacks for a special blessing. Families start in worship together! Parents sit near the front to come forward for the prayer. Kids will then be escorted up to Kid's Club. Pick up kids in room 205 after worship service.

## August 12

9 am Traditional or  
10 am contemporary



# FALL KICKOFF

AUGUST 26  
10 AM - 12 PM

We invite you to  
worship with us  
at the 9, 10 or  
11 am services.

*Then join us for some food,  
conversation and a look at  
the exciting ways we plan to  
live into our mission to Love  
God and Love Neighbor.*





# God's Story

Your Story

## Lectionary Readings for this week

### Sunday

Acts 8:26-39

### Monday

Matthew 26:36-46

### Tuesday

Matthew 26:47-56

### Wednesday

Matthew 26:57-68

### Thursday

Matthew 26:69-75

### Friday

Matthew 27:1-10

### Saturday

Matthew 27:11-23



## Day of Hope: A Huge Thanks

Thank you to our volunteers, professionals and community partners for making the 7th Day of Hope at Church of the Palms a huge success! It takes many hands, feet and hearts to make this day special for the 250 children and their families as we live out our mission of loving God and loving neighbor. Please be sure to stop by the Welcome Desk in the Narthex to see our list of community partners, professionals and volunteers, that took part in Day of Hope.

## Bible Journaling Class

**Mondays:**

**July 23 & 30, August 6 & 13  
3 - 4:30 pm • Palms Center  
Rm. 10 (PC-10)**

Everyone is invited (including young children if accompanied by an adult). All supplies will be furnished at the first class. Walk-ins are welcome, but if you know for sure you are coming, please RSVP so we can be better prepared! Contact Laurie Haas ([lhaas@churchofthepalms.org](mailto:lhaas@churchofthepalms.org)) or Faith Reynolds ([faithreynolds@me.com](mailto:faithreynolds@me.com))



## Tutoring Registration begins August 1

Students may register for Back to Basics Tutoring on August 1. Register online at the COP website ([www.churchofthepalms.org](http://www.churchofthepalms.org)) then click the Youth & Families tab.





LIVING  
PROOF  
*Simulcast*

SEPTEMBER 15, 2018  
10:30 AM - 5:30 PM  
*Doors open @ 9:30*

Study with  
**BETH MOORE**

Worship with **TRAVIS COTTRELL**

**JOIN US!**

Register online

**[WWW.CHURCHOFTHEPALMS.ORG](http://WWW.CHURCHOFTHEPALMS.ORG)**

Church of the Palms is excited to be the host site for Beth Moore's *Living Proof* Simulcast!

# Remember in PRAYER

## Call To Prayer Sundays • 8 am Chapel Study

Join us every Sunday as we  
pray for our pastors and  
the morning services.

### **Members**

Judy Bacon  
Barbara Branning  
Brad Carlson  
Ellen Cavanaugh  
Vivian Chapman  
Cheryleen Christie  
Georgia Cotter  
Victoria Croucher  
Joan Daly  
Jo Drymon  
Ruben Gerzeny  
Bill Getzen  
Carson Graves  
Lee & Grace Greene  
Karen Griffith  
Lynne Grimshaw  
Allen Higginbotham  
Doris Horn  
Kelley Jamieson  
Carol Jenkins  
Debra Keck  
Jeannie Koenig  
Bud LaFollette  
Cherie Leetzow  
Brigitte & Jim Lontz  
Allan McIlraith  
Joan McQueen  
Joyce Nerthling  
Reese Nippert  
Doris & Fred Nocera  
Charles Schenck

Cristi Schitea  
James “Duke” Snyder  
Sue Sullivan  
Helen Watrous

### **Friends**

Dan Audier  
Kathryn Barnes  
Marty Black  
Justin Bounds  
Elizabeth Bowen  
Dave Brecht  
Sandra Brown  
Angie & Alydia Brylowski  
Aaron Collmer  
Alex DeBruin  
Kathleen Dockum  
Jeff Druce  
Blair Dryden  
Andy Ellis  
Lisa Ghezzi  
Nancy Grimshaw  
Laurie Sullivan-Gros  
Adelia Guedes  
Mike, Michelle & Dylan Harmon  
Peter Higginbotham  
Kathryn Hopician  
Peter, Karalene & Peter Husinko  
David & Teresa Hyden  
Dennis Jones  
Annie Kellis  
Ann Kykin

Susan Lestock  
Soren Lindholm  
Yale Loucks  
John Matthews  
Doug McLead  
Barbara Milne  
Kay Nakielny  
Tessy Nedy  
Perrin Nicolson  
Joanna Page  
Mildred Sells  
Sean & Pat Skinner  
Leslie Talbot  
Lal Zo Thanga  
Suzanne Trebing  
Judith Ann Tucker  
Rev. Merlyn Wagner  
Roy Williams  
Bob Willis

### **Military**

Christopher Branning  
Tyler Greene  
Matthew Purmort  
Tracy Prohoniak-Stacy  
Matthew Stacy

*If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, please call our church office at 924-1323.*

# Events Calendar

For the week of July 22 - 29

## **SUNDAY**

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8:00	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:30	Blood Drive	Parking Lot
8:45	Childcare	Education Building
9:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:30	Kid's Summer Club (Pre-K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 205
10:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Campus Center
10:15	Kid's Summer Club (Pre-K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 205
10:15	The Wired Word	Palms Center Rm. 10
11:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
7:00	Al-Anon	East Meeting Room
7:00	Sunday AA Group	Chapel Reception Room

## **MONDAY**

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9:00	Firm Believers	Palms Center Gym
12:00	Palms Preschool Summer Camp	Palms Center Gym
2:00	Wilkinson Elementary Leadership Team Mtg.	Palms Center Rm. 10
3:00	Bible Journaling Class	Palms Center Rm. 10

## **TUESDAY**

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7:00	Men's Bible Study & Breakfast	Off Campus
12:00	Palms Preschool Summer Camp	Palms Center Gym
2:00	Women's Prayer Group	West Meeting Room
7:00	North & South Home Bible Study	Off Campus

## **WEDNESDAY**

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7:30	Men's Bible Study	Chapel Reception Room
8:00	Samaritan Counseling Committee Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
10:00	Watercolor Wednesday	West Meeting Room
12:00	Palms Preschool Summer Camp	Palms Center Gym
3:30	Prayer Shawl Group	Chapel Narthex

## **THURSDAY**

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7:00	<i>Entrusted:</i> Women's Discipleship Group	Chapel Reception Room
8:00	Samaritan Staff Meeting	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206
10:00	Adaptive Movement Class	Off Campus
12:00	Palms Preschool Summer Camp	Palms Center Gym
5:00	Companions for the Journey	Off Campus
5:00	First Impressions Leadership Team Mtg.	Chapel Reception Room
7:00	Contemporary Worship Band Rehearsal	Campus Center

## **FRIDAY**

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9:00	Firm Believers	Palms Center Gym
9:45	Loving Stitches	West Meeting Room
10:00	Grief Support Group	Chapel Reception Room
10:00	Palms Strings Rehearsal	Music & Arts Building
11:30	Eat, Meet & Be Merry	Off Campus

12:00 Palms Preschool Summer Camp  
2:00 Faith-Based Recovery  
7:00 Friday AA Group

Palms Center Gym  
Educ. Bldg. Rm. 206  
Chapel Reception Room

**SATURDAY**

No events scheduled.

**SUNDAY**

8:00	Prayer Meeting	Chapel Study
8:45	Childcare	Education Building
9:00	Traditional Worship	Sanctuary
9:30	Kid's Summer Club (Pre-K - 5 <sup>th</sup> grade)	Educ. Bldg. Rm. 205
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7:00	Sunday AA Group	Chapel Reception Room



**BE A HERO**  
**DONATE BLOOD**  
**BLOOD DRIVE**  
Today 8:30 am - 12:30 pm  
Parking Lot

**Two Cents  
a Meal:  
Collection  
on July 29**



Every donation we collect will go to hunger related projects, including 50% to our own Food Pantry. Mini church donation boxes will be located by the Sanctuary main entrances. To donate by check, include *Two Cents A Meal* in the memo line.

*Legacy  
Society*

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**Giving  
Corner**

Is your faith, hope and love for Church of the Palms reflected in your will and estate plan?