

Church on the Hill

Congregational/United Church of Christ



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 A.M.
JULY 23, 2017



Welcome to Worship!

- No matter who you are or where you are on Life's journey, you are welcome at Church on the Hill. Our doors are wide open to all who desire a closer relationship with God. We welcome believers, seekers, and doubters; **ANYONE, JUST AS YOU ARE.**
 - Large-print bulletin and hearing devices are available from the ushers.
- **Wheel chair and power chair seating available in pews. Please look for blue handicapped signs adjacent to pews.**
- Please keep this a time of quiet reflection in preparation of worship.
 - Please check your cell phone volume.
- If needed, you are welcome to walk infants in rear of sanctuary.
 - Preschool care is available during worship, if you wish. All children are encouraged to come to the altar during Children's Time. Following Children's Time, children go to Sunday School.
 - Please fill out the Friendship Pad at the end of each pew, then pass it along to your neighbor to sign. If you are a visitor or guest, please include your mailing and/or email addresses so we may keep in touch.
 - Adult Fellowship invites you to join us before worship for coffee in the foyer area. After worship, please join us for conversation,

Pastor Tom Lacey

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Quiet Time *“Be still, and know that I am God.”* Psalm 46:10

Prelude *If I Can Help Somebody* A. Andruzzo

Welcome Rev. Roger Richardson

Today is a new day, rising fresh from the Creator’s hand. Today we begin again, with praise and thanks to God who made us, Christ who redeemed us and the Holy Spirit who guides us. Here we participate in the fellowship of the forgiven, the church. It is good to be together today.

Prayer Requests Gary Martin

Call to Worship

We come to the Good Shepherd, seeking guidance.

We come to the Light of the World, seeking enlightenment.

We come to the Rock of our Salvation, seeking a foundation.

We come to the Man of Sorrows, seeking a redeemer.

We come to the Resurrection and the Life, seeking eternal joy.

We come to worship God.

* Praise Hymn (bulletin p. 6)

Shout to the Lord

Call to Confession

O God, how great you are;

How small we are!

How infinite is your wisdom;

How limited is ours!

How everlasting you are;

How brief our span of life!

How good and high are your ways;

How selfish and impure are ours!

Oh, Lord, take our weakness this very hour, and transform us by your mighty power. Speak your holy will to us now, as we open our lives now in confession.

Amen.

In Jesus Christ let us confess:

Prayer of Confession

O God, we must admit, to you and to one another, that we do not normally think of you shepherding our lives day by day. This is one of the reasons we get into trouble. We have walked our own dark valleys and sought our own green pastures, apart from your will. Speak, God, and deal with us, our sin and our renewed aspiration to be Your people. Mend, mold and remake us into channels of spiritual power and discipleship, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God's word has said, "As far as the East is from the West, so far have I removed your transgressions from you." Friends, this is the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Children's Time

Sarah Hugus

Announcements

Gary Martin

Hebrew Scripture (OT p. 501) Psalm 23

Gospel (NT p. 103) John 10:11-18

Solo

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
Olu Daré

Spiritual

Message

The Most Beautiful Song in the World

Pastoral Prayer

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Sharing the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Meet Someone New

Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace—a handshake, a hug, or (especially if you have a cold or are concerned about catching one) a hand on your heart, or a fist bump.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true, may our offerings represent our work, our blessings, and our faith. May they be good and true offerings as they witness to our gratitude and love for you, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Offertory

Above All Else

J. Peterson

* Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

* Hymn (WR #87)

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

* Benediction

* Spirit Song (WR #352)

**O let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love.
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let him have the things that hold you,
and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

Postlude

My Cathedral (The Home I Love)

** Those who are able may stand*

**My Jesus, my Savior, Lord, there is none like You,
All of my days, I want to praise
the wonders of your mighty love;
My Comfort, my Shelter, Tower of refuge and strength;
Let ev'ry breath, all that I am,
never cease to worship You.**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing
power and majesty, Praise to the King;
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand;
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.**

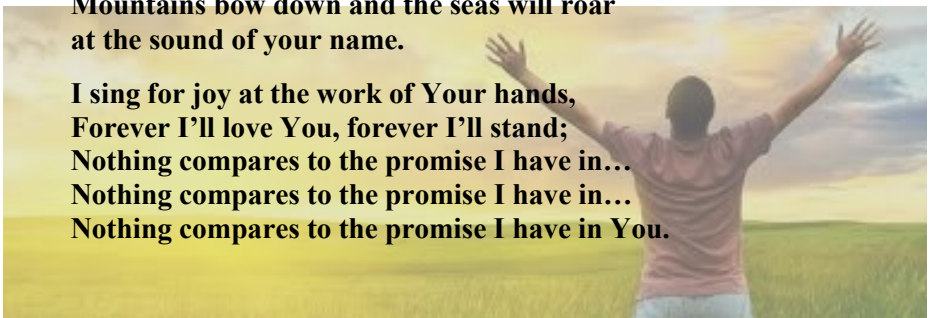
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PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, thank you for the ministry of our Boca Christians Eating Out group and the other groups that build up our fellowship.

Lord Jesus, help us in our troubles and our weaknesses. Give us hope to persevere and to trust you always.

We pray for victims and families of all those affected by natural disasters around our world. We pray for the immigrants and refugees trying to find a safe place to live with their families.

We continue to pray for all those facing tough economic situations. We pray for our leaders to have continuing compassion and care for those who are struggling.

We pray for the family and friends of: Joseph Fenner; Lydia Erica Medore; Toni McLain; Antoinette Brazukas; Gene Baur; Ned Wurster; Brian; Elizabeth Stewart; Ed Ehlers, Jr.; Alex Ary; Lynda Michelson; Mary Dorst; Sally Salter; Noel Martinez; Marie Williams; Judy Garland; Janet Bales; Phyllis Davis; Helen Huckabee; George Sinclair; Beatrice Flemister; Loren Eyrich; Bonnie Tust; Joe Folino; Lillian Guilfu; Selwyn Sherman; Willy Willard; and all those grieving loved ones.

We pray for those suffering health issues and in need of healing: Virginia Jones; Larry Williams; Bonnie Whitehead; Molly Jourdin; Menna Thomas; Barbara Hichar; Robin; Mark Vargo; Joan Murphy; Eileen Maass; Rosemary Case; Jean Jacques Bouvard; Nick Wurster; Noreen Buss; Sue Halsey; Martin Ross; Lucille Bruno; Bill Collins; Lori Casey; Ed Artis; Rev. Carl Flemister; Karen Newman; Laura Huntington; Randall Garland; Donna O'Connor; Valerie Ary; Dan Siller; Joann Davis; Louise Mahoney; Newt Fuller; Barbara Buchan; Audrey Eisnor.

And for those in the hospital and rehabilitation centers: Mary Davis.

We pray for our friends and family who are traveling.

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving.

And we pray for our friends, families and neighbors, trusting that you know their needs: Hanna; Jan DeNino; Mary and Marty Chaikinto; Kim and her family; Brandon; Lisa; Teri and her mother Ellen; Mark Amara; Sue Moser; Lulu and the Murphy family; Mary and Jennifer; Carrie Kelly; Kim Smith; Rob Buick and his daughters; Beth Soufleris; Seth Peterson and family; Florence Gomes and Mala; Annika Ljungberg.

We pray for our service men and women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Welcome, Rev. Roger Richardson

We are happy to welcome Rev. Roger Richardson as our guest pastor today. Roger Richardson, now retired from parish ministry, has held pastorates in Florida, Illinois, and New Jersey. He also has been a denominational middle governing body administrator. He now serves as a chaplain for hospice. His education spans several colleges, universities and seminaries both in the United States and abroad. He is married to Brazilian born Debora and has three children Roger Jr., T.J. and Sarah.



Lunch Bunch *Wednesday, July 26th*



Join us on Wednesday afternoons at 12:00 noon for Food, Fellowship and Fun. Just bring your bag lunch. We serve beverages and dessert. After lunch you can join in our Mah Jongg game—beginners welcome! Everyone is invited!

B.C.E.O. *Thursday, July 27th*

Boca Christians Eating Out takes place each Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m. for dinner and conversation. Please join us this Thursday at **Biergarten German & American Restaurant**, 309 Via De Palma #90, Boca Raton. Be sure to sign up in the Rosser room or call Sandi in the church office, 561-395-9255, to add your name to the list so that we can make appropriate reservations.



Please mark your calendars and plan to join us next week on Thursday, **August 3rd at Cuban Cafe** in Boca Raton.

Prayer Fellowship *Friday, July 28th*



The Prayer Fellowship and Bible Study meets every Friday at 10:00 a.m. in the Rosser room. Everyone is invited to join us. We are using the study booklet, *The Upper Room*. Free copies are available in the Rosser room. For more information please contact John Bird at 561-400-5604.

Boca Helping Hands *Saturday, July 29th*

During the summer months, join us on Saturday mornings from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to help with Boca Helping Hands. West Boca Food Distribution Center is hosted at Boca Glades Baptist Church (441 and Judge Winikoff Road), in the East parking lot.

Volunteers distribute bags of groceries to B.H.H. clients. For more information talk with Bob Rodgers or Sarah Hugus.



Faith and Fiction Book Club *Friday, August 4th*



The Faith and Fiction Book Club meets on the first Friday of each month, from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Our next gathering will be on Friday, August 4th. We will be discussing some of our favorite “fun” reads from this summer. For more information, call Sandi in the church office, 561-395-9255.

Picnic With a Purpose *Saturday, August 12th*

Clean fun, literally! After a beach cleanup we will enjoy fellowship and a BYO picnic on the beach. Mission and Community Outreach will provide gloves, and plentiful bags to help separate the recyclable and non-recyclable refuse as we work.



We will meet on Saturday, August 12th (weather permitting) at Red Reef Park at 6:00 pm Carpooling is highly recommended due to the cost of parking. If you have a Boca Raton beach permit for free parking, please offer your vehicle!

Wrapped in Love Crafters Group *Friday, August 18th*



The knitting/crochet crafting group will meet on Friday, July 21st from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a joyful hour of crafts. Please see the current Vantage for information on our Knitted Knockers mission project and our **Prayer Shawl Ministry**.

You can also contact Sandi at sandi@churchofboca.org for information, patterns and/or supplies. Please sign up in the Rosser room if you plan on attending.

Just a Dollar

You may fold a bill lengthwise and drop it in the plate along with your regular offering. These dollars are designated to help those in need.

Chancel Choir Summer Schedule *Wednesday, August 2nd*



The full Choir will sing each month for communion. The remainder of the month we will enjoy various soloists.

The Chancel Choir will rehearse at 7:15 pm on the Wednesday evening preceding Communion Sunday. The summer rehearsal schedule is:

- Rehearse Wednesday, August 2;
perform Sunday, August 6
- Rehearse Wednesday, August 30;
perform Sunday, September 3

The choir will return to Season on Wednesday, September 6.

Hospitality

If you enjoy meeting new people or greeting familiar friends, please sign up in the Rosser Room to be a Greeter. Contact Judy Williams at 561-826-8384 if you have any questions.



Prayer Requests



Prayer request forms can be found in the pews or in the prayer box on the post in the Rosser room. Please feel free to fill one out if you have a special prayer you would like the pastor to know about and leave it in the Prayer Box.

Church on the Hill merchandise prices!

See the display case in the Rosser room!

- T-shirts with “Be Yourself” and our logo: \$10 or 2/\$18
- Polo shirts for order \$25
- Shopping bags in neon lime green:\$3 donation
- Car Magnets: \$5 donation
- Magnets for refrigerator: FREE

Summer Pastor Schedule

July 30.....	Rev. M. Bruce Irwin
August 6 - Communion	Rev. Roger Richardson
August 13.....	Pastor Tom Lacey
August 20.....	Pastor Tom Lacey
August 27.....	Pastor Tom Lacey

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 10:00 am Worship Rev. Roger Richardson One Room Sunday School	24	25 12:00 noon AA 6:30 pm AA	26 12:00 noon Lunch Bunch	27 12:00 noon AA 6:30 pm B.C.E.O. at Biergarten 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm ONA	28 10:00 am Prayer Group 12:00 noon AA	29 8:30 am Boca Helping Hands
30 10:00 am Worship Rev. Bruce Irwin One Room Sunday School	31	1 12:00 noon AA 6:30 pm AA	2 12:00 noon Lunch Bunch 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal	3 12:00 noon AA 6:30 pm B.C.E.O. at Cuban Cafe 7:00 pm AA	4 10:00 am Prayer Group 12:00 noon AA 4:00 pm Book Club	5 8:30 am Boca Helping Hands



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Sandi Kilbride

Children's Ministry Director

Marit Lacey

Sound:

Wendell Jackson

Sexton:

Alexandra Willard

Music Ministry Director

Juan Mansilla

Organist/Pianist:

Nicholas R. Wurster

Megan Lipsky

Section Leaders

Olu Daré, Baritone

Megan Lipsky, Soprano

Mary Mattingly, Alto

This Week's Volunteers

Lead Deacons:

Gary and Tracy Martin

Office Helpers: Grayce Esposito,
Howard Case; Sarah Hugus, Audrey
Michele, and Diana Sorenesen

Hospitality: Kathy Barlow, Frances
Bell, Gail and Barry Donovan;
Grayce Esposito, Lorraine Folino,
Audrey Michele, Judy and Larry
Williams

Children's Choir:

Marit Lacey

Children's Band:

Eric Alter and Marit Lacey

Children's Worship Time:

Sarah Hugus

Sunday School Volunteers:

One Room Schoolhouse

..... Tony Borchers

**We welcome everyone, no matter who they are,
or where they are on life's journey!**