

Church on the Hill

Congregational/United Church of Christ



Beloved, I pray that all may go well
with you and that you may be in
good health, as it goes well with
your soul.
3 John 1:2

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 A.M.
SEPTEMBER 3, 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,

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

Prelude *A Call to Trust* J. Williams

Welcome Tom Lacey

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 Spirit who guides us. Here we participate in the fellowship of the forgiven, the church. It is good to be together today.

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

We gather to worship on this, the Lord’s Day.

What will God accomplish among us in this time?

We have come together for Sabbath rest and renewal.

What will God accomplish among us in this place?

We are here to offer our praise and thanksgiving

What will God accomplish in our hearts?

Confident of God’s work among us at all times and in all places, let us worship God.

* Praise Hymn (bulletin p. 8)

Your Grace is Enough

Call to Confession

We come before God in silence and in prayer, to open our hearts to our Creator, the one who heals, loves, and forgives.

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray

Merciful God, hear our prayer. When we are courageous, or down and out, or too weary to do anything else, we admit the truth of our lives. We do not always add beauty to the world. We do not always offer kindness as often as we might. We often pay lip service to the cries of others and sit idly by until the sound fades. Sometimes we get it right, and sometimes we don’t. We ask for your mercy and grace, and we

ask for your help, to give us courage and strength to live as you have us live. In Christ, who gave us those qualities and who taught us all we need to know, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Dear Child of God, in our world it is often hard to remember that God loves you just as you are. God loves you not because you are good. God loves you, period. God loves us not because we are loveable. No, we are loveable precisely because God loves us.

Amen. Alleluia.

Children's Time

Announcements

Hebrew Scripture (OT p. 594) Proverbs 11:17

Scripture (NT p. 243) 3 John 1:2

Gospel (NT p. 72) Luke 10:38-42

Choral Anthem *On Eagles' Wings* M. Joncas

Message *Note to Self: Take Care*

* The Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Solo *He Knows His Lambs* D. Tuiofu

* 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.**

Invitation to the Lord's Table (*Communion by intinction* †)

Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, on that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

This is the joyful feast of the people of God. Men and women, youth and children, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

This table is for all Christians who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Communion Prayers

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.

Hymn (WR #136 vs 4)

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky
and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty;
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

Words of Institution

Blessing

And the church prayed

**Be present with us as we share this meal, and
throughout all our lives, that we may know you as**

**the Holy One, who with Christ and the Holy Spirit,
lives for ever. Amen.**

Lord's Prayer (Debts/Debtors)

Celebrating the Elements

Agnus Dei (Said by all)

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Call to Supper

Sharing the Elements

Duet

If I Had But a Moment
Meghan Lipsky and Mary Mattingly

S. DeFord

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks!

**Thank you, merciful God,
for gladness in this bread and cup,
for love that cannot die,
for peace the world cannot give,
for joy in the company of friends,
for the splendors of creation,
and for the mission of justice.**

**Give us the gifts of this holy communion —
oneness of heart, love for neighbors,
forgiveness of enemies,
the will to serve you every day,
and life that never ends.**

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* 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.

* Benediction

Postlude

March Militare

Schubert

* *Those who are able may stand*



† *Communion by intinction* is the ancient method in which the consecrated bread is partially dipped into the chalice. The communicant takes a piece of bread, dips it into the wine and then eats both bread and wine together. If grape juice is preferred, a tray of cups with juice is available as well. Intinction is communion that speaks to the person's desire to stand and seek after the Lord. "Seek and you shall find," says the Lord.

Your Grace Is Enough

**Great is Your faithfulness, oh God.
You wrestle with the sinner's heart.
You lead us by still waters, into mercy.
And nothing can keep us apart.**

Chorus:

**So remember Your people,
Remember Your children.
Remember Your promise, oh God.
Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, for me.**

**Great is Your love and justice, God.
You use the weak to lead the strong.
You lead us in the song of Your salvation.
And all Your people sing along.**

***Repeat Chorus**

**Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough,
Your grace is enough, for me.**

***Repeat Chorus**

**Yeah, Your grace is enough,
Heaven reaching down to us.
Your grace is enough for me.**

**God I sing Your grace is enough,
I'm covered in Your love.
Your grace is enough for me, for me.**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, thank you for the start of another school year and thank you for all our students, however old they are.

Lord Jesus, help us to see how our little blessings can be transformed into miracles when we have faith.

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: Harold Esposito; Joseph Fenner; Lydia Erica Medore; Toni McLain; Antoinette Brazukas; Gene Baur; Ned Wurster; Brian; Elizabeth Stewart; Ed Ehlers, Jr.; Alex Ary; Mary Dorst; Sally Salter; Noel Martinez; Judy Garland; Janet Bales; Helen Huckabee; George Sinclair; Beatrice Flemister; Loren Eyrich; Bonnie Tust; Joe Folino; Lillian Guilfu; Willy Willard; and all those grieving loved ones.

We pray for those suffering health issues and in need of healing: Elena Correia; Janet Case; Dorothy Tinker; 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. Donna and John Bird

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving.

And we pray for our friends, families and neighbors, trusting that you know their needs: Bette Houston; 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

New Member Orientation *Sunday, September 3rd*



Are you interested in becoming a member of Church on the Hill? Join Pastor Tom for an orientation class today immediately following worship. **We will welcome new members into the congregation next Sunday, September 10.**

Labor Day *Monday, September 4th*

The church office will be closed tomorrow, September 4th for Labor Day.



Lunch Bunch *Wednesday, September 6th*



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, September 7th*

Boca Christians Eating Out takes place each Thursday evening for dinner and conversation. Please join us at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, August 31st at **Farmer's Table**, 10901 North Military Trail, Boca Raton. Be sure to sign up in the Rosser room or call Sandi in the church office 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, September 14th at **Galuppi's on the Green** in Pompano Beach.

Prayer Fellowship *Friday, September 8th*



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

Water Bottle Challenge ends September 8th

Church on the Hill's 100-day water bottle challenge ends this week. Mission Team invites all to continue using our re-fillable bottles and coffee-to-go mugs. Awards next Sunday!



Ice Cream Social *Sunday, September 10*



Join us on September 10th for our annual Ice Cream Sunday to celebrate Grandparents' Day. You don't have to be a grandparent to enjoy a sundae with us! Join in the fun and fellowship. For more information, email Marit Lacey.

Willy T. Willard Memorial Fund

Thursday, September 14th

The Willy T. Willard Memorial Fund is currently assisting three local families who have lost a child due to a motorized vehicle accident. There will be a special fundraiser on Thursday, September 14th at Packy's on Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton. Please join us for food, fun, raffles, and entertainment. Contact Diana Sorensen at 561-306-7714 or visit the website for more information: www.assistingbereavedparents.com.



Wrapped in Love Crafters Group *Friday, September 15th*



The knitting/crochet crafting group will meet on Friday, September 15th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a joyful hour of crafts. This meeting will be dedicated to making catnip toys for the pet blessing in October. No experience necessary—we will teach you to knit! You can also contact Sandi in the church office for information, patterns and/or supplies. Please sign up in the Rosser room if you plan on attending on September 15th.

Pinwheels for Peace *Sunday, September 17th*

Join us on Sunday, September 17th for our Pinwheels for Peace in celebration of International Day of Peace, a United Nations Celebration. After the service there will be pizza to eat and pinwheels to decorate! This activity is appropriate for almost all ages, if parents keep an eye on their little ones. When the pinwheels are finished, you can "plant" them in the church lawn or take them home with you. Join in this whirled peace event!!



Kids Club *Wednesday, September 27th*



With several of the older kids moving into middle school with many weekday activities, we are going to make the Kids Club more geared toward the younger children. The thought is to stay with Wednesdays beginning a little earlier at 5:30 p.m., ending at 7:00 p.m.

As usual, we will begin the program with a kid-friendly dinner, continuing with a short Bible lesson and an activity. We will have some of the middle school and high school kids help out with teaching the activity based on their own talents, such as sports, dance, music and art. The children will learn a simple song to perform at special Sunday worship services, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter.

The dates for Kids Club this fall:

- September 27th
- October 11th and 25th
- November 8th
- December 13th

For more details, contact Marit Lacey.

Faith and Fiction Book Club *Friday, October 6th*

The Faith and Fiction Book Club meets on the first Friday of each month, from 4:00–5:00 p.m. Please call Sandi in the church office, 561-395-9255, for information on our book for Friday, October 6th. There is also a sign up sheet in the Rosser room. We'd love to have you join the conversation!



Boca Helping Hands *Saturday, October 7th*



Join us on the first Saturday of each month 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 see Bob Rodgers or Sarah Hugus.

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.

Brighten Someone's Day

If we can brighten the day of someone with a call, card or a visit, please let your Member Care team know. Call Nancy Hindle at 561-213-1280.



Member Care

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 \$30
- Shopping bags in neon lime green: \$3 donation
- Car Magnets: \$5 donation
- Magnets for refrigerator: FREE

Sunday School Teachers Wanted

Volunteers are always needed to work with the Sunday School! Anyone, any age, who is interested in volunteering with our Sunday School from preschool through high school is welcome! Just one Sunday a month is a wonderful gift to our children and our church. Please email Marit Lacey: maritandtom@msn.com.



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.

How to Help after Hurricane Harvey



We watch from our homes and ask the question, “How can I help?” The UCC Disaster Ministries is already engaged in response by supporting partners and planning for recovery. Giving to the Harvey appeal ensures that 100% of your support will be used for disaster relief and

rehabilitation targeting the unique needs of vulnerable individuals and families. We do this by being nimble and adaptable in each disaster, which allows us to fill gaps in services through provision of spiritual care, community organizing, repair and reconstruction of homes, tools, building materials and volunteer coordination.

Please pray for continued strength and resolve for those whose lives have been impacted by Hurricane/Tropical Storm Harvey. Please also pray for the First Responders, disaster coordinators, and many volunteers who are working tirelessly to provide relief after Harvey, now and in the days, months, and years to come.

Donate Money. The response and rebuilding will be long-term. Your generous contribution now makes this long-term response possible. You can make an online contribution at www.ucc.org/disaster_hurricane_harvey

Or make your checks payable to the United Church of Christ with Hurricane Harvey Relief in the memo section of the check and place in the collection plate or mail your check directly to: United Church of Christ, 700 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44115.

As a final comment from Rev. Alan Coe, (UCC Florida) Conference Disaster Response Coordinator: “For those who may want to physically go and help, there will be opportunities down the road for that. If you are thinking of donating goods, that almost never works out well. It becomes more of a burden in the affected area. Monetary donations are the best way to help.”

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 10:00 am Worship Communion by Intinction Chancel Choir 11:15 am New Member Orientation	4 Labor Day Office Closed	5 12:00 noon AA 6:30 pm AA	6 12:00 noon Lunch Bunch 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal	7 12:00 noon AA 6:30 pm B.C.E.O. at Farmer's Table 7:00 pm AA 7:00 pm ONA	8 10:00 am Prayer Group 12:00 noon AA 7:00 pm AA	9
10 10:00 am Worship New Member Reception Bottle Challenge Recognition 11:15 am Ice Cream Social	11	5 12:00 noon AA 6:30 pm AA	13 12:00 noon Lunch Bunch 7:15 pm Choir rehearsal	14 12:00 noon AA 6:30 pm B.C.E.O. at Galluppi's 7:00 pm AA	15 Vantage Deadline 10:00 am Prayer Group 12:00 noon AA 4:00 pm Knitting Group 7:00 pm AA	16



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Section Leaders

Olu Daré, Baritone

Megan Lipsky, Soprano

Mary Mattingly, Alto

This Week's Volunteers

Lead Deacons:

Tracy and Gary Martin

Office Helpers: Grayce Esposito,

Howard Case; Rosemary Case;
Sarah Hugus, Audrey Michele, and
Diana Sorensen

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:

Lynne Holloway

Sunday School Volunteers:

PreSchool-2
3-6..... Sarah Hugus
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**We welcome everyone, no matter who they are,
or where they are on life's journey!**