

Church on the Hill

Congregational/United Church of Christ



SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 A.M.
OCTOBER 21, 2018



Welcome to Church on the Hill!

Whether you are a first-time visitor or a lifelong member,
we are glad you are here.

Welcome to this place of sustenance, joy, and hope.
Welcome infants and youth, parents and grandparents,
single and partnered, married, divorced, and widowed.

Welcome people of every race, gender,
and sexual orientation.

Welcome to this place, where we are free to come
just as we are—with our questions and doubts,
our faith and our certainty.

Welcome to this place, where we proclaim God's love:
where we know we are all connected;
where all are beloved children of God;
and each one is precious in God's eyes.

Welcome to this place, where we support and
challenge one another to learn and grow in faith,
in our love for God and for our neighbor.

Whoever you are and wherever you are
on the journey of life or faith, we are glad you are here!

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“Quiet Time	“ <i>Be still, and know that I am God.</i> ”	Psalm 46:10
Prelude	<i>Jesus, Lover of My Soul</i>	J. Holbrook
Boca Bells	<i>In the Shadow of His Cross</i>	M. Akers
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 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

Call to Worship

Look around.

Listen carefully.

Peer into your heart.

What do you see? What do you hear?

What do you find? What do you seek?

Let us seek a deeper presence and find our truest joy in God’s hands.

* Praise Hymn (bulletin p. 7)

Who Am I

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

God of mercy and love, we know that sometimes we allow ourselves to be distracted by things that really don’t matter all that much. We would rather pursue intellectual arguments than live the gospel. We would rather debate our equals than defend the vulnerable. We prefer to think about you instead of getting to know you.

So help us, God. Help us to discern what does matter

to you and to the vulnerable you call us to. Help us to open up our hearts, wide in love and grace, and so be living examples of your good news. In Christ we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

New every morning is God's love for us, and so we are bold to proclaim the Good News:

In Jesus Christ we know we are forgiven and strengthened. Thanks be to God!

Children's Time

Announcements

Gospel (NT p. 47)

Mark 10:46-52

Anthem

As the Deer

M. Nystrom

Message

Not So Blind Bartimaeus

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)

Boca Bells

How Great Thou Art

S. Hine

Reception of New Member

Anne Shaw

Sentences

Question and Promise

* Affirmation of Faith

Let us unite with the church in all times and places in confessing our faith in the triune God.

Do you believe in God?

I believe in God.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Prayer

Welcome

Let us, members of Church on the Hill, express our welcome and affirm our mutual ministry in Christ.

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours. You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you. In gratitude for all your gifts, we bless you and your church with our offerings. Amen.

Offertory

Run to Jesus
Josiah Ruff

J. Ruff

* 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 #480)

Open My Eyes, That I May See

* 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

Lead On, O King Eternal

R. Boud

** Those who are able may stand*

Neighbors in Need Special Collection

Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of this offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. This year, special consideration will be given to projects focusing on serving our immigrant neighbors and communities. Please use the special envelope found in this bulletin for your Neighbor in Need contribution. Thank you!



**Who am I?
That the Lord of all the earth
Would care to know my name
Would care to feel my hurt
Who am I?
That the bright and morning star
Would choose to light the way
For my ever wandering heart**

CHORUS

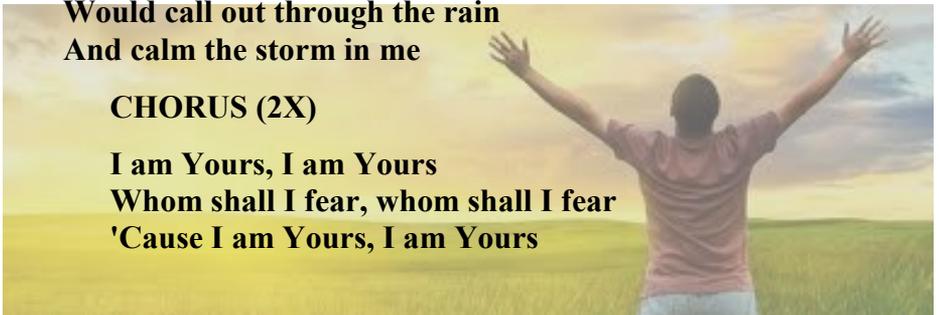
**Not because of who I am
But because of what You've done
Not because of what I've done
But because of who You are**

**I am a flower quickly fading
Here today and gone tomorrow
A wave tossed in the ocean
A vapor in the wind
Still You hear me when I'm calling
Lord, You catch me when I'm falling
And You've told me who I am
I am Yours, I am Yours**

**Who am I?
That the eyes that see my sin
Would look on me with love
And watch me rise again
Who am I?
That the voice that calmed the sea
Would call out through the rain
And calm the storm in me**

CHORUS (2X)

**I am Yours, I am Yours
Whom shall I fear, whom shall I fear
'Cause I am Yours, I am Yours**



PRAYER REQUESTS

Dear God, thank you for the love and joy we get from our pets.

Lord Jesus, may we not let money be more important than you, and may we give generously to those in need.

We pray for all the victims and their families of shootings throughout our land. We pray for a solution. We pray for all those fighting the wildfires out west.

We pray for all those affected by natural disasters around our world and 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 our sponsored children: Mari in Guatemala, Bashar in Lebanon, and Riziki “Josephina” in Tanzania.

We pray for the family and friends of: Elizabeth Ehlers; Karen Longstreet; Bette Houston; Nancy Hindle; Valerie Ary; Roberta Whittemore; Donna Pisi; Tecla Barber; Ginger; Richard “John” Milshaw; Janet DeNino; Kevin Dreifuss; Audrey Eisnor; Jim Ary; Craig Williams; Bonnie Whitehead; Donald Goodgion; Janet Milshaw; Menna Thomas; Joseph Fenner; Ned Wurster; Elizabeth Stewart; Sally Salter; and all those grieving loved ones.

We pray for those suffering health issues and in need of healing: James Houston; Charlie Esposito; Allison Weaver’s mother; Larry Williams; Wyatt Neuhaus; Abigail; Jeanette Stevens; Rev. Carl & Faye Flemister; Bob Davis; Carlin Lacey; Dave Clarke; Elizabeth Ehlers; Morgan Jourdin; Phyllis Mischou; Claire Davis; Jim Douthit; Kathy Cogley; Harold Logan; Elaine; Janet Case; Eileen Maass; Lucille Bruno; Bill Collins; Karen Newman; Laura Huntington; Donna O’Connor; Valerie Ary; Dan Siller; Louise Mahoney; Barbara Buchan.

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: Jane Mueller; Diana Sorensen and family; Rosemary and Howard; Brenda; Beatrice Lanz; Sharon Putney; Hanna; Mary and Marty Chaikinto; Kim and her family; 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 Ljungber.

We pray for our service men and women.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Welcome New Member



Today we welcome our new member, Anne Shaw.

Anne is originally from Georgia and lived in Broward County for 75 years. She currently lives at St. Andrews South Retirement Community. Anne states that she is very blessed to have a loving and caring family. She has three children, four granddaughters and one great-grandson. We're glad to welcome her as a member of the Church on the Hill family. Please join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship and say "hello" to Anne!

In Sympathy

Elizabeth Ehlers passed away early Thursday morning, October 18, 2018. She was an amazing woman who led an active role at Church on the Hill. She was a member of the choir, led the worship time at Adult Fellowship, participated in the weekly Prayer Group, and sponsored the annual Faithful Servant Award. She will be missed. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers.



Vision Ministry Meeting *Today, Sunday, October 21st*



The Vision Ministry will meet on Sunday, October 21st immediately following worship . All team leaders are encouraged to attend.

Walk to End Alzheimer's *Next Sunday, October 28th*

This is your last invitation to sign up online to support or walk 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's at Mizner Park Amphitheater, 590 Plaza Real, Boca Raton next Sunday, October 28. The 2 mile walk in the neighborhood around Mizner honors those facing Alzheimer's past and present. We will meet at 8:00 a.m. next to the amphitheater stage and walk as a community at 8:30 a.m. Those who cannot walk can join our cheering section. For more information contact Jen Schmuhl, at jschmuhl.ucc@gmail.com.



Lunch Bunch *Wednesday, October 24th*

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!



Kids Club *Wednesday, October 24th*



Join us on Wednesday, October 24th at 5:30 p.m. to 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. The children will learn a simple song to perform at special Sunday worship services, such as Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. If you would like to volunteer to teach one class or cook one meal in the fall or for more details, contact Marit Lacey.

Christmas Cantata Invitation *Wednesday, October 15th*

We would like to extend to all of you a very special invitation to join us in song and worship for this year's Cantata., *The Promise of a King*. Please join us with your voices and sing this wonderful piece. The Cantata rehearsals are during our Chancel Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.



The Cantata will be on Sunday, December 2. Please talk with Guerguan if you are interested in participating with the choir.

B.C.E.O. *Thursday, October 25th*



Boca Christians Eating Out meets every week on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Please join us this week, **Thursday, October 25th** for dinner and conversation at **Anthony's Coal Fired Pizza**, 851 South Federal Highway, 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.

Prayer Fellowship *Friday, October 26th*

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 use the Upper Room devotional as our study guide. These are available for free in the Rosser room. For more information please contact John Bird at 561-400-5604.



Wrapped in Love Knitting Group *Friday, October 19th*

The knitting/crochet crafting group will meet on Friday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. for a joyful hour of crafts. You are welcome to bring your own project or work on one of our charity items. There is a sign up sheet in the Rosser room, or contact Sandi in the church office for details, patterns and/or supplies.



Faith and Fiction Book Group *Friday, November 2nd*



The Faith and Fiction Book Club will discuss *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate on Friday, November 2nd from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.. Please sign up in the Rosser room. We'd love to have you join the conversation!

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.



Annual Costume Party *Next Sunday, October 28th*



Annual Costume Party October 28th right after church. All fairy tale princesses, goblins, and ghosts are invited to our annual Halloween party. Please come to church dressed in your Halloween "best!" Have fun playing games, and making crafts! And, of course, our famous piñatas! Pizza lunch provided and donations of drinks, sides and chips are welcomed!

Candy donations needed! Help make our Halloween party a sweet success. Please drop off bags of individually wrapped candies in the Rosser room. Look for the Halloween candy cauldron!



Volunteers needed for Halloween party and set up. Set up will be on **Saturday, October 27th**. Time will be announced when we see what time works best for our volunteers. MS and HS students will get community hours.

We also need volunteers to supervise the different games and activities during the party.



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Nicholas R. Wurster

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Mary Mattingly, Alto

Josiah Ruff, Tenor

Boca Bells Director

Brian Rowland

This Week’s Volunteers

Lead Deacons:

Dave Brown

Office Helpers: Grayce Esposito,

Sarah Hugus, Audrey Michele;

Diana Sorensen

Hospitality: Kathy Barlow, Frances

Bell, Grayce Esposito, Lorraine

Folino, Audrey Michele, Judy and

Larry Williams

Children’s Choir:

Marit Lacey

Children’s Worship Time:

Lynne Holloway

Sunday School Volunteers:

Preschool High School

Elementary.....

Confirmation Marit Lacey

High In Preschool (CSH)

Acolyte

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