

# Church on the Hill

Congregational/United Church of Christ

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:00 A.M.  
MARCH 25, 2018



### **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, coffee, punch, and cookies in the fellowship hall.

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**Fill us with a longing to know you better.  
Forgive us our lukewarm responses.  
Kindle in us passion for your work.  
Set us free from sin and fear.  
Send us out to be your people.  
This we pray in the name of Jesus, our leader, our  
guide, our Savior. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven, reconciled, loved, and  
changed. Amen.**

Mission Focus

Jennifer Schmuhl

Children's Time

Lynne Holloway

Announcements

Gospel (NT p. 47)

Mark 10:35-45

Choral Anthem

*Hosannas*

C. Staub

Message

*One Day at a Time*

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.**

Solo

*One Day at a Time*  
Elena Correia

Negro Spiritual

\* 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.**

\* Praise Hymn (bulletin p. 6)

*Shout to the Lord*

\* 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.  
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Postlude

*The Palms*

J. Baptiste Faure

*\* 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.**

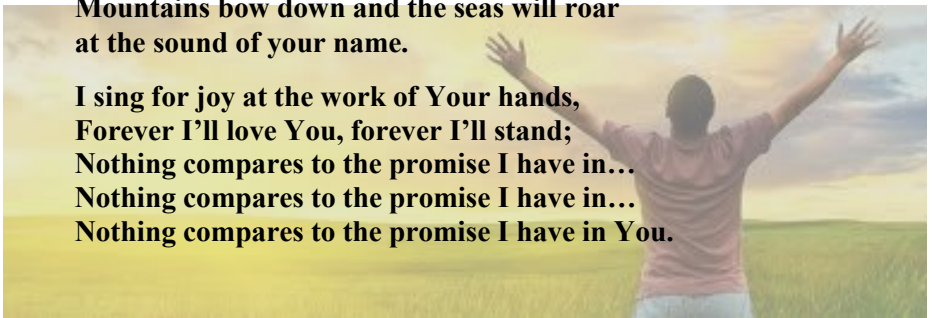
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# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Dear God,** thank you for our new members: Lois Fleischmann, Stephen Harris, and Tyler Tust.

**Lord Jesus,** help us to see that to be first in your eyes, we must first be servants.

**We pray** for all the victims and our country of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School shooting in Parkland on February 14th.

**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 the family and friends of:** Gordon Hawkins; Craig Williams; Bonnie Whitehead; Fred Test; Donald Goodgion; Janet Milshaw; Menna Thomas; Harold Esposito; Joseph Fenner; Lydia Erica Medore; Antoinette Brazukas; Gene Baur; Ned Wurster; Elizabeth Stewart; Mary Dorst; Sally Salter; and all those grieving loved ones.

**We pray for those suffering health issues and in need of healing:** Arlene Esposito; Jim Ary; James Lee; Jim Douthit; Kathy Cogley; Amanda Sage St. John; Harold Logan; Sandra Price; Faye Flemister; Elaine; Gail Donovan; Justin Havlett; Judy Williams; Elena Correia; Janet Case; Larry Williams; Molly Jourdin; Barbara Hichar; Virginia Jones; Joan Murphy; Eileen Maass; Rosemary Case; Jean Jacques Bouvard; Nick Wurster; Noreen Buss; Sue Halsey; Martin Ross; Lucille Bruno; Bill Collins; Rev. Carl Flemister; Karen Newman; Laura Huntington; Randall Garland; Donna O'Connor; Valerie Ary; Dan Siller; Joann Davis; Louise Mahoney; Barbara Buchan; Audrey Eisnor.

**We pray for our friends and family who are traveling:** Sarah Hugus.

**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; 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.**



# Holy Week

**PALM SUNDAY**                      **Sunday, March 25th**                      **10:00 am**

We open our worship service with a procession of palms, joyfully welcoming Christ.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**                      **Thursday, March 29th**                      **7:00 pm**

Join us for Tenebrae, a prolonged meditation on Christ's Passion. Readings and music guide us through the drama of these momentous hours. Finally, as lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ's suffering, and death and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory expressed and revealed in Christ's Resurrection.

**EASTER EGG HUNT**                      **Sunday, April 1st**                      **9:30 am**

Bring your baskets and meet us on the south lawn at 9:30 am on Easter morning for our annual Egg Hunt. Three hunts will be offered for various age groups.

**EASTER SUNDAY**                      **Sunday, April 1st**                      **10:00 am**

This will be a music-filled celebration of Easter. The Chancel Choir will perform, with additional music by ensemble, soloists, and the Boca Bells.

**BUTTERFLY RELEASE**                      **Sunday, April 1st**                      **11:15 am**

Immediately following the Easter worship, our Butterfly Release will take place in the butterfly garden. Reserve your Easter Butterfly by signing up in the Rosser room





## **Maundy Thursday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.**

### **Tenebrae**

#### A Service of Shadows

The service of Tenebrae, meaning “darkness” or “shadows,” has been practiced by the church since medieval times. Once a service for the monastic community, Tenebrae later became an important part of the worship of the common folk during Holy Week. We join Christians of many generations throughout the world in using the liturgy of Tenebrae.

Tenebrae is a prolonged meditation on Christ’s suffering. Readings trace the story of Christ’s passion, music portrays his pathos, and the power of silence and darkness suggests the drama of this momentous day. As lights are extinguished, we ponder the depth of Christ’s suffering and death; we remember the cataclysmic nature of his sacrifice as we hear the overwhelming sound of the “strepitus;” and through the return of the small but persistent flame of the Christ candle at the conclusion of the service, we anticipate the joy of ultimate victory.

Thursday we begin our Maundy Service with prayer, song, a powerful confession, and an assurance of pardon. We will receive Communion, giving thanks to the Lord our God for his perfect gift of Jesus Christ, and participating in the sacrament he instituted at our Lord’s Last Supper on Maundy Thursday.

After we have prepared ourselves with the bread and cup of Christ, we are ready to enter a night of shadows and darkening of lights. Ten readings will be shared, until Christ has died; ten candles will be extinguished, until all is dark. An earthquake of sound from our organ will signal Christ’s death and all light will be gone.

In the darkest night, there remains yet God’s power, forever.

A light will shine....

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

## Easter Egg Hunt *Sunday, April 1st*

It's almost time for our annual Easter egg hunt! Children, please bring your own basket to collect eggs and join us Easter Sunday, April 1st, at 9:30 am on the south lawn. Three hunts will be offered for various age groups.



## Wear Your Easter Bonnets *Sunday, April 1st*



*In your Easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it, You'll be the grandest lady in the Easter parade.* Ladies, let's bring back an old tradition! Be sure to wear your prettiest hat to church on Easter morning.

## Annual Butterfly Release *Sunday, April 1st*

Reserve your Easter butterfly now for our annual Butterfly Release following worship on Easter morning. For a \$4.00 fee you will receive a beautiful Painted Lady butterfly to release. For details contact Marit Lacey at 954-682-9292. You can reserve a butterfly by signing up in the Rosser room.



## Wednesday Morning Communion Service

*Wednesday, April 4th -- DATE CHANGE*



**We will not have Wednesday morning Communion during Holy Week.** Please join us at 8:30 a.m. for Communion on Wednesday mornings. As the early morning sun streams through the stained glass window

lighting the sanctuary in softly filtered colors, we will share in the fellowship of Christ. It's a wonderful way to start the day centered in the Lord.

## In Sympathy



2014 and is still missed.

Please pray for family and friends of Gordon Hawkins. Gordon was husband to long-time member Ruth Hawkins. Ruth passed away in

## **Lunch Bunch** *Wednesday, March 28th*

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.** *Wednesday, March 28th*



Boca Christians Eating Out normally meets every week on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. This week they will be meeting on Wednesday in order to attend the Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday.

Please join us this week on **Wednesday, March 28th** for dinner and conversation at **Mississippi Sweets**, 2399 N. 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.

And mark your calendars for Thursday, April 5th when the B.C.E.O. will be gathering at Harvest Seasonal Grill & Wine Bar in Delray Beach. We hope to see you there!

## **Ring Out Your Joy and Join the Bell Choir!**

*Wednesday, March 28th*

Church on the Hill's Boca Bells is looking for a few more Ringers. While experience is very welcome, it's not necessary. With just a few minimal skills—the ability to count to at least 4, recognizing your right hand from your left hand, and a willingness to play nicely (stay in rhythm) with others—you can be a member of the bell choir! Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m., with a performance on Mother's Day, May 13th. If you would like to be a part of this fun group, please contact Sandi: 561-395-9255. or [sandi@churchofboca.org](mailto:sandi@churchofboca.org).



## **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.

## **Prayer Fellowship** *Friday, March 30th*



The Prayer Fellowship and Bible Study meets every Friday morning at 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We are currently using *Character Under Pressure* by Patty Pell, which focuses on the book of Esther. For more information please contact John Bird at 561-400-5604.

## **Adult Fellowship Luncheon** *Wednesday, April 4th*

The Adult Fellowship will have its annual luncheon out on Wednesday, April 4th. Please join us at the Olive Garden, 22161 Powerline Road in Boca Raton at 12 noon. There is a sign up sheet in the Rosser room which will help us know how many people to plan for when making reservations.



*Adult Fellowship*

## **Faith and Fiction Book Club** *Friday, April 6th*



The Faith and Fiction Book Club meets on the first Friday of each month, from 4:00–5:00 p.m. We are currently reading *The Testament* by John Grisham for our April 6th discussion. There is a sign up sheet in the Rosser room. We'd love to have you join the conversation!

Our next scheduled book, for discussion on May 4th, is *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles.

## **Boca Helping Hands** *Saturday, April 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.



## **Women's Fellowship Fashion Show** *Saturday, April 14th*



The Women's Fellowship Fashion Show and Brunch will be held on Saturday, April 14th. Be sure to sign up and get your tickets now, in the Rosser room.

## **Blood Mobile** *Sunday, April 15th*

The big red bus will be in the parking lot on Sunday, April 15th from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Giving blood is simple, but it can make a real difference!



## **Wrapped in Love Prayer Shawl Ministry**

*Friday, April 20th*



The knitting/crochet crafting group will meet on Friday, April 20th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. for a joyful hour of crafts. You can bring your own project or help us make

Pocket Prayer Shawls. Please sign up in the Rosser room, or contact Sandi: [sandi@churchofboca.org](mailto:sandi@churchofboca.org) or call the church office, 561-395-9255, for information, patterns and/or supplies.

## **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.



## **Brighten Someone's Day**



Member Care

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.

## **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.



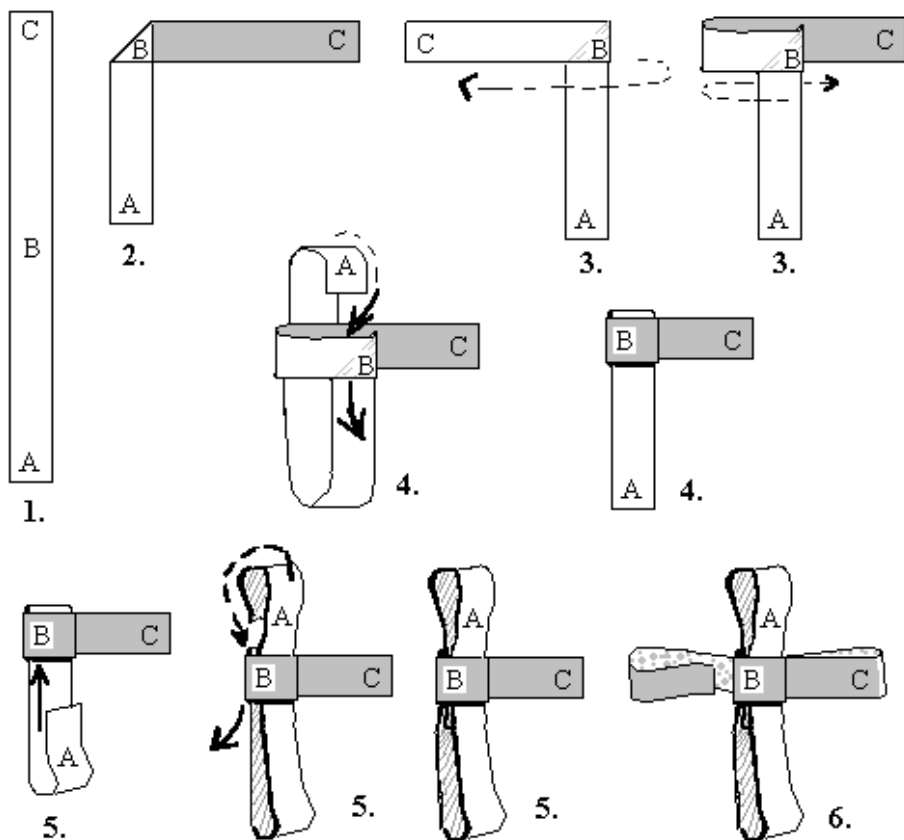
## **Per Capita Dues**

Annually CCBR pays \$15.00 per church member in dues to the Florida UCC. Please consider contributing your share so that we can continue to be a part of the Florida conference.

## Palm Weaving; Cross (style no.1)

Basic instructions as told to Anita Visoky by Mike Melfi in April 2000. Mike learned to weave crosses at St.Rocco School in Cleveland, OH in the late 1920's or early 1930's.

Additional illustrations by Cindy Salvarola (Feb 2002).



### Stay in touch this summer!

- **Facebook:** Church on the Hill - Congregational Church of Boca Raton
- **Twitter:** @UCCchurchboca
- **Instagram:** @ChurchontheHill\_
- **Website:** [www.churchofboca.org](http://www.churchofboca.org)



| Sunday  | Monday                                  | Tuesday                                     | Wednesday   | Thursday   | Friday  | Saturday  |
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| <b>25</b><br><b>Palm Sunday</b><br>10:00 am<br><b>Worship</b>   | <b>26</b>                               | <b>27</b><br>12 noon<br>AA<br>6:30 pm<br>AA | <b>28</b><br>12 noon<br><b>Lunch Bunch</b><br>6:00 pm<br><b>Bell Choir</b><br>6:30 pm<br><b>B.C.E.O</b><br>7:30 pm<br><b>Choir rehearsal</b>                | <b>29</b><br><b>Maundy Thursday</b><br>12 noon<br>AA<br>7:00 pm<br><b>Maundy Thursday Service</b><br>7:00 pm<br>AA | <b>30</b><br><b>Good Friday</b><br>10:00 am<br><b>Prayer Fellowship</b><br>12 noon<br>AA<br>7:00 pm<br>AA         | <b>31</b><br><b>Holy Saturday</b>                     |
| <b>1</b><br><b>Easter</b><br>9:30 am<br><b>Egg Hunt</b><br>10:00 am<br><b>Worship</b><br>11:15 am<br><b>Butterfly Release</b> | <b>2</b><br><b>Church Office Closed</b> | <b>3</b><br>12 noon<br>AA<br>6:30 pm<br>AA  | <b>4</b><br>8:30 am<br><b>Communion</b><br>12 noon<br><b>Adult Fellowship Luncheon</b><br>6:00 pm<br><b>Bell Choir</b><br>7:30 pm<br><b>Choir rehearsal</b> | <b>5</b><br>12 noon<br>AA<br>6:30 pm<br><b>B.C.E.O.</b><br>7:00 pm<br>AA   | <b>6</b><br>10:00 am<br><b>Prayer Fellowship</b><br>12 noon<br>AA<br>4:00 pm<br><b>Book Club</b><br>7:00 pm<br>AA | <b>7</b><br>8:30 am<br><b>Boca Helping Hands West</b> |



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## *Staff*

### **Assistant to the Pastor**

Susan Sullivan

### **Administrator**

Sandi Kilbride

### **Children's Ministry Director**

Marit Lacey

### **Sound:**

Wendell Jackson

### **Sexton:**

Joao Rodrigues (Jan-Pro)

### **Music Ministry Director**

Elena Correia

### **Organist/Pianist:**

Nicholas R. Wurster

### **Section Leaders**

Olu Daré, Baritone

Megan Lipsky, Soprano

Mary Mattingly, Alto

### **Boca Bells Director:**

Brian Rowland

## *This Week's Volunteers*

### **Lead Deacons:**

Gary and Tracy Martin

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

**Hospitality:** Kathy Barlow, Frances  
Bell, 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:**

Nursery ..... Betsy Beasley  
2-5 ..... Lynne and Ken Holloway  
MS/HS ..... Juliet Carl  
Acolyte ..... Lucas Lacey

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