

# Church on the Hill

Congregational/United Church of Christ

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SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE  
10:00 A.M.  
FEBRUARY 17, 2019



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

Prelude      *Laudation*      G. Martin

Welcome      Tom Lacey

**Wherever you’ve been, whoever you’ve become,  
wherever you’re going, you’re welcome here at  
Church on the Hill.**

Prayer Requests

Call to Worship

Holy is your name, God in heaven!

**We come to worship today longing for your kingdom  
come.**

What is your will in our lives, in our world?

**In this hour of worship, enlighten us with your Word,**

Inspire us with stirring songs, embrace us within your community,

**Surround us with a vision so alive that we will go from  
here with good news for all people.**

\* Praise Song (WR #559)

*Here I Am, Lord*

Call to Confession

We live our lives imperfectly; we make many mistakes; too often they are caused by the power of sin acting through us. But we are also loved by God, in whose image we are created. Let us remake ourselves toward that image as we make our confession before God and each other, first in silent prayer.

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Let us pray

**O God, we are people here like Peter sinking. We step out in faith because we want to follow you, but we fall short. We are afraid of what other people think of us. We are not sure we have the ability to do what you ask us. We think the job is too big for us.**

**We are people here like Thomas doubting. We are not sure what it means to be a Christian. We are not sure what good it does to come to church. We are not sure**

**what you can do in this world that is so wounded. We won't take one step until we see the whole way ahead. We are people here like Mary weeping. We stand at the foot of the cross, where sin's power does it worst. We weep for people who are diminished for the color of their skin or for their sexuality. We weep for people whose lives are shackled by poverty. We weep for people who hear the sound of gunshots aimed at them. We are your people here at worship. Fill us with grace and power to be Christ's disciples, to bring the kingdom closer, to labor in your vineyard, to do the works you call us to do. We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus and in unity with the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, hear the good news: the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting.

**In Christ and for us, God's compassion reigns victorious. Alleluia! Amen.**

Children's Time

Announcements

*Please sign in on the friendship pew pad and pass it along.*

Gospel (NT p. 40)

Mark 6:6b-13

Anthem

*Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho*

B. Dewagtere

Message

*The Real Jesus Was a Leader*

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.**

Pass Peace to All

*Please greet one another with a sign of God's peace—a handshake, a hug, or a hand on your heart, or a fist bump.*

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

*O Magnify the Lord*  
Nora Martinez

D. Tunney

\* 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 #405 vss 1, 2, 4)

*My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

\* 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*

# PRAYER REQUESTS

**Dear God**, thank you for the example we see in Jesus.

**Lord Jesus**, help us to have the integrity to see and be like you.

**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:** Anne Fenner Zanier; Randall Grenadier; John C.; Paul Peterson; Nancy Nyren; Antoine Medina; Elizabeth Ehlers; Bette Houston; Nancy Hindle; Valerie and Jim Ary; Roberta Whittemore; Donna Pisi; Tecla Barber; Ginger; Richard “John” and Janet Milshaw; Janet DeNino; Kevin Dreifuss; Audrey Eisnor; Craig Williams; Bonnie Whitehead; Donald Goodgion; 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:** Ken Abuhoff; Linnea; Mary Davis; Felice; Donna O’Connor; Ebany; Elsie Rice; James Houston; Charlie Esposito; Allison Weaver’s mother; Larry Williams; Wyatt Neuhaus; Abigail; Jeanette Stevens; Rev. Carl & Faye Flemister; Carlin Lacey; Dave Clarke; Phyllis Mischou; Claire Davis; Jim Douthit; Kathy Cogley; Harold Logan; Elaine; Janet Case; Eileen Maass; Lucille Bruno; Bill Collins; Karen Newman; Laura Huntington; 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:** Thomas, Anthony, Aiden, and Jay; Tommy Davis; Jane Mueller; Diana Sorensen and family; 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 Ljungberg.

**We pray for our service men and women.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

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## **55th Annual Meeting** *Today, Sunday, February 17th*

Annual Meeting of the Congregation will be held on today following worship. Please stay and join us for this important church event. This is one of many ways your voice can be heard in our church. Copies of the Annual Report are still available in the Rosser room.



Items for action will include:

- 2019 operating budget
- Reports of teams and staff
- Approval of nominees for church officers and team leaders
- Elizabeth Ehlers Faithful Servant Award presentation

## **Coffee Hour** *Today, Sunday, February 17th*



Do you or your children enjoy punch and cookies after worship? We have none today—this is because we have no volunteer(s) to prepare these treats for the 3rd Sunday of each month. If YOU would like to help with this on the 3rd Sunday, please talk to Grayce! She would love to add your name to the volunteer roster. There is also a signup sheet on the (minimal) refreshment table today. Adult Fellowship appreciates your understanding.

## **Rummage Sale Update**

Unfortunately the Rummage Sale scheduled for March 9th is CANCELLED. Only 50% of the volunteer slots for receiving and sorting, as well as for the day of the sale, were filled.



Please contact the following programs if you have donations to give:

- Vietnam Veterans of America (they pick up)
- Habitat for Humanity ReStore,  
and/or
- Food for the Poor

Thank you to those who did sign up and offer to help.

## Wednesday Morning Communion Service

*Wednesday, February 20th*

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.



## Lunch Bunch *Wednesday, February 20th*



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, stay and join us for a game (or two!) of Mah Jongg. Beginners are welcome—we'll even teach you how to play!

## B.C.E.O. *Thursday, February 21st*

Boca Christians Eating Out meets every week on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Please join us this week on **Thursday, February 21st** for dinner and conversation at **Mississippi Sweets**, 2399 N. Federal Highway, Unit A, Boca Raton.



Parking is limited at this location, so please carpool if possible. 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 reservations.

Mark your calendars to join us next week, Thursday, February 28 at P.F. Changs in Boca Raton.

## Prayer Fellowship *Friday, February 15th*



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.

## 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.



## **Boca Helping Hands** *Saturday, March 2nd*



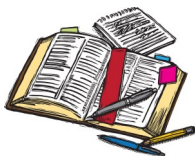
Join us on Saturday, March 2nd from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. to help with Boca Helping Hands. West Boca Food Distribution Center is hosted at Boca Glades Baptist Church (441 and Judge Winikoff Road), in the East parking lot. Children able to carry a bag of groceries are encouraged to attend with their adult volunteer. For more information see Bob Rodgers, Jen Wald or Sarah Hugus. Sign up in the Rosser room.

## **Ash Wednesday Service** *Wednesday, March 6th*

Plan to attend one of the most ancient and meaningful services of Christianity on Wednesday, March 6th at noon. This is a chance to “clean the slate,” receive God’s forgiveness, and move ahead into a new and powerful life.



## **Adult Faith and Spiritual Growth: Our Lenten Study** *Tuesday, March 12th*



Our Lenten Study will be held on Tuesday nights, 7:00 p.m. starting March 12 and continuing for the next four Tuesdays. *Companions in Christ* is a course of material that will lead us with daily reflections and a weekly gathering toward a fuller and richer Christian faith. The program’s heart is to deepen our spiritual life by encountering scripture and each other to unlock God’s life within us. This labor of love will deepen as we grow in our ability to have scripture speak to us and follow the truth it reveals.

Please sign up so we know how many books to order. Each person should have her or his own copy. Cost is \$10 for the program. Pastor Tom will lead. The location will be the church unless a home will be made available.

## **Adult Fellowship Luncheon** *Wednesday, March 13th*

The next regular monthly meeting of Adult Fellowship will be at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, February 3rd. Our guest speaker will be Victor Ivy, who will talk of his life experiences, how he was led to church, and some of his recent travel adventures. Lunch will be available—please sign up in the Rosser room.



## **Adult Fun and Fellowship** *Saturday, March 23rd*

Release your inner artist on March 23rd at 5:00 p.m. at Pinot's Palette, 7491 N. Federal Highway, Boca Raton. Our personal painting guide will show us how to create our own original masterpiece. All paint, canvasses, aprons, beer, wine, soda and water are included in the \$35 fee per painter. Bring a snack to share.



Pinot's Palette will make a monetary donation back to our church if we have 20 or more painters! This is a perfect opportunity to invite a friend to meet our church family while having fun! Call Tracy for more information: 561-716-3670.

## **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 Eleanor Magee at 561-391-8639.

## **Hospitality**

If you enjoy meeting new people or greeting familiar friends, please sign up in the Rosser Room to be a Greeter. Talk with Lynne Holloway 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.

### **2019 Contribution Pledges to Date**

We have received 48 pledges so far for a total of \$129,846. Last year's final figures were 53 pledges for a total of \$154,724.

### **2019 Pledges are still being received.**

Pledge cards can be found in the Rosser room. Please mail the completed cards to the church office or simply place in the collection plate.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>17</b> 10:00 am <b>Worship</b> 11:15 am <b>Annual Meeting of the Congregation</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 12:00 noon <b>AA</b> 6:30 pm <b>AA</b>	<b>20</b> 8:30 am <b>Communion</b> 11:30 am <b>Lunch Bunch</b> 6:00 pm <b>Bell rehearsal</b> 7:15 pm <b>Choir rehearsal</b>	<b>21</b> 12:00 noon <b>AA</b> 7:00 pm <b>B.C.E.O.</b> at Mississippi Sweets 7:00 pm <b>AA</b>	<b>22</b> 10:00 am <b>Prayer Fellowship</b> 12:00 noon <b>AA</b> 7:00 pm <b>NA</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 10:00 am <b>Worship</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 12:00 noon <b>AA</b> 6:30 pm <b>AA</b>	<b>27</b> 8:30 am <b>Communion</b> 11:30 am <b>Lunch Bunch</b> 6:00 pm <b>Bell rehearsal</b> 7:15 pm <b>Choir rehearsal</b>	<b>28</b> 12:00 noon <b>AA</b> 6:30 pm <b>B.C.E.O.</b> at P. F. Changs 7:00 pm <b>AA</b>	<b>1</b> 10:00 am <b>Prayer Fellowship</b> 12:00 noon <b>AA</b> 7:00 pm <b>NA</b>	<b>2</b> 8:30 am <b>Boca Helping Hands West</b>



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**Administrator**

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Sue Sullivan

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**Sexton:**

Joao Rodrigues (Jan-Pro)

**Music Ministry Director**

Guerguan Tsenov

**Organist/Pianist:**

Nicholas R. Wurster

**Section Leaders**

Asmik Arutunians, Soprano

Mary Mattingly, Alto

Josiah Ruff, Tenor

**Boca Bells Director**

Brian Rowland

## *This Week's Volunteers*

**Lead Deacons:**

Steve Harris and Victor Ivy

**Office Helpers:** Grayce Esposito,

Sarah Hugus, Diana Sorensen and  
Bob Tust

**Hospitality:** Kathy Barlow, Frances

Bell, Grayce Esposito, Audrey  
Michele

**Children's Worship Time:**

Lynne Holloway

**Sunday School Volunteers:**

Nursery .....High School (CH)

Elementary..... Sarah Hugus

Confirmation..... Lynn and Ken  
Holloway

High School..... In Preschool

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