

Church on the Hill

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Pentecost Sunday Worship

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In-Person & on Facebook

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Worship Begins!

Songs
(WR 136 vs. 1, 2, 4)

This Is Amazing Grace
Holy, Holy, Holy

J. Farro
R. Heber

Welcome

Song

Come As You Are

D. Crowder

Invitation to Confession

Every week, as we worship together, we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves, to each other, and to God that we do not always live as we are called. In this time of confession, this time of opening our hearts, let us remember that God is merciful and just, eager to offer grace and love. Let us pray, first in silent prayer.

Silent Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Let us come before God, our judge and redeemer.

We bring our humility, our guilt, and our lament—

For children are hungry,
And women lug water for miles,
And the old among us are cast away.

When, Lord, did we see you?

Those who sleep on the street are ignored,
Those who speak out are silenced,
Those who wage peace are mocked.

When, Lord, did we see you?

Violence becomes commonplace,
War is tolerated,
And our families are rent apart.

When, Lord, did we see you?

Our souls are shredded by the weight of the world,
And our hands grow limp from inaction.
Our voices are hoarse from crying out.

When, Lord, did we see you?

“Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.”

Pour in us your Spirit of goodness. Distribute to us flames of your graciousness. Strengthen us to do the works that bless and build. We ask this in unity with

**the Holy Spirit and in the name of Christ Jesus, who
taught his disciples and Church to pray, saying...**

The Lord's Prayer

Spirit Song (WR 352)

J. Wimber

**Oh, let the Son of God enfold you
with his Spirit and his love;
Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
Oh, 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.
Jesus, come and fill your lambs.**

Passing of the Peace-*tip your hat, give a wave, bump a fist, flash a smile*

Announcements

Scriptures (OT pg. 821) Daniel 2:20-23 (NT pg. 119) Acts 2:1-13

Message

No Laurels Yet

Prayer Requests

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.

Hymn (WR 134)

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

D. Akers

Solo

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

J. Houston

Daniella Restrepo

Benediction

May God's Holy Spirit lead you,

May God's strength protect you,

May God's peace be with you.

**We go in our faith in God, with Christ's grace, embracing
the life of the Holy Spirit in us.**

Amen And amen

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dear God, please inspire us and let us honor you in our daily actions.
Lord Jesus, remind us to be helpful, patient, grateful, and kind.

We pray for All those affected by Covid. Those impacted by gun violence and the lawmakers to facilitate meaningful change that shows caring for all. For God's protection for the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, western Africa, and to bring an end to those conflicts before any more loss of life or destruction. Also God's protection for Russians who speak out against their country's leader and his actions in Ukraine. Those suffering addiction. Truth and mercy to protect our LGBTQ children and families. Flood recovery in southern Brazil. Thanks, for all of God's blessings.

We continue to pray for all those facing tough economic situations. We pray for our leaders to have compassion and care for those who are struggling. We pray for understanding of climate change and for agreement on ways to address it.

We pray for our sponsored child: Bashar in Lebanon.

We pray for the family and friends of: Oretha Holloway; Jerri L.; Carol Lerebours; Dr. Harold Logan; Sue Moser; Kiki Attonito; The Reverend John Shaw; John Bird; Leeann Fleischman Murdock; Richard Lund; Larry Williams; Dr. Clyde Baker; Rev. Patrick Rogers; Rev. Vardell Swett; Dottie Ward; Eleanor Magee; JoAnn Davis; Sue Laughlin; Bob Rodgers; Sharon Pruitt; Randall Grenadier; all those grieving loved ones.

We pray for those suffering health issues and in need of healing:

Jean; Jason; Carl W.; Grayce; Jason; Judy; Ron; Carl J; Rosie; Karen; Lynn; Jill & Mary Jo; Marit; Leslie; Harry; Denise; Lily Hymans; Donna O'Connor; Eileen Maass; Dumitru; Jack S.; Laura K.; Dave Clarke.

We pray for our students, friends and family who are traveling.

We offer prayers of joy and thanksgiving, especially for Tyler's healing.

And we pray for our friends, families and neighbors, trusting that you know their needs: Arlene; Lowell; David and Tom; Cindy; Daisy; Patty; Everena Tracey & Evelyn Torrey; Florence Gomes & Mala; Violet; Jaime.

We pray for our service men and women.

Prayer requests can be directed to the prayer request email:

cothprayers@gmail.com or to Pastor Tom directly:

tomlaceypastor@gmail.com

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Discussion Time Today

11:20 am

Please consider joining the lively and informative discussion with Pastor Tom after the fellowship time. Just mosey down to the lower level. There, you will have a chance to inquire about the sermon or anything else on your mind this morning.

B.C.E.O.

Thurs May 23, at 5:30pm

EVERYONE is welcome to join Boca Christians Eating Out (B.C.E.O.). This week we will meet at **5:30** at The Cuban Cafe Restaurant 3350 NW Boca Raton Blvd (Plumtree Center) Boca Raton
Menu: cubancafe.com Bon Appetit!

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. Contact Jeannie Clinton at 561-901-5935

The Upper Room Daily Devotional

The **May/June 2024 Upper Room**, a **daily devotional magazine** published in 33 languages and 100 countries around the world, is available in the Rosser Room.

Volunteers Needed!

Would you like to volunteer your skills to help Church on the Hill thrive? A church is like a body. As it says in Ephesians 1:23, *The church is the body of Christ and is filled with Christ who completely fills everything.* We all bear some responsibility to the rest of the members of Christ's body—the church—for the work needed to be a church. Right now, a small number of very dedicated people are carrying much of the weight of the work required each week. More hands and feet are needed. If you are able to help, your services could and would be of great help. Please contact Pastor Tom or Sarah Hugus with your intentions and either of them will kindly and expertly put you to work helping with this church's very vital mission.



ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

Strengthen The Church annual offering

This offering will be collected soon. Please support UCC with efforts at new church starts and other support for local churches.

Radiant City Church begins sharing our space for worship next Sunday morning May 19, at 11:30. Let's all welcome them with open hearts!

Alex's Lemonade Stand

\$127 was raised by YOU! *Thank you for your support.* Thanks also to Elise, Linnea, Lucas and Marit who made it happen.

Afternoon at the museum!

June 2 at 2 p.m. Our own Dan Smith will provide a detailed tour of South Florida's history. Sign up in Rosser Room today. Ft. Lauderdale Historical museum. Carpools possible!

For Your Contemplation

Prayers for Venezuela

Dear and loving God, our Father and Mother, thank you for your presence in Venezuela and the accompaniment and critical presence of Global Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ in Venezuela.

We continue to pray, our God, for the unity of the church and all creation. Venezuela and the world have become battlefields, fighting with teeth and claws. The world that you created good is deeply divided by political ideologies, gender, race, and social classes. Dear God, we pray for an ecumenism of the spirit, an ecumenism of solidarity and liberation that leads to overcoming our divisions and liberating creation from its bondage of corruption.



We pray for Christian unity, that we may all be united and together (Acts 2:1), overcoming the divisions to which we have been submitted by those who believe themselves to be the masters of the

world. Help us unite to establish your kingdom of righteousness, peace, and dignity. Our struggle, dear God, is not between Christians and atheists. Our struggle is against a predatory global system that dehumanizes us and destroys all the good you have created in our world.

Oh God, our Father and Mother, we pray for Venezuela and the whole created world. Send your holy spirit! Renew all creation! May your holy spirit anoint us in this day of prayer with Global Ministries with the same spirit that anointed Jesus of Nazareth and transform us into prophets of the poor peoples of the new times!



Renew us, God, in the strength of your spirit to continue serving and accompanying our impoverished, afflicted, disoriented, dispersed Venezuelan people. Come, holy spirit, and consecrate our lives to save our beloved Venezuelan land from the aggression, siege, threat, and plundering that it suffers so that we may cover it with beautiful and fragrant shoots of productivity and hope-filled solidarity. Amen.





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www.churchofboca.org



Questions? Just ask at the office and we will help!

ONA Covenant

At Church on the Hill, we affirm that every person has worth as a unique creation made in the image of God. We recognize, value and give thanks for the many diverse gifts of God among us. We believe that through diversity, all can worship together and grow in a faith that transcends our differences.

Accordingly, we declare ourselves to be an Open and Affirming congregation, inviting and welcoming lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender persons into the full life and ministry of Church on the Hill, as well as persons of every race, culture, age, ability, gender, and economic status.