



**Bloom**  
in the  
**Desert**  
Ministries



October 1, 2023

# Welcome

Bloom in the Desert Ministries (Bloom) is a United Church of Christ (UCC) that had Methodist

beginnings. This liberal Protestant church was born in 2002, as an independent ministry in collaboration with Methodist organizations seeking to start and promote inclusive Christian ministries. Sunday worship began on March 9, 2003. The fledgling congregation decided in 2004 to pursue standing in the UCC, which was established by vote of the Eastern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the UCC on October 29, 2005, welcoming Bloom as a dual covenant, peace, and justice congregation. Bloom is a member of the UCC Open and Affirming Coalition and the Reconciling Ministries Network (Methodist). Bloom is governed congregationally according to our unique bylaws. All Bloom members and friends are ministers in our faith. Our Open Leadership Team and congregation meetings provide leadership and decision making to empower our vision, mission, and core values.

## **Our Vision**

Bloom chooses to build a loving, safe, inclusive faith community that is intellectually challenging, emotionally supportive and filled with the strength, integrity, and social responsibility that spirituality inspires.

## **Our Mission**

Guided by teachings of Jesus Christ, Bloom is a community of believers who strive to uplift and heal one another. We gather to worship God, witness our faith in the living of our lives and uphold one another in Christian living. United in our diversity we are inclusive and embracing. We agitate for God's peace and justice in our community and around the world.

## **Our Core Values**

We are a people of God's extravagant welcome.

We are a people of covenant.

We work toward a just and loving world through service and generosity.

We listen for the still-speaking God.

We encourage a life of inquisitive and thoughtful searching.

We are grounded by Christian faithfulness.

We celebrate the joy in life.

## **Sunday Worship 10 am**

**Demuth Community Center — 3601 E. Mesquite Avenue, Palm Springs, CA 92264**

**Lynda Toland, Moderator — 503-789-8743 — moderator@bloominthedesert.org**

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**Church Office is located at 400 South El Cielo, Suite G, Palm Springs, CA 92262**

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**PILGRIM PINES CAMP**

*Fall Fun for All!*

**OCTOBER 6-8**

**Come for the weekend or come for the day, come to lend a hand or come to play!**

**COME FOR THE WEEKEND CAMP!**

**AN INTERGENERATIONAL CAMP WITH FUN ACTIVITIES FOR EVERYONE. INCLUDING SOME OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE TO THE CAMP. \$200 FOR ADULTS, \$150 FOR CHILDREN UNDER 10.**

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**MOST ALL OF THE ROOFS IN CAMP ARE IN NEED OF REPAIR. HELP US RAISE MONEY TO FUND THEM. BUY TICKETS FOR PRIZE DRAWINGS.**

**DONATE!**

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING GENTLY USED JACKETS FOR A LOCAL CHARITY.**



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**Bloom in the Desert  
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United Church of Christ  
Palm Springs, CA**

**World Communion Sunday**  
**Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month Sept. 15 ~Oct. 15**  
**October 1, 2023**

For Facebook check-ins, etc., the Demuth Community Center - Wi-Fi password is: D3muthP@rk

\* Please rise as you are able in body and spirit.

**9:50am Pre-Service Music**

Malcolm Swan, piano

**10:00am Gathering Song**

1. En - ter, re-joice, and come in.      Ent - er, re-joice, and come in.  
 2. God's love is ours to em - brace.      God's love is ours to em - brace.

To - day will be a joy - ful day;      en - ter, re-joice, and come in.

**Welcome and News of the Congregation**

Lynda Toland, Worship Leader

**Music for Centering**

“Theme from Automne”  
by Cecile Chaminade

Malcolm Swan, piano

## \* Call to Worship

Wayne Sinclair

It's been a year since our last World Communion. Again, we are drawn together.

**Well, actually we are called to be together again, in a new and different way.**

By whom are we called?

**By the Holy Spirit and our Eternal Source, who feeds our bodies and nourishes our souls with the bread of life and cup of reconciliation.**

So be it. We are called.

**Together we seek Aloha. Shalom. Salaam. Vrede. Myr. Ping-an. Paz. Peace. Amen.**

Words for peace in various languages: Hawaiian, Hebrew, Arabic, South African, Ukrainian and Russian, Chinese, Spanish and Portuguese, English.

## \* Opening Hymn

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### As We Gather at Your Table

*Matt. 22:1-10; Luke 14:16-24*

*Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1989*

1 As we gath - er at your ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your word,  
2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;  
3 Gra - cious Spir - it, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.  
send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.  
where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour-ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;  
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;  
 There no more will en - vy bind us nor will pride our peace de - stroy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.  
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.  
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound-ing joy.

*In this hymn, commissioned by an Episcopal parish in Virginia for the celebration of its tricentennial, Carl P. Daw, Jr., utilized a familiar phrase from Isaac Watts' "Joy to the World," which was the motto for the celebration: "Repeat the sounding joy."*

Tune: BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7.D.  
 The Sacred Harp, 1844  
 Harm. The New Century Hymnal, 1992

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## In Faith We Open Our Hearts to Ministry

### Prayer for Good and Growth

Now in prayer, we welcome God's spiritual embrace.

**We remember Jesus prayed, "That they may be one." We understand this to mean one in spirit, one in mission – in union and communion with one another and with you, God: our creator, sustainer and redeemer.**

We now turn from fumbling and failures to the direction of accomplishing unity. We use this day to remind us of our task. On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your gaze in the faces of persons everywhere.

**Give us the mind of Christ, to imagine ourselves as servants in the likeness of all, serving each other. Give us hearts spirit-filled with love for your children everywhere.**

We thank you for setting the global table with places enough for all!

**Now, help us nourish each other to strength, so we clearly care for your world and will. Amen.**

[Adapted from the *Africana Worship Book*, Year B, (Discipleship Resources, 2007.) Used with permission.]

**Our Silent Prayers** (These intentional moments of silence are included in worship to enable minds to settle, then move past the distraction of internal chatter, to connect actively with God. A few deep breaths may help make the connection. Relax, and embrace a spiritual dimension.)



Womb of creation, receive now our silent prayers.

~ Silence ~

To all our silent prayers let the people say amen.

**Amen.**

### Words of Encouragement

Through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we learn that God’s love has no boundaries. With God’s love, we are made and remade whole.

**Amen. Let us now receive the Word.**

### Sung Response

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah.

Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le, lu - jah.

lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## The Word Informs Our Living with Grace and Power

### Cultural Reading

Steven Moore

The incarnation is the irruption of God into human history: an incarnation into littleness and service in the midst of overbearing power exercised by the mighty of this world; an irruption that smells of the stable. The Son of God was born into a little people, a nation of little importance by comparison with the powers of the time. He took flesh among the poor in a marginal area—namely, Galilee; he lived with the poor and emerged from among them to inaugurate a kingdom of love and justice. That is why many have trouble recognizing him. ~Gustavo Gutierrez

## \* Gospel Reading

Matthew 21:23-32

Mindy Harrington

Jesus entered the Temple precincts and began teaching. The chief priests and the elders of the people came to him and said, “By what authority are you doing what you do? Who gave you this authority?”

“And I,” replied Jesus, “will ask you a single question: if you give me the answer, I will tell you my authority for these actions. What was the origin of John’s right to baptize? Was it divine or was it human?”

They discussed it among themselves and said, “If we say ‘divine,’ he will then respond, ‘Then why do you refuse to believe him?’ But if we say ‘human,’ we have the people to fear, for they regard John as a prophet.” So they replied to Jesus, “We don’t know.”

Jesus said in reply, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.”

Jesus continued, “What do you think? There was a landowner who had two children. The landowner approached the elder and said, ‘My child, go out and work in the vineyard today.’ The first child replied, ‘No, I won’t.’ but afterwards regretted it and went. The landowner then came to the second child and said the same thing. The second child said, ‘I’m on my way.’ But never went. Which of the two did what was wanted?”

They said, “The first.”

Jesus said to them, “The truth is, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came walking on the road of justice, you didn’t believe him, but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you didn’t repent and believe.’

~Inclusive Bible Version

Here ends the reading of the Gospel. This is the Good News of Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## Commentary

Rev. Erin Beardemphl

## Offering our Prayer Concerns, and Joys and Thanksgivings

Concerns:

Lynda Toland, Worship Leader

Keep watch, dear God, with all who work, or watch, or weep this day. Tend the sick, give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake.

**God, receive our prayer.”**

Joys and Thanksgivings:

Your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of all creation. Keep us always thankful for your loving providence and help us be faithful stewards of your good and abundant gifts.

**“God, receive our prayer.”**

## Sung Response

## In Our God I'll Be Ever Thankful

♩ = 69

In our God I'll be ev-er thank-ful, in our God I will re-joice. Look to God, do not be a-  
fraid, lift up your voic - es, our God is near, lift up your voic - es our God is near.

The musical notation consists of two staves in 3/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a tempo marking of ♩ = 69. The melody is written in a simple, accessible style. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. A triplet of eighth notes is marked with a '3' above it.

Words by Community of Taizé, Music by Jacques Berthier, adapted.

## Ministry of Generosity — Expressing God's Love and Empowering Good Works

**Our tithes and offerings are an expression of our hearts and our discipleship.**

--Checks should be made out to "Bloom in the Desert Ministries." Checks and cash in envelopes with identification are recorded for your year-end convenience. **Online giving is available and easy!** Go to: [www.bloominthedesert.org](http://www.bloominthedesert.org) and click on the Donate tab. **Thank you.**



## Offertory-Meditation Music

"Reflection"  
by Mark Hayes

Malcolm Swan, piano

## Presentation of Offerings and Prayer of Dedication

Mindy Harrington

As we are called to be faithful in our work, O God, accept our gifts as we seek to respond. May our hearts be as willing as your grace is reassuring. May our faith be as firm as your forgiveness that frees us. May our decisions be as deliberate as your righteousness that delivers us. You have called us your own, O Christ. We recognize you as overseer of all that we have and all that we are. Amen.

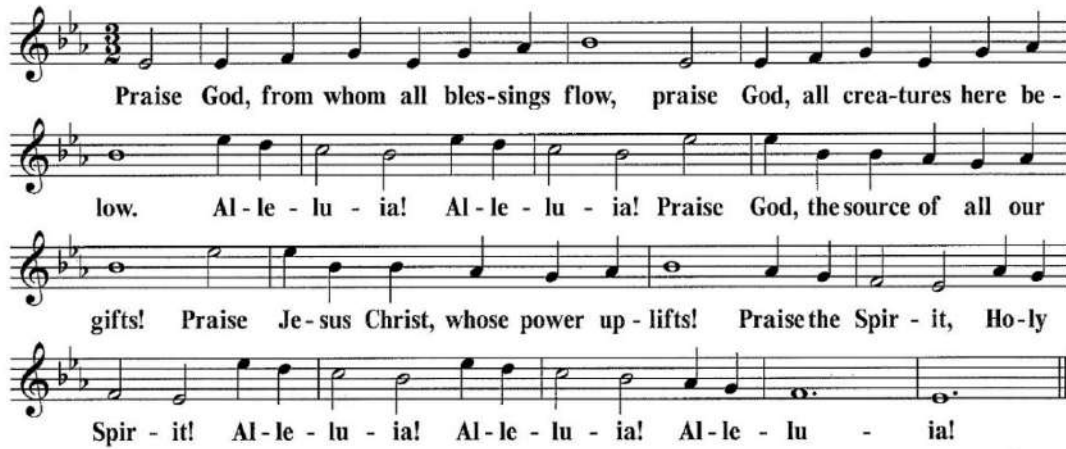
~James G Kirk, "When We Gather – A Book of Prayers for Worship"

(Please rise, as you are able, in celebration as we sing the Doxology.)



## \* Doxology

### Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bles-sings flow, praise God, all crea-tures here be -  
low. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God, the source of all our  
gifts! Praise Je - sus Christ, whose power up - lifts! Praise the Spir - it, Ho - ly  
Spir - it! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

## The Great Thanksgiving

Rev. Erin Beardemphl

God is with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us lift our hearts.

**We lift them to our God.**

Let us give thanks and praise.

**This is a good and joyful thing to do.**



**Mindy Harrington:** It is a right and good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give you praise, all-loving God, creator of energy and matter, heaven and earth. Long ago, you renewed your rainbow covenant with every living creature by entering our realm in the person of Jesus. He gave us your unconditional love and this mandate:

**“I give you a new commandment: Love one another. And you’re to love one another the way I have loved you. This is how all will know that you’re my disciples: that you truly love one another.”**

Therefore, we celebrate you, joining our voices with the wind and the streams, the animals and flowers, the living and the dead, the stars and the planets and all the company of creation, who forever sing of their devotion to your love and glory:

All sing.

## **Santo, Santo, Santo!** (Sing first in Spanish, then in English)

*Text and music: Anon., Argentina*

The musical score is written for a piano accompaniment in 6/8 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a treble and bass clef. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics in Spanish and English. The bass clef staff contains the piano accompaniment. The second system also has a treble and bass clef. The treble clef staff contains the melody with lyrics in Spanish and English. The bass clef staff contains the piano accompaniment. Chord symbols are placed above the treble clef staff: C, G7, C, F, C, F, G7, C.

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zón te a - do - ra! Mi  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zón te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Dios.  
heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, God.

**Wayne Sinclair:** We remember that on the night before Jesus was betrayed by one whom he loved, and killed by ones who feared him, he sat at table with his friends, women and men and children, sharing the feast of the Passover, which is the celebration of the liberation of God's people. Remembering God's power, Jesus took bread, and after he had given thanks and blessed it, he broke it saying,

**“This is my work and my life, for you and with you. Take it all of you, and do this remembering me.”**

**Mindy Harrington:** After the meal Jesus took the Elijah Cup, the cup traditionally reserved for the Holy One to come. But instead of waiting, Jesus passed it to them as it is now being passed on to us, and he said,

**“This is the cup of the new covenant. It is the cup of justice and peace poured out for all. Drink of it all of you and do this remembering me.”**

**Wayne Sinclair:** Each time that we break bread together we participate in the Body of the Risen Christ, for we are the Body of the Risen Christ. And each time we share this cup we participate in the New Community, for we are God's hope of the New Community. For this, we turn to you for blessing:

**Pour out your Spirit on us and these gifts of grain and grape, so in this sharing we recognize Christ in our midst. This offering of praise and thanksgiving is an offering of us to you. Hasten the day when the prophets'**

**dreams come to pass: when justice rolls down like waters and nations no longer threaten each other, neither shall they learn war any more. This we pray by the authority of Jesus and in your holy grace. Amen.**

### **Communion Invitation**

Rev. Erin Beardemphl

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. This is bread and beverage for the journey. In this church community, we share an inclusive communion, which means you need not be a member of this congregation or any community of faith to join us at the table. We believe Jesus welcomed everyone present. We do this in remembrance of him. We do this historically... globally... personally.... For we believe Christ is the host. Christ sets the table and Christ welcomes all. Likewise, no one is required by the host to come forward. If you wish to remain in your seat, you are welcome to relax and enjoy the music. If you wish to be served at your seat, please raise your hand as the line ends, so the servers will come to you. Now, let all who wish to come, come, for God's table is ready.



(After a moment, ushers will invite you to move forward for Communion.)

### **Communion Music**

“Stay in Memory”  
by Yurima

Malcolm Swan, Piano

**\*Prayer of Jesus** (Please join hands)

Rev. Erin Beardemphl

**Our Father (Eternal Source / Mother / Creator / Parent) in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom (Kin-dom / realm / dream), come.**

**Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses (sins/debts), as we forgive those who trespass against us (sin against us/our debtors).**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom (Kin-dom / realm / dream), and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

(Based on Matthew 6:9-13 NRSV)

\* Sending Hymn

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Ps. 90:1-2, 4-5

1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,  
 2 Un - der the shad-ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,

Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 Suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 From ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
 Short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ev-er-roll-ing stream,  
 soon bears us all away;  
 We fly for-got-ten, as a dream  
 fades at the o-pen-ing day.

6 O God, our help in a-ges past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 Still be our God while trou-bles last,  
 and our e-ter-nal home!

*Watts, minister of a Congregational church in London, wrote theological and philosophical works and hundreds of "hymns of human composure" (everyday language). He augmented the congregational singing of psalms with a new style of hymnody.*

Tune: ST. ANNE C.M.  
 William Croft, 1708

**Benediction and Blessing**

Rev. Erin Beardemphl

As this worship gathering ends, our service begins. What does God need from us?

**“Simply do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”**

May YHWH bless you and keep you!

May YHWH’s face shine upon you and be gracious to you!

My YHWH look kindly upon you and give you peace!

(The Priestly Blessing, Numbers 6:24-26)

My dear friends in faith, will you go into your worlds to be people of God in Christ’s name?

**We will. Amen!**

**Passing of the Peace**

Let us safely offer one another signs of grace and peace and go in peace. Amen.

**Postlude**

“In the Water”

Malcolm Swan, piano

Trad. Spirituals, arr. by Mark Hayes

**Bring a Friend BloomNight Potluck**  
 Friday, October 6 — 6:30-9:30pm  
 At Bill Wallace and Larry Metcalf’s home  
 64951 Leonard Court, Desert Hot Springs  
 Call 714 209-3072 for directions and to RSVP  
 Barbequed Chicken and soft drinks provided.  
 Plan on an evening of food and fun with friends.  
 Invite a friend to join us and experience the joy of our Bloom community.

<b>Bloom Happenings this Week</b>						
Monday October 2	Tuesday October 3	Wednesday October 4	Thursday October 5	Friday October 6	Saturday October 7	Sunday October 8
<b>10:30am-1:00pm</b> Lunch for our unhoused neighbors served at United Methodist	<b>10:30am-1:00pm</b> Lunch for our unhoused neighbors served at United Methodist	<b>10:45am – 1:00pm</b> Lunch served at St. Paul’s Episcopal	<b>Afternoon</b> Volunteers Requested  Assemble bulletins in the office	<b>4:00pm</b> Women of Bloom Zoom Happy Hour  <b>6:30-9:30pm</b> <b>BloomNight at Bill and Larry’s</b>		<b>10:00 am</b>  Sunday Service at Demuth and on Facebook Live

# Congregational Life Announcements

--A warm welcome and thank you to **Malcolm Swan**, piano, for sharing his musical talents with us today.

--Thank you to **Wayne Sinclair, Steven Moore** and **Mindy Harrington** for serving as readers for today's service.

--Thank you to **Nick Wass** and **JacksonENZler** for handling the A/V technical aspects for today's service.

Thank you also to our ushers, **Jack** and **Megan Cassette** for welcoming us this morning.

--Flowers on the **Worship Center**, symbolic of the living Christ are offered to the glory of God by **Paul Gibb**.

--Those wishing to donate flowers may contact **Ray Allen** at 405-833-1817 for assistance.

## Last Week's Participation

--Souls Present at Demuth: 122 --Children: 0 --First Timers: 10

--- Facebook Live Views: 26 -Facebook Total Views: 174 --YouTube Views: 23

## Sunday Offerings

Tithes, Offerings, and Participation:

Offering, online, by mail and text: \$4,994 Electronic Giving: \$1,512

Permanence Fund: \$25 Cumulative: \$321,685

--Please sign up for **Ralph's Community Rewards**. Choose Bloom in the Desert Ministries (Ralphs #PG245.) as your designated charity to benefit from a small percentage of your purchase totals. Every little bit helps!

**Electronic giving is easy! Scan this QR code for Bloom's mobile-friendly online giving page or visit [www.bloominthedesert.org/donateparticipate](http://www.bloominthedesert.org/donateparticipate).**



--**The Inclusive Bible: The First Egalitarian Translation** by Priests for Equality and the **Revised Common Lectionary** are the usual references for Sunday morning scripture readings.

--**Liturgy and prayers** are original, sourced, and often adapted.

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## Ministries of Leadership and Support

--**Open Leadership Meetings** are typically the second Wednesday, 6:30-8:00pm PDT. The next hybrid meeting will be November 11 at 6:30pm PDT in the church office. All are welcome with voice. Bloom members have vote. Contact **Lynda Toland** to receive the Zoom Invitation.

--**Congregation meetings** are in February, May, and October, and special meetings as called. The next congregation meeting is October 15 after church.

### Church Growth and New Member Involvement Ministry

--**If you are interested in making a covenant as a member or associate member** with Bloom in the Desert Ministries UCC, please contact **John DiNapoli**, [dinojnps@gmail.com](mailto:dinojnps@gmail.com) or **Bill Wallace** at [adminassistant@bloominthedesert.org](mailto:adminassistant@bloominthedesert.org).

--**For more information on the United Church of Christ**, visit [www.ucc.org](http://www.ucc.org).

--**Persons seeking Christian Baptism** please call **760-327-3802** for pastoral response.

### Nurture and Community Life Ministry

--**We Care**: If you know of someone in the hospital, or who might enjoy a pastoral call, including yourself, please call the **church office** at **760 327-3802** and leave a message.

### Education Ministry

--**Bloom Book Club**-. The group will resume October 10 at 6pm on Zoom. We are reading “How to Begin When Your World is Ending: A Spiritual Field Guide to Joy Despite Everything” by Rev Molly Baskett. For information or to receive the Zoom link, contact Gary Lange at [GaryLange13@gmail.com](mailto:GaryLange13@gmail.com).

### Social Action and Missions Ministry

--**Lunch Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays**: Come serve lunch at the United Methodist Church of Palm Springs on Mondays and Tuesdays, located at 1555 E. Alejo Rd, Palm Springs 10:30 am–1:00 pm PDT. On Wednesdays, lunch is served at St Paul’s Episcopal Church at 125 W El Alameda, Palm Springs 10:45 am-1 pm. Contact **Jon Miller** at [jmiller.ps@icloud.com](mailto:jmiller.ps@icloud.com).

### Our focused ministries include:

- School children’s benevolence – backpacks, church camp, and Christmas gift cards.
- Relieving food insecurity – Lunch Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, food bank support.
- National church’s wider mission – “5 for 5” UCC mission offerings, disaster relief.
- Spiritual and personal development – worship, music, bible study, book clubs, lending library.
- Loving presence – birthday/anniversary cards, eyeglasses, recycling, Us Plus local outreach.
- For peace action and social justice email alerts, sign up with **Jon Miller** at [jmiller.ps@icloud.com](mailto:jmiller.ps@icloud.com).

**A wheelchair and large-print bulletins** are available for your convenience.

**You are welcome to take this bulletin with you for reflection.**

or leave it with the ushers for recycling.

**God wants you to think for yourself and live for others.**

Bathrooms are located through the double glass doors and to the left.



## **Spare Change Jar and Hospitality Basket**

Perhaps you've wondered about these two items on the hospitality table nestled among the food items after morning worship. They have two purposes and are both opportunities for your support.

The Spare Change Jar helps fund two Social Action and Missions projects. First, the back-to-school backpacks with school supplies we deliver to area elementary schools in August. Second, the Christmastime \$100 gift cards we distribute to local schools' administrative staff to give to students' families who are struggling. Don't carry change or dollars? You can also give online to the spare change jar via the Bloom homepage Donate tab.

The Hospitality Basket helps pay for the sundry expenses of plates, cups, cutlery and coffee we use during hospitality hour. Your donations of physical goods are also welcome.