



# Bloom in the Desert Ministries

United Church of Christ  
Palm Springs, CA

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 28, 2024

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

Mike Welden, piano

“A Path With Heart” “Holy, Holy, Holy” “Prelude No. 2”

## 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

Rev. Jeff Munnis

## Music for Centering

Mike Welden, piano

“La Candeur”

**\* Call to Worship**

Larry Metcalf

We gather this day from a week filled with needs and demands.

**We come to find rest and renewal of our spirits.**

Open your hearts in love to hear the voice of God.

**We want to quietly rest in God's presence, free from the clamor of the world.**

**Aloha, Shalom, Salaam, Vrede, Myr, Ping-an, Paz, Peace. Amen.**

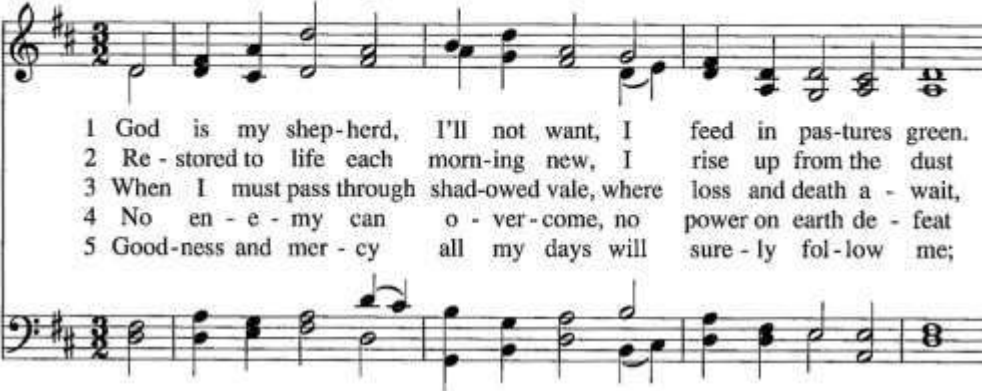
**\* Opening Hymn**

**God Is My Shepherd**

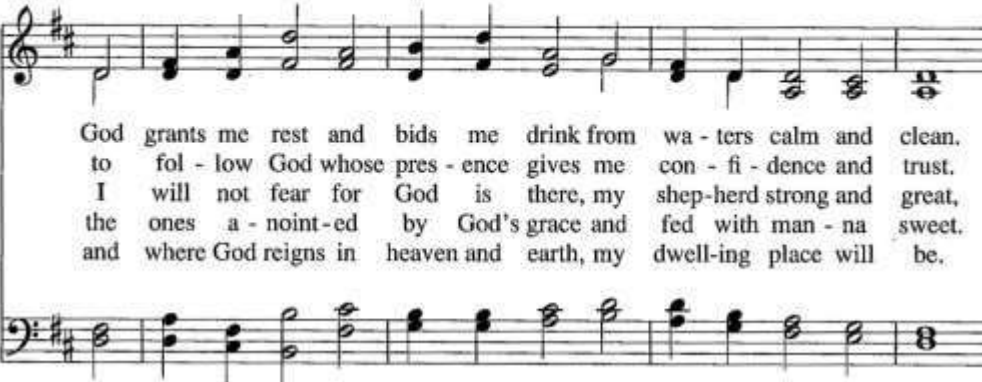
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Scottish Psalter, 1650  
Adapt. Lavon Bayler, 1992

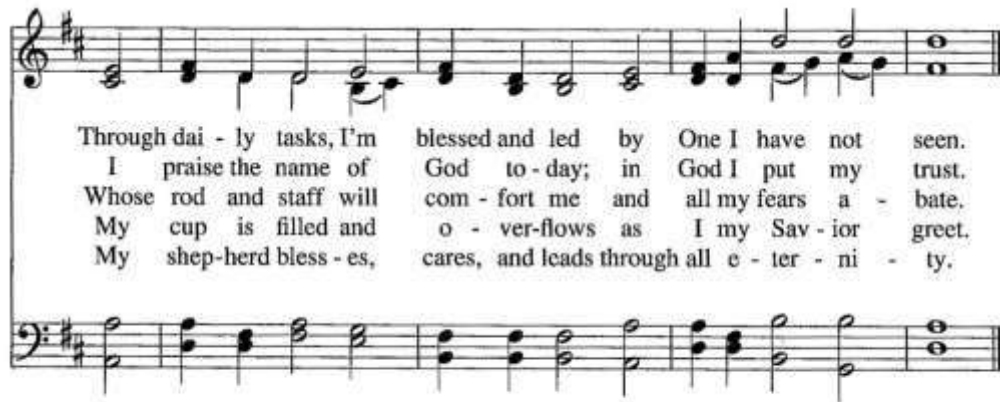
Ps. 23



1 God is my shep-herd, I'll not want, I feed in pas-tures green.  
2 Re - stored to life each morn-ing new, I rise up from the dust  
3 When I must pass through shad-owed vale, where loss and death a - wait,  
4 No en - e - my can o - ver - come, no power on earth de - feat  
5 Good-ness and mer - cy all my days will sure - ly fol - low me;



God grants me rest and bids me drink from wa - ters calm and clean.  
to fol - low God whose pres - ence gives me con - fi - dence and trust.  
I will not fear for God is there, my shep-herd strong and great,  
the ones a - noint - ed by God's grace and fed with man - na sweet.  
and where God reigns in heaven and earth, my dwell-ing place will be.



*The Scottish Psalter of 1650, developed over a span of 100 years, is still in use today. Its metrical version of Psalm 23 is the most popular entry in this classic work of Protestantism.*

Tune: BROTHER JAMES' AIR 8.6.8.6.8.6.  
James Leith Macbeth Bain, c. 1840–1925  
Arr. Gordon Jacob, 1934

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## In Faith We Open Our Hearts to Ministry

### Prayer for Good and Growth

Now in prayer, we welcome the spiritual embrace of God that comes with openness and reconciliation:

**Reconciling God, proclaim peace to us once more. Guide us even closer to love and you.**

Be our great physician this day, so we may recognize your healing presence in our midst.  
**Teach us to dispel all hostility within us and help us be of a good mind with our adversaries, and one with both strangers and friends.**

We know we are members of your realm. Help us transform every moment of our lives into moments that honor you.

**Transform our words and thoughts into actions of prayer and thanksgiving so we are in close relationship with you as people of unity and peace.**

Transform our community with love that is boundless and peace that passes understanding.  
**So, in covenant we are knit together as one, built on the foundation of Christ Jesus, by whose authority we pray. Amen.**

**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.)

Loving creator, wonderful counselor, sovereign of peace, receive now our silent prayers.  
receive now our sincere and silent prayers.

~ Silence ~

To all our silent prayers let the people say amen.

## The Words of Encouragement

Christ Jesus brings us peace, the Spirit nourishes our strength, and we are people reconciled one with God and with each other.

**Amen! Blessing and praise to God forever. Let us now receive the Word.**

### Sung Response

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

Musical notation for the song 'Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!'. The music is written on three staves in a 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4-measure rest. The melody starts on the second measure. The lyrics are: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. The second staff continues the melody with lyrics: Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le, —. The third staff continues with lyrics: lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

## The Word Informs Our Living with Grace and Power

### Hebrew Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

Bill Wallace

That is why I kneel before Abba God, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. And I pray that God, out of the riches of divine glory, will strengthen you inwardly with power through the working of the Spirit. May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, so that you, being rooted and grounded in love, will be able to grasp fully the breadth, length, height, and depth of Christ’s love and, with all God’s holy ones, experience this love that surpasses all understanding, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. To God—whose power now at work in us can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine—to God be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus through all generations, world without end. Amen.

~The Inclusive Bible Translation

### \* Gospel Reading

John 1-21

Phyllis Ramsey

Some time later, Jesus crossed over to the other side of the Sea of Galilee—that is, Lake Tiberius—and a huge crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by healing sick people. Jesus climbed the hillside and sat down there with the disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowd approaching and said to Philip, “Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?” Jesus knew very well what he was going to do, but asked this to test Philip’s response.

Philip answered, “Not even with two hundred days’ wages could we buy loaves enough to give each of them a mouthful!”

One of the disciples, Simon Peter's brother Andrew, said, "There's a small boy here with five barley loaves and two dried fish. But what good is that for so many people?"

Jesus said to them, "Make the people sit down." There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand families sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting there; he did the same with the fish, giving out as much as they could eat.

When the people had eaten their fill, Jesus said to the disciples, "Gather up the leftover pieces so that nothing gets wasted." So, they picked them up and filled twelve baskets with the scraps left over from the five barley loaves.

The people, seeing this sign that Jesus had performed, said, "Surely this is the Prophet who was to come into the world." Seeing that they were about to come and carry him off to crown him as ruler, Jesus escaped into the hills alone.

As evening approached, the disciples went down to the lake. They got into their boat, intending to cross to Capernaum, which was on the other side of the lake. By this time, it was dark, and Jesus had still not joined them; moreover, a stiff wind was blowing, and the sea was becoming rough. When they had rowed three or four miles, they caught sight of Jesus approaching the boat, walking on the water. They were frightened, but he told them, "It's me. Don't be afraid." They were about to take him into the boat, but suddenly the boat was ashore at their destination.

~The Inclusive Bible Translation

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Commentary**

Rev. Jeff Munnis

## Hymn of Response

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## Break Now the Bread of Life

*Matt. 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44*

*Mary A. Lathbury, 1877; alt.*

1 Break now the bread of life, Sav - ior, to me, as you once  
2 Bless now the truth, dear Christ, to me, to me, as you once

broke the loaves be - side the sea; Be - yond the sa - cred page  
blessed the bread by Gal - i - lee; Then shall all bond-age cease,

I seek you, Lord; my spir-it yearns for you, O Liv - ing Word.  
all shack-les fall, and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

*Mary Lathbury, "poet laureate of Chautauqua," wrote her prayer hymn to enrich the lives of those gathered for summer study at the lakeside conferences near Jamestown, New York. The tune was written for it by the chorus director of Chautauqua that same season.*

Tune: BREAD OF LIFE 6.4.6.4.D.  
*William F. Sherwin, 1877*

## Reception of Members

### Presentation and Introduction of New Members

John DiNapoli

We invite to come forward those who are becoming members or associate members with us in Bloom in the Desert Ministries United Church of Christ:

Friends in Christ, these people have found nurture and support in the family of Christ. They are here to claim in our presence their covenantal relationship with Christ and the members of the church. They are here for service to Jesus Christ, the church, the community, and the world, using the gifts which God's Spirit bestows. *Brief words of introduction of each person*

### Welcome of New Members

Lynda Toland, Moderator

"You are no longer strangers or outsiders. You belong here. God is building a home, using us all—irrespective of how we got here! God used the apostles and prophets for the foundation. Now God is using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day by day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

### Membership Covenant

Rev. Jeff Munnis

Do you promise by the grace of God to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and to share in the work and word of Jesus Christ as best as you are able?

*Candidates reply I promise, with the help of God,*

Do you promise, according the grace given you, to grow in the Christian faith and to be a faithful member of the church, celebrating Christ's presence and furthering Christ's mission in the world?

*Candidates reply I promise, with the help of God,*

### Vision Statement

Lynda Toland, Moderator

Let us read together the Vision Statement adopted by the congregation.

**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.**

*The Moderator addresses the new members*

You have had spiritual encounters and experiences throughout your life, perhaps with family, churches, or other spiritual communities. Today, we rejoice in your pilgrimage of faith which has brought you to this time and place. We give thanks for every community that has nurtured you and been nurtured by your presence along your spiritual journey. Today we celebrate your presence among us in this household of faith.

## **Covenant Promise of Participation**

Members of the congregation may also take this opportunity to reaffirm their covenant of membership.

Do you promise, as you are able, to participate in and support the life and mission of this family of God's people, sharing regularly in the worship of God and enlisting in the work of this local church as we serve this community and the world? If so, please respond: "I promise with the help of God."

*Candidates reply* **I promise, with the help of God,**

## **Covenant Promise of the Congregation**

As a gathered congregation, let us express to these persons our welcome and affirm our covenant of mutual ministry in Christ.

**All: We members and friends of Bloom in the Desert Ministries, joyfully welcome you into membership of this church. We promise to love you as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus Christ. We will walk with you amidst life's hopes and fears, in happiness and sadness. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in our faith, as we love God with all our hearts, souls, minds, and strength, and as we love one another and our neighbors as ourselves.**

## **Prayer**

Rev. Jeff Munnis

Eternal God, we praise you for calling us to be your people and for gathering us into the Body of Christ. We thank you for sending to us, Carol, Ed and Roy, that we may work together in serving the needs of others. Confirm in us the power of your eternal covenant with every living creature that we may live in our spirit, share regularly in worship, and so love each other that we may have among us the same mind which was in Christ Jesus, our savior, brother, sovereign, and friend. Let the congregation say "amen."

**Amen.**

## **Greetings of Christian Love**

Rev. Jeff Munnis and Lynda Toland

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of Bloom in the Desert Ministries United Church of Christ, we extend to you our Christian love, welcoming you into the community of this local church.

*Congregation may affirm their welcome with applause. New members sign the Register and place a rock in the membership vase.*



## Offering our Prayer Concerns, and Joys and Thanksgivings

Concerns:

Rev. Jeff Munnis

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.**

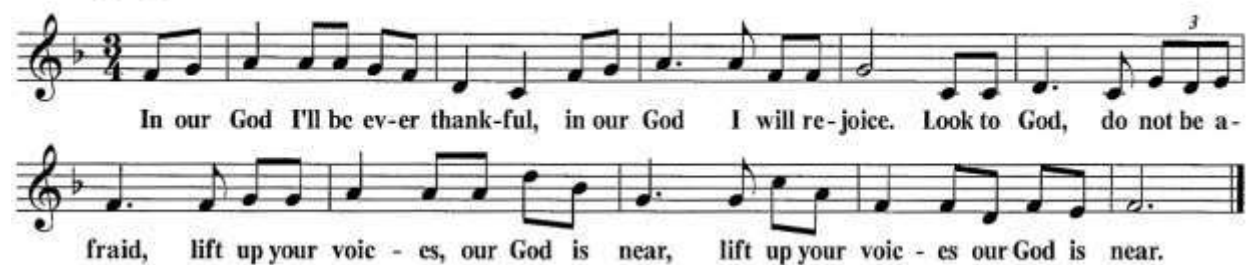
Joys and Thanksgivings:

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.

### 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

Mike Welden, piano

"Theme from Heaven Can Wait"

## Presentation of Offerings and Prayer of Dedication

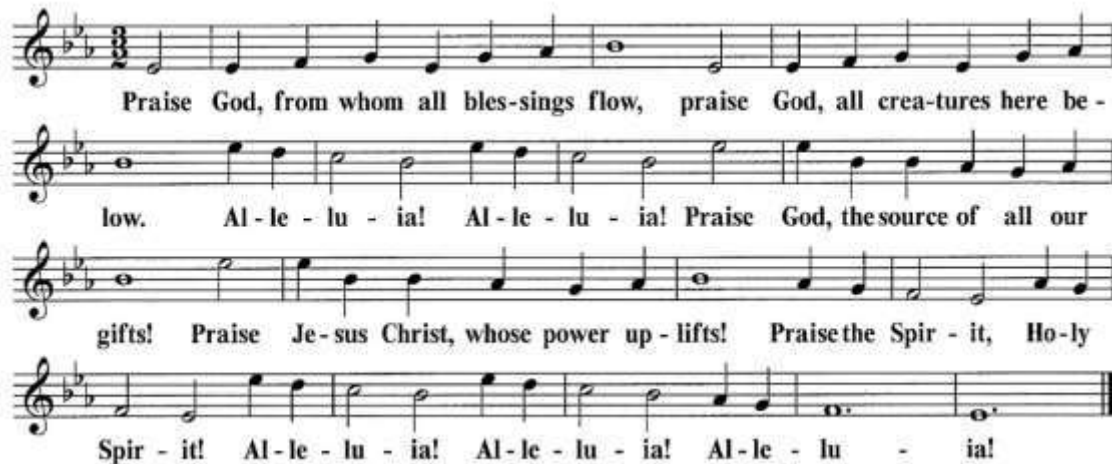
Phyllis Ramsey

To you, O God, be all the power and glory, blessing and honor, now and forevermore. Your mercy at work within us enables us to do and be more that we could ever ask. Your Spirit surrounds us as we dwell in the shadow of your gracious deliverance. It is Christ who guides us as we go forth to serve. May all that we do reveal your benevolence, and may what we offer reflect your goodness. Amen.

(from "When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship" by James G. Kirk)

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

### \* Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise God, all creatures 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 Prayer of Jesus

Rev. Jeff Munnis

**Our Father, Eternal Source, Mother, Creator, and Parent, in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom, kin-dom, realm, and 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, our sins, and our 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, and dream, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

\* Sending Hymn

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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*Joseph Scriven, 1855; alt.*

*Phil. 4:6-7*

1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
 2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?  
 3 Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, bur - dened with a load of care?

What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer!  
 We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged; take it to our God in prayer!  
 Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, take it to our God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need - less pain we bear,  
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful, who will all our sor - rows share?  
 Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to our God in prayer!

All be - cause we do not car - ry ev - ery - thing to God in prayer.  
 Je - sus knows our ev - ery weak - ness; take it to our God in prayer!  
 Je - sus' arms will take and shield you; you will find a sol - ace there.

*No stranger to sorrow himself, Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother in Ireland. Scriven, who moved to Canada as a young man, attempted to follow literally the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount.*

Tune: ERIE 8.7.8.7.D.  
 Charles C. Converse, 1868

## **Benediction**

Rev. Jeff Munnis

## **Mutual Blessing**

Our worship has ended. Our service begins. What does God need from us?

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

Continue to serve with faith and love,  
depart from this time today committed to sharing the best of yourself,  
through extravagant generosity of time and resources,  
meeting the needs of others, both spoken and unspoken, seen and unseen, heard and unheard.

**We will go now seeking justice, sharing compassion, and promoting hope in the world.**

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**

Doug Holder, piano

“You Are the Sunshine of My Life”

--**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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## Bloom Happenings This Week

Monday July 29	Tuesday July 30	Wednesday July 31	Thursday August 1	Friday August 2	Saturday August 3	Sunday August 4
<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 for our unhoused neighbors served at St. Paul’s Episcopal	<b>10:45am – 1:00pm</b> Lunch served at Our Lady of Solitude	<b>10:45am – 1:00pm</b> Lunch served at Our Lady of Guadalupe  <b>4:00pm</b> Women of Bloom Zoom Happy Hour		<b>10:am</b> Sunday Service at Demuth and on Facebook Live

## Congregational Life Announcements

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

--Thank you, **Larry Metcalf, Bill Wallace** and **Phyllis Ramsey**, for serving as readers for today’s service.

--Thank you to **John DiNapoli** and **Lynda Toland** for assisting me with the new member reception portion of the service.

--Thank you to **Jackson Enzler** for handling the A/V technical aspects for today’s service.

--Thank you also to our ushers, **Jim Nixon** and **Mike Kreiser** for welcoming us this morning.

--Thank you to **Logan** and **Brooks** for setting up our worship space and hospitality hour.

--**Flowers on the Worship Center**, symbolic of the living Christ, are offered to the glory of God by **Carl and Lynda Toland** in memory of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Carl’s mother’s birth.

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

### Last Week’s Participation

--Souls Present at Demuth: 47 --Children: 0 --First Timers: 0

--- Facebook Live Views: 9 -Facebook Total Views: 126--YouTube Views: 10

### Sunday Offerings

Tithes, Offerings, and Participation:

Offering, online, by mail and text: \$3,349 Electronic Giving: \$1,226

Permanence Fund: \$144 Cumulative: \$336,588

Hot August Night Confirmed Reservations: 54 Goal: 75

**--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).**



### **Ministries of Leadership and Support**

**--Open Leadership Meetings --** The next hybrid meeting will be August 14 at 2:00 pm PDT in the church office and on Zoom. All are welcome with a voice. Bloom members have a 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 13 after church in the Hospitality Room and on Zoom.

### **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**

**--Book Discussion Group** is on hiatus for the summer.

**--Meditation Circle** is on hiatus for the summer.

### **Social Action and Missions Ministry**

**--Lunch served weekdays:** 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. On Thursdays, lunch is served at Our Lady of Solitude, 474 N Belardo, Palm Springs and on Fridays at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 204 S. El Segundo, in Palm Springs. Volunteers needed each day. Contact **Jim Nixon** at [nixonsf@aol.com](mailto:nixonsf@aol.com).

### **Our focused ministries include:**

- School children's benevolence – shoes, church camp, and Christmas gift cards.
- Relieving food insecurity – Lunch Mondays through Fridays, 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 **Jim Nixon** at [nixonsf@aol.com](mailto:nixonsf@aol.com).

**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.

BLOOM IN THE DESERT'S  
**HOT AUGUST NIGHT**



**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14**  
**7PM**



**\$30/PERSON**

**OSCAR'S PALM SPRINGS**  
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# ***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**

**Rev. "Jeff" Munnis, Interim Minister — 415-747-9114 — [jeff@bloominthedesert.org](mailto:jeff@bloominthedesert.org)**

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**Bill Wallace, Administrative Assistant — [adminassitant@bloominthedesert.org](mailto:adminassitant@bloominthedesert.org)**

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

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