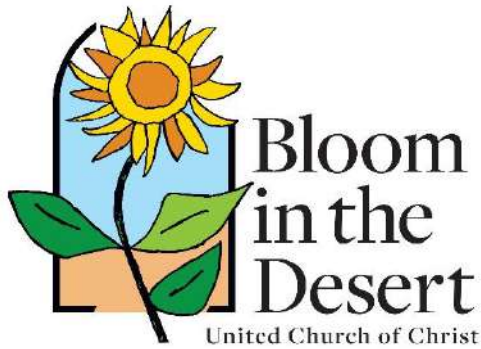




21st Sunday after Pentecost
Honoring Hispanic Heritage Month
October 13, 2024

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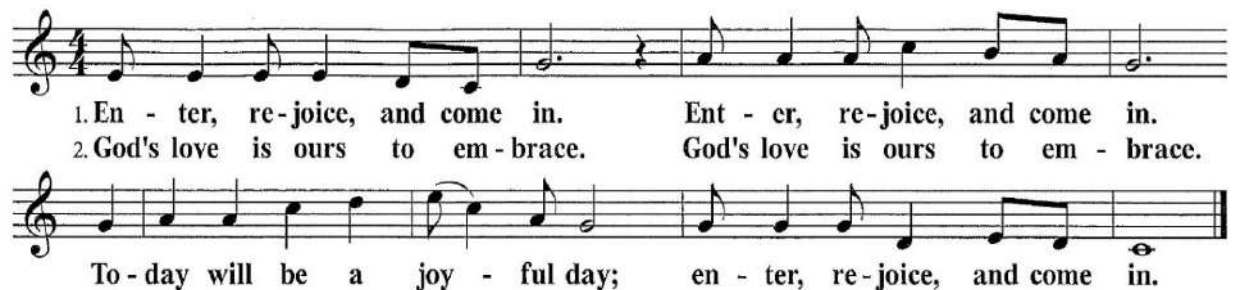
* Please rise as you are able in body and spirit.

9:50am Pre-Service Music

“O Happy Day”

Doug Holder, piano

10:00am Gathering Song



Welcome and News of the Congregation

Lynda Toland, Worship Leader

Music for Centering

Doug Holder, piano

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

*** Call to Worship**

Linda Lang

Let us sing praise to God!

For the greatness of creation and all that we have been given.

Let us thank Jesus.

For teaching us how to love, to share and to work for justice.

Let us feel the presence of the Holy Spirit.

For guidance in every decision and action in our daily lives.

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

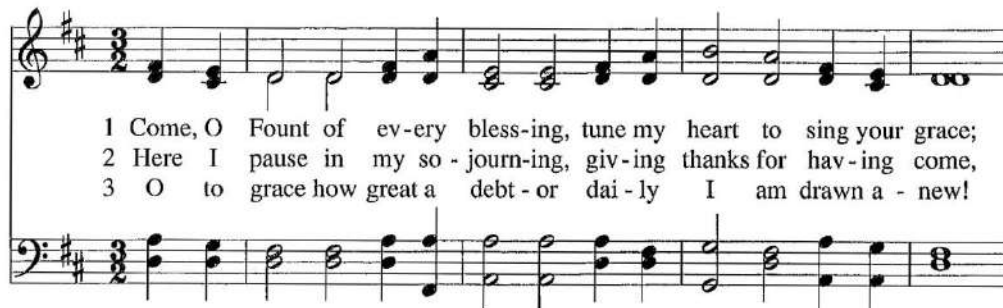
* Opening Hymn

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Come, O Fount of Every Blessing

Ps. 36:7-9

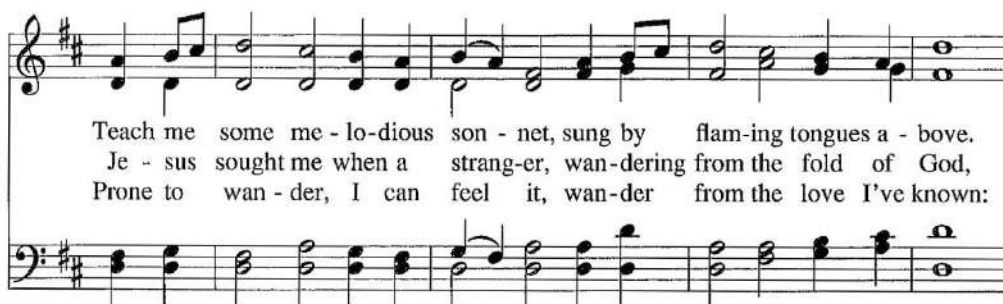
Robert Robinson, 1758; alt.



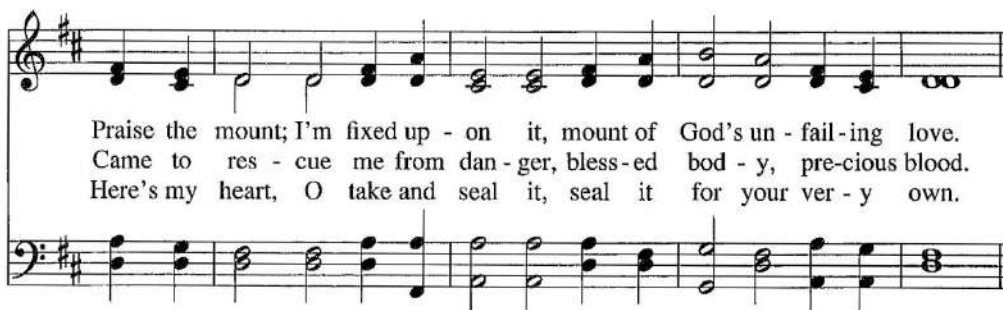
1 Come, O Fount of ev-ery bless-ing, tune my heart to sing your grace;
2 Here I pause in my so - journ-ing, giv-ing thanks for hav-ing come,
3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I am drawn a - new!



streams of mer - cy, nev-er ceas - ing, call for songs of end-less praise.
come to trust, at ev-ery turn - ing, God will guide me safe-ly home.
Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to you.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove.
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God,
Prone to wan - der, I can feel it, wan-der from the love I've known:



Praise the mount; I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - fail - ing love.
Came to res - cue me from dan - ger, bless - ed bod - y, pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for your ver - y own.

Converted to Methodism at age twenty, Robert Robinson soon became a Calvinistic Methodist preacher and later gained great popularity. The melody, associated with this text since 1813, is an American folk tune.

Tune: NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.
John Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, 1813

In Faith We Open Our Hearts to Ministry

Prayer for Good and Growth

On this Sunday after the week celebrating the birth of St. Francis of Assisi, let us pray from the heart of our humanity this prayer often attributed to him:

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

**O Divine (Teacher), grant that we may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console;**

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. 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 of all, wonderful counselor for everyone, sovereign of peace, receive now our sincere and silent prayers.

~ Silence ~

To all our silent prayers let the people say amen.

Amen.

The Words of Encouragement

Our blessed assurance is that God never gives up on us, or on our world.

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

Sung Response

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!



The Word Informs Our Living with Grace and Power

Hebrew Scripture Reading

Psalm 90:13-17

Paul Gibb

YHWH, relent!

How long before you have mercy
on your faithful ones?

When morning comes, fill us with your love,
and we will celebrate all our days.

Give us joy for as many days as you afflicted us,
for as many years as we knew misfortune!

Let your work be seen by your faithful,
your glory be witnessed by their children.

Let YHWH's favor be upon us!

Grant success to the work of our hands,
success to the work of our hands!.

~Inclusive Bible Version

Here ends the Hebrew scripture reading.

* Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-32

Carl Toland

As he was setting out on a journey, someone came running up and asked, “Good Teacher, what must I do to share in everlasting life?” Jesus answered, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments, No killing. No committing adultery. No stealing. No bearing false witness. No defrauding. Honor your mother and father.”

The other replied, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my childhood.”

Then Jesus looked at the person with love and said, “There is one thing more you must do. Go and sell what you have and give it to those in need; you will then have treasure in heaven. After that, come and follow me.”

At these words, the inquirer, who owned much property, became crestfallen and went away sadly. Jesus looked around and said to the disciples, “How hard it is for rich people to enter the kin-dom of God!”

The disciples could only marvel at these words. So, Jesus repeated what he had said: “My children, how hard it is to enter the realm of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the Needle’s Eye gate than for a rich person to enter the kin-dom of God!”

The disciples were amazed at this and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?”

Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible—but not for God. With God all things are possible.”

Peter was moved to say to Jesus, “We have left everything to follow you!”

Jesus answered, “The truth is, there is no one who has left home, sisters or brothers, mother or father, children or fields for me and for the sake of the Gospel who won’t receive a hundred times as much in this present age—as many homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, fathers, children and property, though not without persecution—and, in the age to come, everlasting life. “Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

~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. Michael Schiefelbein

* Hymn of Response

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Be Now My Vision

*Ancient Irish text, c. 8th century; transl. Mary E. Byrne, 1905
Versified by Eleanor H. Hull, 1912; adapt.*

Unison

1 Be now my vi - sion, O God of my heart;
 2 Be now my wis - dom, and be my true word;
 3 Rich - es I need not, nor life's emp - ty praise,
 4 Sov - ereign of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

noth - ing sur - pass - es the love you im - part—
 ev - er with - in me, my soul is as - sured;
 you, my in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach 'heaven's joys, O bright heav - en's Sun!

You my best thought, by day or by night,
 Moth - er and Fa - ther, you are both to me,
 You and you on - ly are first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, your pres - ence my light.
 now and for - ev - er your child I will be.
 great God, my trea - sure, may we nev - er part.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Dating from the eighth century or earlier, this Irish hymn was translated into prose by Mary Byrne. It was then versified by Eleanor Hull, author of several books on Irish literature and history. David Evans arranged the Irish melody for this text in 1927.

*Tune: SLANE 10.10.9.10.
Traditional Irish melody
Harm. David Evans, 1927*

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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

The musical notation is written on two staves in 3/4 time. The melody is in a major key. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff continues the melody.

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 voice - es, our God is near, lift up your voice - 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 and click on the Donate tab. **Thank you.**



Offertory-Meditation Music

"Spirit of the Living God"

Doug Holder, piano

Presentation of Offerings and Prayer of Dedication

Linda Lang

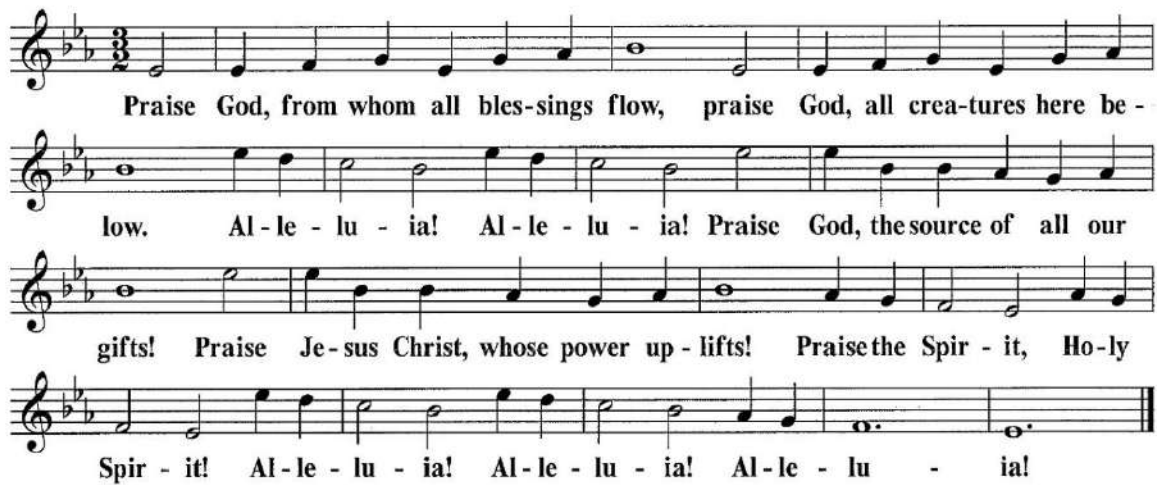
God of Grace and mercy, we sing you our praises, we recite our confessions, and we offer our commitment in response to your love. You did not spare your only Son but gave him up so that we may be saved. We pledge our trust in Christ to deliver us worthy of your call to discipleship. Accept what we give you as signs of obedience and bless our efforts as we seek to be faithful.

Amen.

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

* Doxology

Praise God the Source of Life and Birth



The Prayer of Jesus

Rev. Michael Schiefelbein

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, or are 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.

~Based on Matthew 6:9-13 NRSV

* Sending Hymn

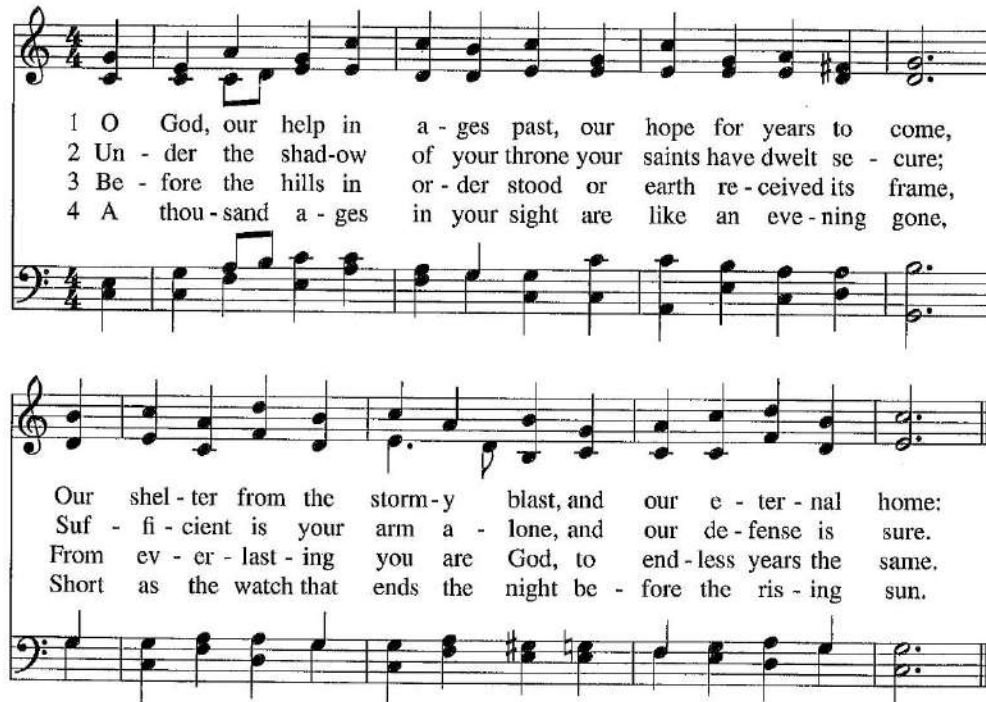
Verses 1, 2, 3, and 6

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

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.

Bloom Happenings This Week						
Monday Oct. 14	Tuesday Oct. 15	Wednesday Oct. 16	Thursday Oct. 17	Friday Oct. 18	Saturday Oct. 19	Sunday Oct. 20
10:30am-1:00pm Lunch for our unhoused neighbors, served at United Methodist	10:30am-1:00pm Lunch for our unhoused neighbors, served at United Methodist 6:00pm Book Group on Zoom	10:45am – 1:00pm Lunch for our unhoused neighbors served at St. Paul’s Episcopal 4:00pm Enneagram Personality Study in the Office	10:45am – 1:00pm Lunch served at Our Lady of Solitude	10:45am – 1:00pm Lunch served at Our Lady of Guadalupe 4:00pm Women of Bloom on Zoom		10:am Sunday Service at Demuth and on Facebook Live Noon Congregation Meeting during Hospitality time and on Zoom

COMING EVENTS

**During the Hospitality Time Today
There will be an opportunity to discuss
changes to Bloom’s By-Laws**

**On Sunday, October 20 there will be a
Congregation Meeting after the service during
Hospitality Time and on Zoom.**

Congregational Life Announcements

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

--Thank you, **Linda Lang, Paul Gibb, and Carl Toland**, for serving as readers for today's service.

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

--Thank you also to our ushers, **Bob Patnode** and **Hector Bayardo** 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 **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: 42 --Children: 0 --First Timers: 2

--- Facebook Live Views: 14 -Facebook Total Views: 209 --YouTube Views: 20

Sunday Offerings

Tithes, Offerings, and Participation:

Offering, online, by mail and text: \$4,498 Electronic Giving: \$2,878

Permanence Fund: \$665 Cumulative: \$340,086

Neighbors in Need: \$25 Cumulative: \$614

--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.



--**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.

O Happy Day, by Hawkins

His Eye is on the Sparrow, by Martin

Spirit of the Living God, by Carter

Rondeau, by Mouret

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

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

Ministries of Leadership and Support

--**Open Leadership Meetings** -- The next hybrid meeting will be November 12 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 20 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**, dinoins@gmail.com or **Bill Wallace** at adminassistant@bloominthedesert.org.

--For more information on the United Church of Christ, visit 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: The next book will be Abundant Lives, A Progressive Christian Ethic for Flourishing, 2024 by Amanda Udis-Kessler

September 24th Start discussing the book that we chose on Zoom starting at 6:00pm.

Feel free to invite others to the Book Club.

Personality Study Group Wednesdays 4:00-5:30 pm in Bloom office from September 18--October 16.

Introduction to the Enneagram: A Map for Spiritual Growth. Rev. Michael Schiefelbein, Instructor. The Enneagram is a psycho-spiritual system that describes the nine basic personality types and their interconnections. It traces the distinct path for each type to self-understanding, self-compassion, and the realization of its essential qualities. The course will begin with a diagnostic for participants to identify their types. We will use the book *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* by Don Riso and Russ Hudson. Participants can buy the book online or borrow a copy from Rev. Michael.

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.

Our focused ministries include:

- School children's benevolence -- backpacks, 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.

**You are welcome to take this bulletin with you for reflection,
or leave it with the ushers for recycling.**



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. 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

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