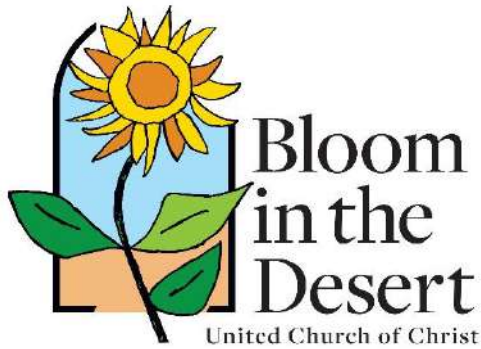




Communion Sunday Veterans Day Weekend November 10, 2024

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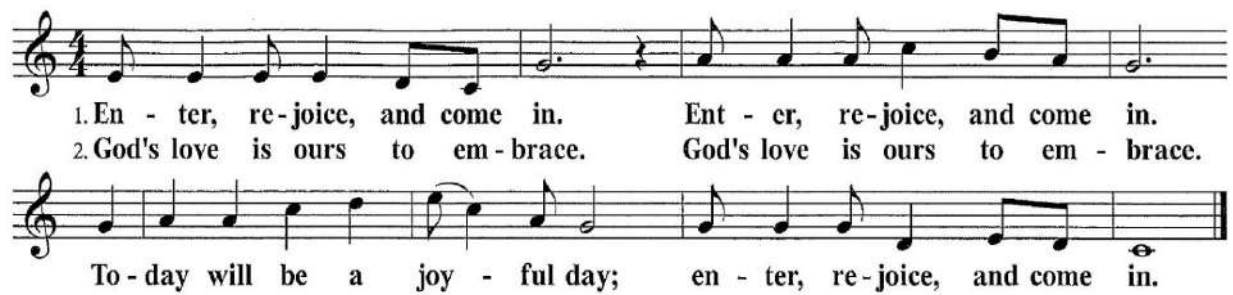
* Please rise as you are able in body and spirit.

9:50am Pre-Service Music

Dr. Denis Moreen, piano

“Hymns, Part 19” arr. by Wayne Yankie

10:00am Gathering Song



Welcome and News of the Congregation

Rev. Jeff Munnis

Music for Centering

Dr. Denis Moreen, piano

“Hymn to the Fallen” from “Saving Private Ryan”

* Call to Worship

Carol Moore

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

We thank God and are grateful to all the people who prepared a way for us,

Teaching us how to love, to share, and to work for justice.

We embrace the presence of the Holy Spirit as we welcome one another.

We find guidance for our decisions and support in our daily lives.

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

* Opening Hymn

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Open and closing original 1860 verses, plus later variations from the U.S. Navy Website.

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm hath bound the restless wave,
Who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
Its own appointed limits keep;
Oh, hear us when we cry to Thee,
For those in peril on the sea!
William Whiting, Winchester, England (1860)
2. (God), guard and guide the (ones) who fly
And those who on the ocean ply;
Be with our troops upon the land,
And all who for their country stand:
Be with these guardians day and night
And may their trust be in thy might.
Author Unknown (1955) adapted
3. Lord God, our power evermore,
Whose arm doth reach the ocean floor,
Dive with our (ones) beneath the sea;
Traverse the depths protectively.
O hear us when we pray, and keep
Them safe from peril in the deep.
David B. Miller (1965) adapted
4. Eternal Father, grant, we pray,
To all Marines, both night and day,
The courage, honor, strength, and skill
Their land to serve, thy law fulfill;
Be thou the shield forevermore
From every peril to the Corps.
J. E. Seim (1966)
5. Creator, (Wisdom), who dost show
Thy splendor in the ice and snow,
Bless those who toil in summer light
And through the cold (of winter) night,
As they thy (seasons) wonders learn;
Bless those who wait for their return.
L. E. Vogel (1965) adapted
6. O Trinity of love and power!
Our brethren shield in danger's hour;
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
Protect them wheresoe'er they go;
Thus evermore shall rise to Thee
Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.
William Whiting, Winchester, England (1860)

In Faith We Open Our Hearts to Ministry

Prayer for Good and Growth

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

On this 113th anniversary of the signing of the Armistice of the War to end all Wars, we open our hearts to God and keep in mind the lives of others as we pray this "Prayer for Veterans Day:"

God of peace, we pray for those who have served our nation, who laid down their lives to protect and defend our freedom... We pray for those who have fought, whose spirits and bodies are scarred by war and whose nights are haunted by memories too painful for the light of day... We pray for those who serve us now, especially for those in harm's way: shield them from danger and bring them home, soon... Turn the hearts and minds of our leaders and our enemies to the work of justice and a harvest of peace... Spare the poor, Lord, spare the poor! May the peace you left us, the peace you gave us, be the peace that sustains, the peace that saves us. Christ Jesus, hear us! (Loving) Jesus, hear our prayer! Amen.

~Concord Pastor, adapted

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

Friends and Neighbors; Jesus says: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

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

Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17

Ray Allen

One Day, Naomi said to Ruth, “My daughter, it’s my duty to ensure your security and fulfillment, and make sure you are provided for. And Boaz, whose workers have been following, is our closest relative. Tonight he’ll be winnowing grain on the threshing floor. Wash up and put on perfume and dress in your finest clothes. Then go down to the threshing floor. But don’t let him know you’re there until he has finished eating and drinking.

“When he goes to sleep, watch to see where he lays down. Then go and ‘uncover his feet’ and lie down with him. He’ll tell you what to do next.”

Ruth replied, “I will do as you tell me.”

So, Ruth and Boaz were married. And from their union, YHWH enabled Ruth to conceive, and she gave birth to a child.

Then the women of the village said to Naomi.

“Praised be YHWH,
who has not abandoned you
but provided you with yet another redeemer!

May the child’s name be remembered through all of Israel—
and give you renewed life
and support you when you are old!

For your daughter-in-law,
who loves you and has proven better
than seven of your own children could ever have been,
has given birth to him.”

Naomi took the child into her lap, and she became his caretaker. And Naomi’s neighbors named the child, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi; we will call him Obed.”

And Obed begot Jesse—and Jesse begot David.

~Inclusive Bible Version

Here ends the Hebrew scripture reading.

* Gospel Reading

Mark 12:38-44

Randy Zeese

In his teaching, Jesus said, “Beware of the religious scholars who like to walk about in long robes, be greeted obsequiously in the market squares, and take the front seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. These are the ones who swallow the property of widows and offer lengthy prayers for the sake of appearance. They will be judged all the more severely.

Jesus sat down opposite the collection box and watched the people putting money in it, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny.

Then Jesus called out to the disciples and said to them, “The truth is, this woman has put in more than all who have contributed to the treasury; for they have put in money from their surplus, but she has put in everything she possessed from the little she had—all she had to live on.”

~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. Jeff Munnis

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

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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 and click on the Donate tab. **Thank you.**



Offertory-Meditation Music

Dr. Denis Moreen, piano

“What a Wonderful World” by David Weiss and Bob Thiele

Presentation of Offerings and Prayer of Dedication

Carol Moore

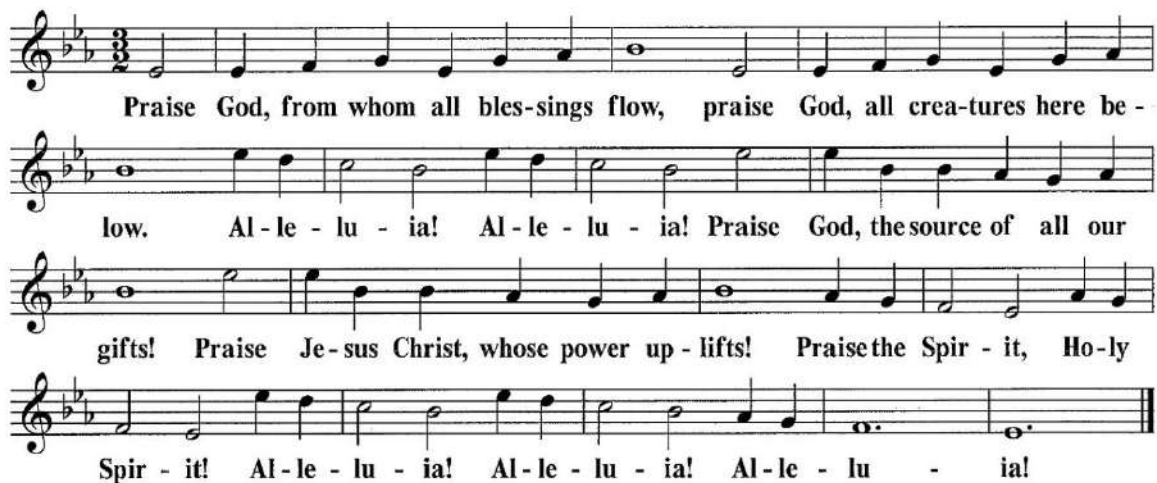
God who creates us, Christ who redeems us, Holy Spirit who sustains us with wondrous gifts, we come, blessed Trinity, with our tithes and our offerings. Accept them and use them to further your love in the world. Grant that they may enlighten any corner of darkness and bring the truth of your realm to all who seek freedom from bondage and strife.

Amen.

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

* Doxology

Praise God the Source of Life and Birth



The Great Thanksgiving

God is with you.
And also with you.

Rev. Jeff Munnis

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.

Carol Moore: 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 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 choir or group, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 8/8. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics in Spanish and English. The Spanish lyrics are: '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'. The English lyrics are: '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.' The score includes chord markings: C, G7, C, F, C, F, C, Am, F, G7, C.

Ray Allen: 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.”

Carol Moore: 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.”

Ray Allen: 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. Jeff Munnis

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

Dr. Denis Moreen, piano

“For the Beauty of the Earth” by Conrad Kocher

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, 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

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How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies

St. 1, Katharine Lee Bates, 1893; alt.
St. 2, 3, 4, Miriam Therese Winter, 1993

1 How beau-ti-ful, our spa-cious skies, our am-ber waves of grain;
2 In-dig-e-nous and im-mi-grant, our daugh-ters and our sons:
3 How beau-ti-ful, sin-cere la-ment, the wis-dom born of tears,
4 How beau-ti-ful, two con-ti-nents, and is-lands in the sea

our pur-ple moun-tains as they rise a-bove the fruit-ful plain.
O may we nev-er rest con-tent till all are tru-ly one.
the cour-age called for to re-pent the blood-shed through the years.
that dream of peace, non-vi-o-lence, all peo-ple liv-ing free.

A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God's gra-cious gifts a-bound,
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
A-mer-i-ca! A-mer-i-ca! God grant that we may be
A-mer-i-cas! A-mer-i-cas! God grant that we may be

and more and more we're grate-ful for life's boun-ty all a-round.
a sis-ter-hood and broth-er-hood from sea to shin-ing sea.
a na-tion blessed with none op-pressed, true land of lib-er-ty.
a hem-i-sphere where peo-ple here all live in har-mo-ny.

On her first trip west in the summer of 1893 the distinguished New England educator Katharine Lee Bates was inspired to write "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies." One hundred years later Miriam Therese Winter wrote new stanzas to clearly include all of the Americas.

Tune: MATERNA C.M.D.
Samuel A. Ward, 1882

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

Dr. Denis Moreen, piano

“Hymn to Freedom” by Oscar Peterson and Harriette Hamilton

Bloom Happenings This Week						
Monday Nov. 11	Tuesday Nov. 12	Wednesday Nov. 13	Thursday Nov. 14	Friday Nov. 15	Saturday Nov. 16	Sunday Nov. 17
10:30am-1:00pm Lunch for our unhoused neighbors, served at United Methodist Veteran's Day	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 2:00pm Open Council Meeting in the office and on Zoom 4:00pm BibleBites on Zoom	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

Congregational Life Announcements

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

--Thank you, **Carol Moore, Ray Allen, and Randy Zeese**, 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 **Charlotte Clement** for welcoming us this morning.

--Thank you to **Logan** 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 **Jeff Munnis** in celebration of their 23rd wedding anniversary.

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

Last Week's Participation

--Souls Present at Demuth: 28 --Children: 0 --First Timers: 7

--- Facebook Live Views: 12 -Facebook Total Views: 91 --YouTube Views: N/A

Sunday Offerings

Tithes, Offerings, and Participation:

Offering, online, by mail and text: \$3,720 Electronic Giving: \$2,092

Permanence Fund: \$75 Cumulative: \$340,776

--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.

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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 Council Meetings** -- The next hybrid meeting will be November 13 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 group is now reading and discussing *Abundant Lives, A Progressive Christian Ethic for Flourishing*, 2024 by Amanda Udis-Kessler.

Resumes November 12 at 6:00 pm, please read through Chapter 6 and the Chapter 6 review.

Feel free to invite others to the Book Club.



Rev. Jeff Munnis invites Bloomers and friends to a new BibleBites study beginning **Wednesday October 23rd**. This group will meet at 4:00 pm on Zoom. Rev. Jeff asks you to bring one or more Bible passages that give you the most problems.

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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