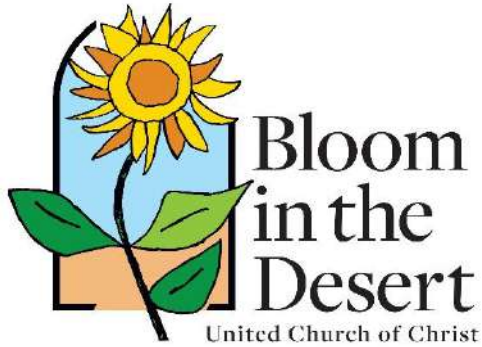




## Fifth Sunday after Pentecost July 13, 2025

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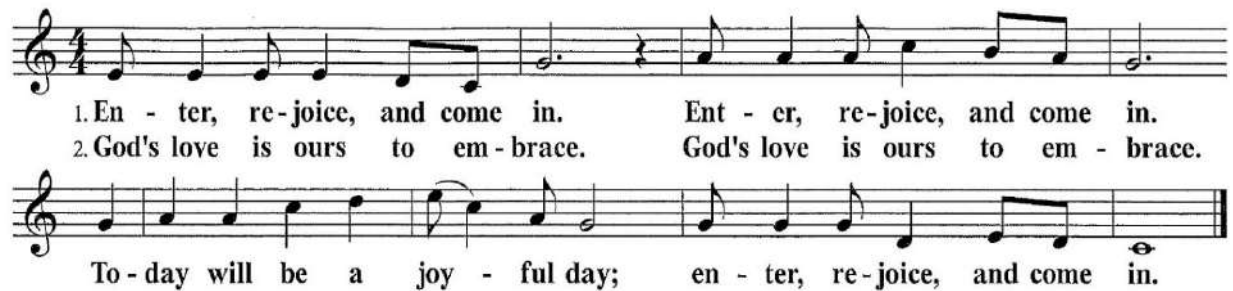
\* Please rise as you are able in body and spirit.

### 9:50am Pre-Service Music

Dr. Denis Moreen, piano

“Hymns, part 22” arr. by Wayne Yankie

### 10:00am Gathering Song



### Welcome and News of the Congregation

Jim Nixon, Worship Leader

### Music for Centering

Andrew Bird, soloist, Dr. Denis Moreen, piano

“Beside Still Waters” by Bernard Hamblen

### Call to Worship

Rev. Ron Pannell

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, Ping-an, Paz, Peace, Amen.**

# \* Opening Hymn

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## The Church's One Foundation

*Eph. 2:13-22; 4:4-6; 1 Cor. 3:11*

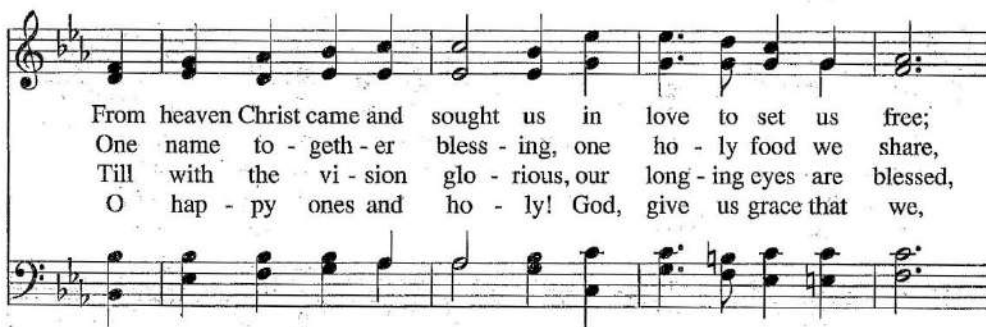
*Samuel J. Stone, 1866; alt.*



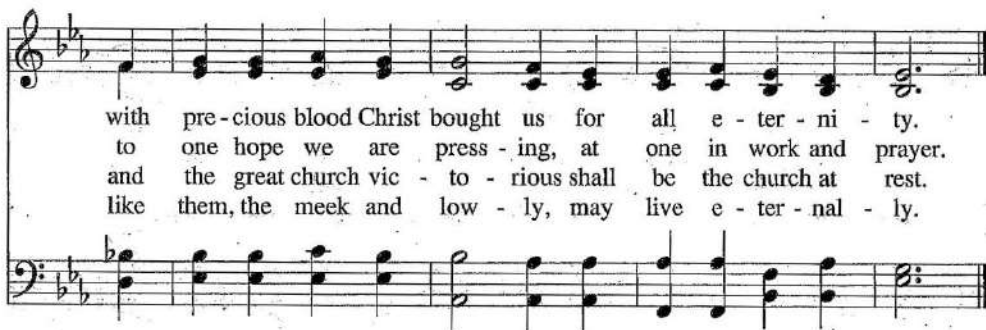
1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ our Lord;  
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,  
 3 'Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of our war,  
 4 Yet we on earth have un - ion with God, the Three-in - One,



we are Christ's new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word;  
 one char - ter of sal - va - tion, one God, one faith, one birth,  
 we wait the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;  
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heaven Christ came and sought us in love to set us free;  
 One name to - geth - er bless - ing, one ho - ly food we share,  
 Till with the vi - sion glo - rious, our long - ing eyes are blessed,  
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! God, give us grace that we,



with pre - cious blood Christ bought us for all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 to one hope we are press - ing, at one in work and prayer.  
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.  
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

*Like the writings of Ambrose many centuries earlier, this hymn was born out of a doctrinal dispute. The young priest Samuel J. Stone composed twelve hymns on the articles of the Apostles' Creed in support of those reacting against nontraditional views of biblical scholarship. This hymn is based on article nine, "the holy Catholic Church."*

Tune: AURELIA 7.6.7.6.D.  
*Samuel S. Wesley, 1864*

## **In Faith We Open Our Hearts to Ministry**

### **Prayer for Good and Growth**

Let the morning proclaim your love,  
**for it is you I trust, O God.**

Entering your courts with praise, we pray to you, O Christ,  
**fill our hearts with peace.**

That you will grant us a calm spirit and a trusting heart:  
**fill our hearts with peace.**

That you will supply the strength we need for the tasks of this day:  
**fill our hearts with peace.**

That with eyes of compassion, we may love our neighbors as ourselves:  
**fill our hearts with peace.**

That we may forgive each other as you have forgiven us:  
**fill our hearts with peace.**

That you will protect all who are lost, homeless, and alone:  
**fill our hearts with peace.**

That you will unite our prayers with the prayers of all who worship you at this hour, that as one church we may rejoice in your salvation:  
**fill our hearts with peace.**

**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.)

O compassionate God, receive our prayers, answer them according to your will, and make us channels of your infinite grace, through Jesus Christ our sibling and our friend.

~ Silence ~

To all our silent prayers let the people say amen.  
**Amen.**

### **Words of Encouragement**

Throughout the scriptures, when God calls women and men to faithful living, God gives this promise, "I will be with you."

**Thanks be to God. Let us now receive the Word.**

## Sung Response

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!



## The Word Informs Our Living with Grace and Power

### Epistle Reading

Colossians 1:1-14

Bill Phelps-Ramos

From Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God and our brother Timothy, to the holy and faithful sisters and brothers in Christ at Colossae: Grace and peace to you from our Loving God.

We always give thanks to the Abba God of our Savior Jesus Christ whenever we pray for you, ever since we heard about your faith in Christ Jesus and the love you show toward all the holy ones, because of the hope stored up for you in heaven. It is only recently that you heard of this, when it was announced in the message of the truth. The Good News which has reached you is spreading all over the world; it is producing the same fruit there as it did among you, ever since you heard about God's grace and understood what it really is. Epaphras, who taught you, is one of our closest coworkers and a faithful laborer of Christ on our behalf, and it was he who told us all about your love in the Spirit.

Therefore, since the day we heard about you, we've been praying for you unceasingly and asking that you attain the full knowledge of God's will, in perfect wisdom and spiritual understanding. Then you'll lead a life worthy and pleasing to our God in every way. You'll multiply good works of every sort and grow in the knowledge of God. And by the might of God's glory, you'll be endowed with the strength needed to stand fast and endure joyfully whatever may happen.

Thanks be to God for having made you worthy to share in the inheritance of the holy ones in light! God rescued us from the authority of darkness and brought us into the reign of Jesus, God's Only Begotten. And it is through Jesus that we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

~The Inclusive Bible Translation

Here ends the Epistle reading.

## \* Gospel Reading

Luke 10:25-37

Carol Moore

An expert on the Law stood up and put Jesus to the test and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit everlasting life?”

Jesus answered, “What is written in the Law? How do you read it?”

The expert on the Law replied:

“You must love the Most High God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

Jesus said, “You have answered correctly. Do this and you’ll live.”

But the expert on the Law, seeking self-justification, pressed Jesus further: “And just who is my neighbor?”

Jesus replied, “There was a traveler going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, who fell prey to robbers. The traveler was beaten, stripped naked, and left half-dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road; the priest saw the traveler lying beside the road but passed on the other side. Likewise, there was a Levite who came the same way; this one, too, saw the afflicted traveler and passed by on the other side.

“But a Samaritan, who was taking the same road, also came upon the traveler and filled with compassion, approached the traveler and dressed the wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then the Samaritan put the wounded person on a donkey, went straight to an inn and there took care of the injured one. The next day the Samaritan took out two silver pieces and gave them to the innkeeper with the request, ‘Look after this person, and if there is any further expense, I’ll repay you on the way back.’

“Which of these three, in your opinion, was the neighbor to the traveler who fell in with the robbers?”

The answer came, “The one who showed compassion.”

Jesus replied, “Then go and do the same.”

~Inclusive Language Version

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

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Commentary**

“Love Wins”

Rev. Doug Holder

# Sequence Hymn

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## Here I Am, Lord

*Unison*



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo-ple cry.  
I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a- lone.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,  
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1.  
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.  
I will speak my word to them.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
I will give my life to them.



2.  
Whom shall I send? Here I am, Lord.  
Whom shall I send?  
Whom shall I send?

WORDS: Dan Schutte, 1981 (Is. 6:8)  
MUSIC: Dan Schutte, 1981; adapt. by Carlton R. Young, 1988

HERE I AM, LORD  
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## Offering our Prayer Concerns, and Joys and Thanksgivings

Jim Nixon, Worship Leader

### Concerns:

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 G major (one sharp). The lyrics are: "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." The first staff ends with a triplet of eighth notes. The second staff ends with a double bar line.

## 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" 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

Andrew Bird, soloist, Dr. Denis Moreen, piano

"The Lord is My Light" by Frances Allitsen

## Presentation of Offerings, and Prayer of Dedication

Carol Moore

God of Grace and truth, you fill us with the knowledge of your will, that we may gain spiritual wisdom and understanding. We seek to lead a life worthy of your calling in Christ. We bring you the fruit, born of your graciousness, with the prayer that it may be fitting of your blessing and glory. Amen.

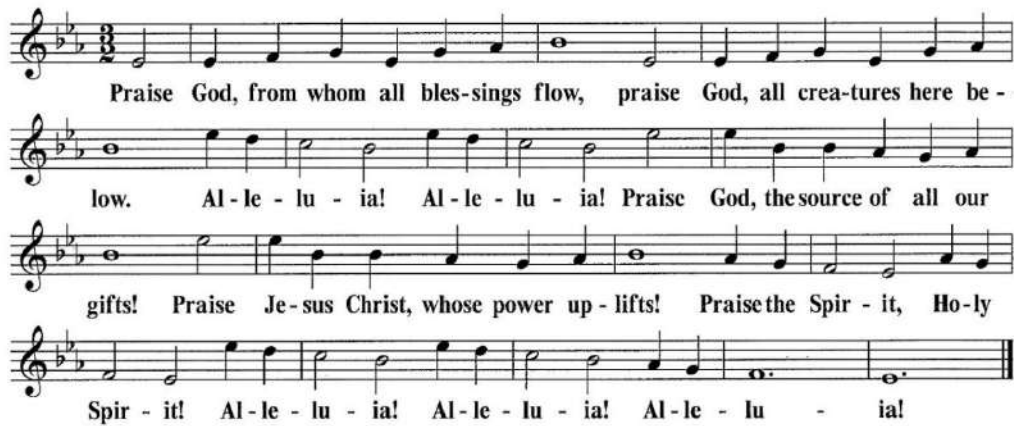
~from "When We Gather: A Book of Prayers for Worship" by James G. Kirk

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



## \* Doxology

### Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



## The Prayer of Jesus

Rev. Doug Holder

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name.**

**Your kingdom come.**

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

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

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:**

**For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

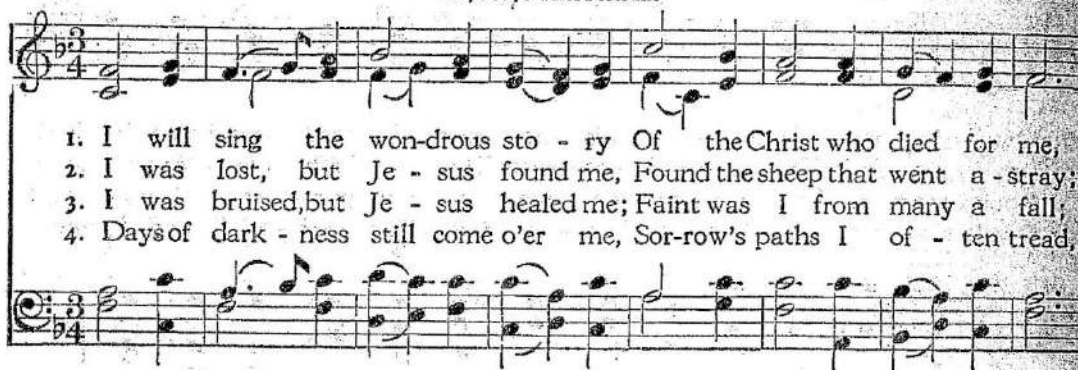
~Matthew 6:9-13, RSV, adapted

# \* Sending Hymn      I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

FRANCIS H. ROWLEY

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ROWLAND HUGH PRICHARD, 1811-1887

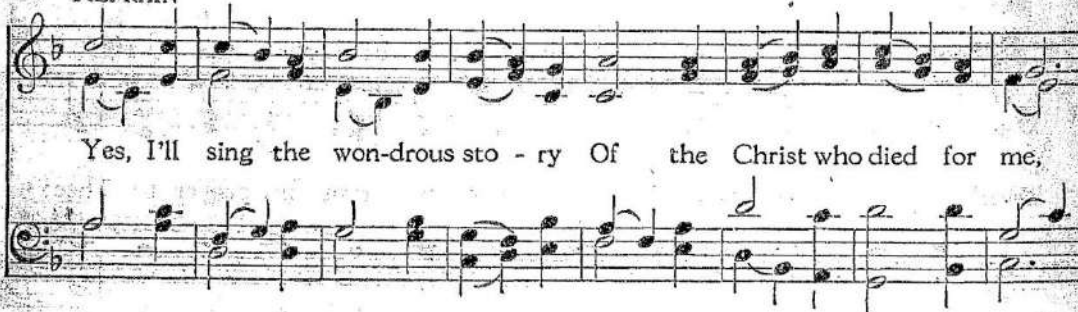


1. I will sing the won-drous sto - ry Of the Christ who died for me,  
 2. I was lost, but Je - sus found me, Found the sheep that went a - stray;  
 3. I was bruised, but Je - sus healed me; Faint was I from many a fall;  
 4. Days of dark - ness still come o'er me, Sor-row's paths I of - ten tread,



How He left His home in glo - ry For the cross on Cal - va - ry.  
 Threw His lov - ing arms a - round me, Drew me back in - to His way.  
 Sight was gone, and fears pos - sessed me, But He freed me from them all,  
 But the Sav - iour still is with me, By His hand I'm safe - ly led.

## REFRAIN



Yes, I'll sing the won-drous sto - ry Of the Christ who died for me,



Sing it with the saints in glo - ry, Gath-ered by the crys-tal sea.

**Benediction**

Rev. Doug Holder

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

**Simply do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our 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 from wherever you are 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

"I Believe" by E. Drake, I. Graham, J. Shirl, and A. Stillman

## Congregational Life Announcements

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

--Thank you, **Rev. Ron Pannell**, **Bill Phelps-Ramos** and **Carol Moore** for serving as readers for today's service. Thank you to **Jim Nixon** for serving as worship leader today and a special thank you to **Rev. Doug Holder** for presenting our commentary today.

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

--Thank you to our greeter and welcome table host, **Jason Romine**, and **Sheila Dell**. Thank you to **Carol Moore** and her crew who set up our hospitality table.

--Thank you also to our ushers, **Bob Patnode** and **Charlotte Clement**, for welcoming us this morning.

--Thank you to **Logan Bakomitros** 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 **Buddy Sizemore** in appreciation of the pop-up choir.

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

### Last Week's Participation

Sunday 10am--Souls Present at Demuth: 43 --Children: 0 --First Timers: 0

--- Facebook Live Views: 17

### Sunday Offerings

Sunday Offerings \$804 On-line Giving: \$2,159

Permanence Fund: \$49 Cumulative: \$380,469

Strengthen the Church: \$52 Cumulative: \$199

**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 Council Meetings** -- The next hybrid meeting will be August 13 at 2:00 pm PDT in the church office and on Zoom. All are welcome with a voice. Only council members have a vote. Contact **Rich Fluechtling** to receive the Zoom Invitation.

**--Congregation Meetings** are in February, May, and October, and special meetings as called. The next congregation meeting is October 12 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**, [dinoinps@gmail.com](mailto:dinoinps@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**

-The Bloom Book Club: on summer hiatus

-BibleBites is on hiatus.

### **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 for Students”, 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.**

| <b>Bloom Happenings This Week</b>                                                     |                                                                                       |                                                                                             |                                                                                                                |                                                                  |                            |                                                               |
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| <b>Monday</b><br>July 14                                                              | <b>Tuesday</b><br>July 15                                                             | <b>Wednesday</b><br>July 16                                                                 | <b>Thursday</b><br>July 17                                                                                     | <b>Friday</b><br>July 18                                         | <b>Saturday</b><br>July 19 | <b>Sunday</b><br>July 20                                      |
| <b>10:30am-1:00pm</b><br>Lunch for our unhoused neighbors, served at United Methodist | <b>10:30am-1:00pm</b><br>Lunch for our unhoused neighbors, served at United Methodist | <b>10:45am – 1:00pm</b><br>Lunch for our unhoused neighbors served at Our Lady of Guadalupe | <b>10:45am – 1:00pm</b><br>Lunch served at Our Lady of Solitude<br><br><b>5:30pm to 9:30pm</b><br>Laundry Love | <b>10:45am – 1:00pm</b><br>Lunch served at Our Lady of Guadalupe |                            | <b>10:am</b><br>Sunday Service at Demuth and on Facebook Live |

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

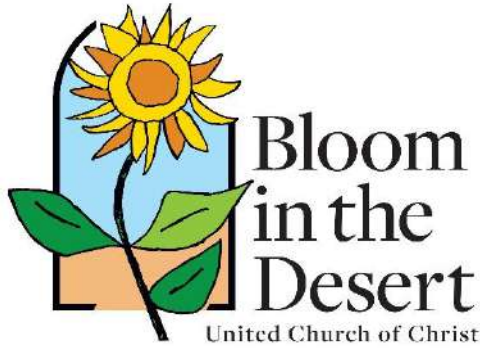
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**Bloom Book Club is on Summer Hiatus**

**-Bible Bites is on hiatus**

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# ***Welcome***

Bloom in the Desert (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 Council 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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