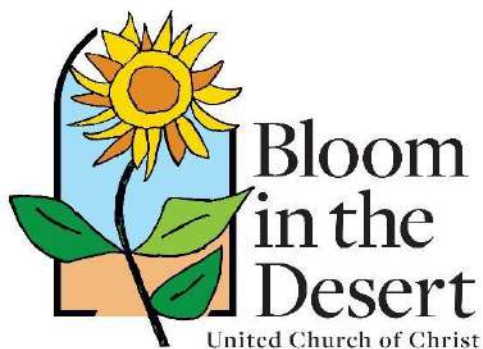




All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

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

9:50am Pre-Service Music

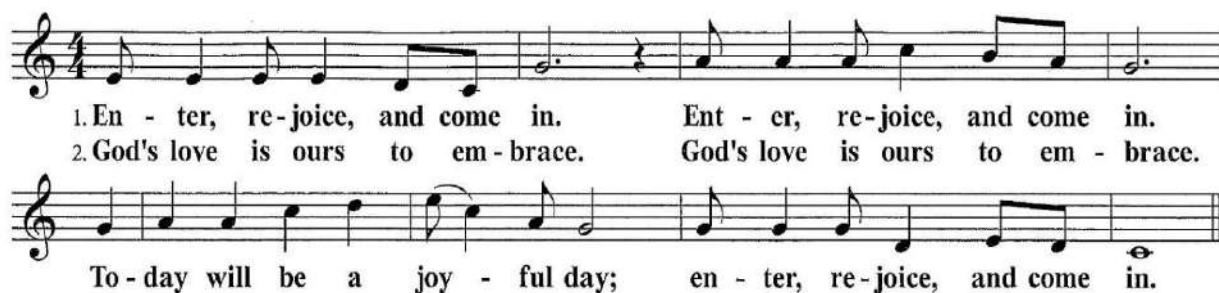
Malcolm Swan, piano

“Automne” by Cecile Chaminade
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10:00am Welcome and News of the Congregation

Wayne Sinclair

Gathering Song



Call to Worship

Wayne Sinclair

Happy are we
when our treasures cannot be quantified.

Happy are we
when our knowledge is tempered by mystery.

Happy are we
when our pain is held in the balm of love.

Happy are we
when our delight comes from beyond ourselves.

Opening Prayer

Wayne Sinclair

Please join me in prayer:

In all our weakness and strength, with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies, we come to be your people, O God.

Strong in faith and eager with questions, singing our praise and whispering our prayers, we come to be your people, O God.

Filled with saintly determination yet mindful of our human limitations, we come to be your people, O God.

Made strong in your endless love for us, we know ourselves to be yours and we come to be your people, O God. May we truly become your people today. Amen.

Honoring Our Saints

Pastor James

Today we light these candles in remembrance of the saints—those who have gone before us in faith. As each flame is kindled, we recall their light, their love, and their witness that continues to shine in our lives. In the glow of these candles, we give thanks to God for their lives and for the hope of the resurrection we share in Christ Jesus.

We will sing the first two verses of “Softly and Tenderly.”

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Softly and Tenderly

Will L. Thompson, 1880; alt.

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 8/8 time. It consists of two systems of music. The first system contains four verses of lyrics. The second system continues the melody with additional lyrics. The notation includes treble and bass staves with notes, rests, and bar lines. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding vocal parts.

1 Soft - ly and ten - der - ly Je - sus is call - ing, call - ing for
2 Why should we tar - ry when Je - sus is plead - ing, plead - ing for
3 Time is now fleet - ing, the mo - ments are pass - ing, pass - ing from
4 O for the won - der - ful love Je - sus prom - ised, prom - ised for

you and for me; See at the por - tals Christ wait - ing and
you and for me? Why should we lin - ger and heed not God's
you and from me; Shad - ows are gath - er - ing, death - beds are
you and for me; Though we have sinned Je - sus of - fers us

Refrain

watch-ing, watch-ing for you and for me.
 mer - cies, mer - cies for you and for me? Come home, come
 com - ing, com - ing for you and for me. Come home,
 par - don, par - don for you and for me.

home, All who are wea-ry, come home;
 come home,

Ear-nest-ly, ten-der-ly Je-sus is call-ing— call-ing, "O sin-ner, come home!"

Will Thompson established publishing firms in Chicago and East Liverpool, Ohio, the community to which he left a legacy of song. Dwight L. Moody once remarked that he would rather have written "Softly and Tenderly" than anything he had ever done.

Tune: SOFTLY AND TENDERLY
 11.7.11.7. with refrain
 Will L. Thompson, 1880

Pastor James

We remember the saints, those who walked faithfully before us.
Their light still shines.

In the lighting of these candles, we honor their memory and to remind us that God's light is never extinguished.

The light of Christ shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

We will sing the final 2 verses of "Softly and Tenderly

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 149

Bill Phelps-Ramos

Praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song;

 sing God's praise in the assembly of the faithful!

Let Israel celebrate its maker;

 let Zion's children rejoice in their king!

Let them praise God's name with dance;

 let them sing God's praise with the drum and lyre!

Because the Lord is pleased with his people,

 God will beautify the poor with saving help.

Let the faithful celebrate with glory;

 let them shout for joy on their beds.^[a]

Let the high praises of God be in their mouths

 and a double-edged sword in their hands,

 to get revenge against the nations

 and punishment on the peoples,

 binding their rulers in chains

 and their officials in iron shackles,

 achieving the justice

 written against them.

That will be an honor for all God's faithful people.

Praise the Lord!

~ Common English Bible

Here ends the Old Testament reading.

Chorus

Something Beautiful

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Some - thing beau - ti - ful, some - thing good;

all my con - fu - sion he un - der - stood;

all I had to of - fer him was bro - ken - ness and

strife, but he made some-thing beau-ti-ful of my life.

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MUSIC: William J. Gaither, 1971
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SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL
Irr.

Gospel Reading

Luke 6: 20-31

Loretta Martin

Jesus raised his eyes to his disciples and said:

“Happy are you who are poor,
because God’s kingdom is yours.

Happy are you who hunger now,
because you will be satisfied.

Happy are you who weep now,
because you will laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, reject you, insult you, and condemn your name as evil because of the Human One. Rejoice when that happens! Leap for joy because you have a great reward in heaven. Their ancestors did the same things to the prophets.

But how terrible for you who are rich,
because you have already received your comfort.

How terrible for you who have plenty now,
because you will be hungry.

How terrible for you who laugh now,
because you will mourn and weep.

How terrible for you when all speak well of you.

Their ancestors did the same things to the false prophets.

“But I say to you who are willing to hear: Love your enemies. Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who mistreat you. If someone slaps you on the cheek, offer the other one as well. If someone takes your coat, don’t withhold your shirt either. Give to everyone who asks and don’t demand your things back from those who take them. Treat people in the same way that you want them to treat you. ~Common English Bible

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

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Chorus

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Commentary

“Happy People”

Pastor James

Stewardship Moment

Bill and Charlie Phelps-Ramos

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 and click on the Donate tab. Thank you.



Offertory Music

“Autumn Leaves”, composed and performed by Malcolm Swan

Malcolm Swan, piano

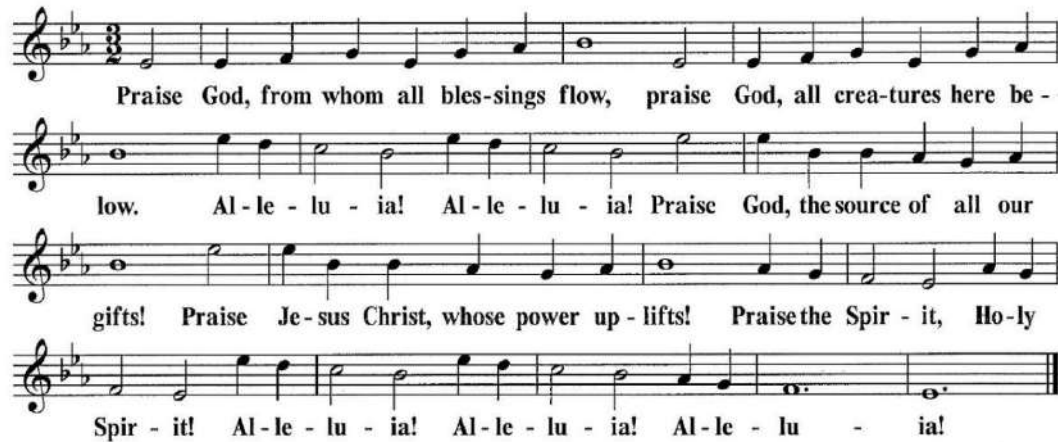
Presentation of Offerings

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



* Doxology

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow



Offering our Prayer Concerns, and Joys and Thanksgivings

Pastor James Harris

Beloved, we are God's children now, but what we will be in the fullness of our time has not been revealed. What we do know is this: we will be like Jesus the Christ and saints of God. Let us consider how Jesus was revealed among us and pray to be more like the Christ in every way.

Now let us offer up to God and each other our prayer concerns:

Concerns and Joys and Thanksgivings:

Jesus embodied the unconditional love of God...

We pray; may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus fed those who were hungry...

We pray; may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus drew near to those living on the margins and excluded...

We pray; may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus brought healing and wholeness to those in need...

We pray; may we be more like Jesus.

Jesus hungered and thirsted for righteousness...

We pray; may we be more like Jesus.

Words of Encouragement

Pastor James

Beloved, through the love shown to us by Jesus, we can be sure that we are God's children now. The Spirit of Christ is among us in this gathering, and the nature of Christ is revealed within us. We are becoming more and more like Christ each day. Therefore, let us live joyfully as God's people, saints and instruments of God's way.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace

Now as people who are loved deeply and accepted fully, let us offer one another the Peace of Christ.

Great Thanksgiving

Pastor James

This is the table of Jesus Christ. All who love Him, who seek to follow in His ways, and who long to share in the communion of saints, both those who have gone before and those yet to come, are welcome here. On this All-Saints' Sunday, we gather with the great cloud of witnesses with apostles and martyrs, prophets and teachers, our mothers and fathers in the faith, and all the faithful who now rest in God's eternal peace. Together, we remember that we are one body, united in Christ through every time and place.

The Lord be with you!

And also, with you!

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should always and everywhere give thanks and praise to You, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Mindy Harrington: In love, you formed us in Your image in mercy, you redeemed us through Jesus Christ. You surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, those who have loved You and taught us to love. Those who have shown us faith in word and deed. Those who rest now from their labors.

And so, with all the saints of every time and place, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we lift our hearts in joyful praise:

All sing.

Santo, Santo, Santo!

(Sing first in Spanish, then in English)

Text and music: Anon., Argentina

The musical score is written for a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in 8/8 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the song, and the second system contains the second line. The lyrics are written below the staves, with Spanish lyrics on the top line and English lyrics on the bottom line. The music is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the text. Chord symbols (C, G7, F, Am) are placed above the staves to indicate the harmonic structure.

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

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

On the night in which He gave Himself up for us, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks to You, broke the bread, and gave it to His disciples, to his chosen family, saying: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

When the supper was over, He took the cup, gave thanks to You, and gave it to His disciples, to his chosen family, saying:

"Drink from this, all of you; this is the cup of the new covenant, it is my love poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

John DiNapoli: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor James: Pour out Your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and cup. Make them be for us the encouragement so that we may be for the world the light and love Christ, redeemed by our faith in Him.

Renew Your church, O God, in the communion of all the saints, those we have named in our hearts today, and those known only to You. Bind us together in Your love, until we feast at the heavenly banquet in Your eternal kingdom.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is Yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. Let us pray the prayer that Christ taught us:

The Prayer of Jesus

Pastor James

Great Spirit, 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

Communion Invitation

Pastor James

Because there is one loaf, we, though we are many, are one body; for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ. The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the love of Christ. Come, for all things are now ready.

Here at Bloom in the Desert, we fully understand that this is not our table but God's table. At God's table everyone, everyone, everyone is welcome. We will serve by intinction; the ushers will invite you to come forward cupping your hands together. I will place the bread in your hands for you to dip into the cup to take both elements at the same time. If you wish for us to serve you where you are, just remain seated and we will come to you. Friends, God has prepared the table, now all you have to do is come.

Now, I invite you to stand as you are able as we sing our final hymn: "My Hope Is Built."

Pastor James

Sending Hymn

My Hope Is Built

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1. My hope is built on noth - ing less than
 2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face, I
 3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup -
 4. When he shall come with trum - pet sound, O

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness. I dare not trust the
 rest on his un - chang - ing grace. In ev - ery high and
 port me in the whelm - ing flood. When all a - round my
 may I then in him be found! Dressed in his righ - teous -

sweet - est frame, but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
 storm - y gale, my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
 soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
 ness a - lone, fault - less to stand be - fore the throne!

Refrain
 On Christ the sol - id rock I stand, all oth - er ground is
 sink - ing sand; all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

WORDS: Edward Mote, 1834
 MUSIC: William B. Bradbury, 1863

THE SOLID ROCK
 LM with Refrain

Benediction

Pastor James

Postlude "Have Thine Own Way Lord" by George Stebbins. Arr. Jennifer Cook Malcolm Swan, piano

Congregational Life Announcements

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

--Thank you, **Wayne Sinclair, Bill Phelps Ramos, Loretta Martin and Charlie Phelps-Ramos** for taking part in today's service.

--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, **Megan** and **Jack Cassette** for welcoming us this morning.

--Thank you to **Logan Bakomitros** and **Michael Broderick** 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 **Nancy Nunan** in gratitude for Bloom.

--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: 54 --Children: 0 --First Timers: 0

--- Facebook Live Views: 14

Sunday Offerings

Pledges \$1,317 Plate Loose: \$215 Online: \$1,686

Permanence Fund: \$0 Cumulative: \$392,632

Neighbors in Need \$20

The Common English Bible and the **Revised Common Lectionary** are the usual references for Sunday morning scripture readings.

Automne, by Cecile Chaminade

Autumn Leaves, by Malcolm Swan.

Shining Smile, by Yiruma

Have Thine Own Way, Lord, by George Stebbins. Arranged by Jennifer Cook

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 November 12 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 February 16 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 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

Education Ministry

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Discussing: "A Complaint Free World: Stop Complaining and Start Living" 2024 by [Will Bowen](#)

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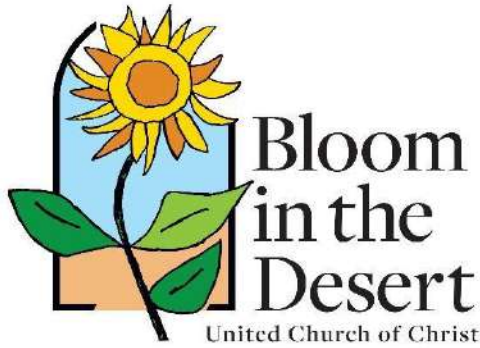
Social Action and Missions Ministry

--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 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.

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.
- Laundry Love** – Third Wednesday of each month at Wash Time at Sunrise and Vista Chino 5:30 to 9:30pm

**You are welcome to take this bulletin with you for reflection or
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Our Vision

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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

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Bloom Happenings This Week						
Monday Nov 3	Tuesday Nov 4	Wednesday Nov 5	Thursday Nov 6	Friday Nov 7	Saturday Nov 8	Sunday Nov 9
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 Bloom Book Group meets on Zoom	10:45am – 1:00pm Lunch for our unhoused neighbors served at Our Lady of Guadalupe	10:45am – 1:00pm Lunch served at Our Lady of Solitude	10:45am – 1:00pm Lunch served at Our Lady of Guadalupe		10:am Sunday Service at Demuth and on Facebook Live

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

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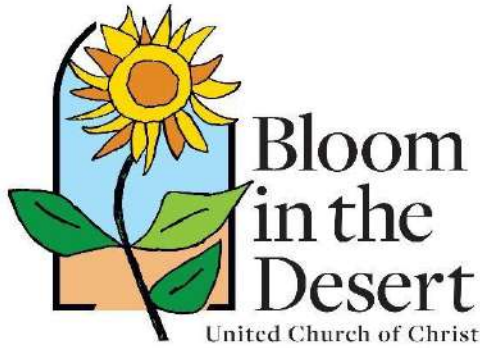
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