

# *The Church of the Palms*

In Sun City, Arizona

40 years of engaging and equipping glad and generous followers of Christ.

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July 25, 2010

10 A.M.

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\*Congregation standing, as able

No matter who you are, or where you are  
on life's journey, you are welcome here.

## **CALL to WORSHIP**

Pastor Silvester

**PRELUDE** *I Love To Tell The Story* (Fischer, arr. Lau) Linda McClentic, pianist

## **OPENING SENTENCES**

Barb Hartley

**\*HYMN No. 5** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

## **OPENING PRAYER & Silent Prayer**

*(after the spoken prayer, continue silently)*

[seated] **RESPONSE** Stanza #1 of No. 4

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning  
our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

## **The SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 11:1-13 (The Message)

One day he was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said, "Master, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." So he said, "When you pray, say:

Father, reveal who you are. Set the world right. Keep us alive with three square meals. Keep us forgiven with you by forgiving others. Keep us safe from ourselves and the Evil One."

Then he said, "Imagine what would happen if you went to a friend in the middle of the night and said, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread. An old friend traveling through just showed up, and I don't have a thing on hand.'

"The friend answers from his bed, 'Don't bother me. The door's locked; my children are all down for the night; I can't get up to give you anything.'

"But let me tell you, even if he won't get up because he's a friend, if you stand your ground, knocking and waking all the neighbors, he'll finally get up and get you whatever you need.

"Here's what I'm saying: Ask and you'll receive; seek and you'll find; knock and the door will open to you. Don't bargain with God. Be direct. Ask for what you need. This is not a cat-and-mouse, hide-and-seek game we're in. If your little boy asks for a serving of fish, do you scare him with a live snake on his plate? If your little girl asks for an egg, do you trick her with a scorpion? As bad as you are, you wouldn't think of such a thing—you're at least decent to your own children. And don't you think the Father who created you for love will give the Holy Spirit when you ask?"

**SPECIAL MUSIC** *This Is My Father's World* (Sheppard, arr. Lau)

Linda McClentic, Pianist

**PASTORAL PRAYER & Lord's Prayer** ["debts" and "debtors"]

## **OFFERING of Gifts and Tithes**

Our Life Together:

Offertory *'Tis The Gift To Be Simple* (Shaker Melody, arr. Lau)

\*Doxology and Prayer of Thanksgiving

[seated] **HYMN No. 575** *Come and Find the Quiet Center*

## **MESSAGE**

"Thick, Sweet Coffee for One"

Pastor Len Silvester

**\*HYMN No. 579** *Standing in the Need of Prayer*

## **\*BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE: No. 452, refrain— *Here I am, Lord*

Here I am, Lord; is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**\*POSTLUDE** *How Majestic Is Your Name* (Smith, arr. Bock)

Having you worship God with us is a delight. If you can, join us after the service in King Hall for conversation and refreshment.

~ ~ . . . *Announcing* . . . ~ ~

- ✚ **SUNDAY SERIES BEGINS NEXT WEEK:** Join Pastor Len in King Hall at 8:45 for three Sundays (8/1,8,15) for “Issues with Immigration” as we explore some biblical and cultural considerations. All points of view will be shared ... and treated with respect.
- ✚ **THIS WEDNESDAY’S PALMS CINEMA** presents *Sherlock Holmes*, the 2009 blockbuster hit in which you can match wits and wit with Sherlock and his trusty sidekick, Dr. Watson. It is rated PG-13. Bring your friends ... the refreshments are included in the non-existent price!
- ✚ **ONE IN SPIRIT, ONE IN SONG** is TODAY from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. at **Lakeview Methodist Church!** We will sing for an hour or so, then enjoy each other and refreshments for a few minutes. And ... free!
- ✚ **SUMMER SUNDAY BUS:** Call June Taylor at **933-8425** for a ride to church. You will be contacted before Sunday with an approximate time. Invite your friends to join you, as well! (Contact the church office if you are unable to reach June.)
- ✚ **THE NEXT 5<sup>TH</sup> FRIDAY OPEN MIC AND BARBECUE** will be **this Friday**, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. in King Hall. This event is for amateurs from the community to show their *hidden* talents. Please spread the word. Sign up in the Event Book in the Narthex. A donation basket will be out to help with expenses.
- ✚ Are you receiving the weekly emailed **PALMS UPDATE** each Thursday? If not, email us ([office@thepalms.org](mailto:office@thepalms.org)) and we will add you to the list. Each update has important news about people and events. (Pick up a printed copy today in the table in the entry area.)

~ ~ *Our Life Together This Week* ~ ~

BR=Board Room KH=King Hall SA=Sanctuary

- TODAY – JULY 25** FOOD COLLECTION  
8:50 a.m. “From the Book of Questions” Group (KH)  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service (SA)  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship (KH)  
Blood Pressure Screening (Library)
- TUESDAY – JULY 27**  
9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting
- WEDNESDAY – JULY 28**  
9:00 a.m. Music for Summer Fun (Music Room)  
2 & 6 p.m. Movie: *Sherlock Holmes* (KH)
- FRIDAY – JULY 30**  
6:00 p.m. **5<sup>th</sup> Friday BBQ & Open Mic** (KH)
- SATURDAY – JULY 31**  
9:00 a.m. Diaconate Meeting
- NEXT SUNDAY – AUGUST 1** HOLY COMMUNION  
8:45 a.m. Issues in Immigration #1 w/Pastor Len (KH)  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service (SA)  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship (KH)

### **WELCOME BAGS FOR NEW NEIGHBORS**

The Board of Evangelism has 15 attractive “comma” bags available ... first come, first served ... which can be given as welcome gifts to people moving into your neighborhood. They are a well-received way to say, “I would love to have you visit my church.” Check the bulletin boards or the visitors’ table for more information.

*We give thanks for those who serve us today:*

**SERVICE LEADER:** Barb Hartley

**GREETERS:** Al and Ann Kovacs, Shirley Hochstein

**USHERS:** Shirley Jesberg, Jim Chaffee, Diane Worth, Helen Healy,  
Captain: John Riederer

**FELLOWSHIP HOSTS:** Shirley Spotts, Margorie Mohn, Ruth Skarr

**AT THE VISITORS' INFORMATION TABLE:** Gloria Peterson, Charlotte Harger

**WELCOM-IN' WAGON DRIVER TODAY:** Ron Klemm

**VALETS:** Roy Spaulding and Harold Thiedeman

**BUS DRIVERS:** Ron and Linda Kehl

**THE FLOWERS** this morning are given by **Jane Ferguson** for her mother,  
and from **George and Janice Robertson** in honor of their 67<sup>th</sup>  
wedding anniversary today!

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As part of the Sun City Ecumenical Prayer Cycle, we join eleven other  
Sun City congregations today in praying for the ministries,  
and those who minister, in **St. Clement of Rome**.  
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### The COVENANT of this Church

*(We invite you to sign our Covenant Book in the Narthex  
this morning, thus taking the first step in membership.)*

In the love of truth and the spirit of Jesus,  
we covenant together, with each other and with God,  
to seek to walk in his ways, known or to be made known to us:  
joining in worship, seeking to responsibly serve the mission of the church,  
growing in our understanding of the faith, being mindful of the spirit of  
historic Christianity and of God's continued guidance. [adopted 1969]

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