

# *The Church of the Palms*

In Sun City, Arizona

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

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February 5, 2012

10 A.M.

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\*Congregation standing, as able  
**Please silence your cell phone**

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

## **Chimes & CALLS to WORSHIP**

Spoken: From Psalm 147

Pastor Len Silvester

Organ: *Cantabile* (Knecht)

Linda McClellent

Choral: *Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying*

Sanctuary Choir

## **OPENING SENTENCES** (from Psalm 147)

Beryl Cropley

LEADER: How good it is to sing praises to our God,

PEOPLE: **For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting!**

LEADER: God heals the broken-hearted and binds up our wounds.

PEOPLE: **Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving!**

## **\*HYMN No. 97** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

## **OPENING PRAYER** [together] and **Silent Prayer**

**Spirit of God, holy breath, blow in our lives today. Clear away the cobwebs of lost opportunities, unopened gifts, and closed hearts. Cleanse and renew us to better follow Jesus and serve others. We ask this in the name of Jesus, in whose name we gather and open ourselves to you ... (continue in silence)**

RESPONSE No. 49 (sung by all)

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung!**

**Let God the Spirit free each tongue!**

(women) **Alleluia!** (men) **Alleluia!**

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## **The SCRIPTURE LESSON** Mark 1:29-39

**ANTHEM** *This Is My Story, This Is My Song* (Besig)

Sanctuary Choir

## **The MESSAGE**

Saved to Serve

Pastor Len

[seated] **HYMN of the Month No. 514** *God Who Touches Earth*

## **PASTORAL PRAYER** and Lord's Prayer ("debtors" and "debtors")

RESPONSE: No. 339— *Just As I Am*

**Just as I am though tossed about**

**with many a conflict, many a doubt.**

**Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

## **The OFFERING of Gifts and Tithes**

Our Life Together

Offertory *Morning Has Broken* (arr. Wilson)

\*Response sung by all:

**This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! ... (3 times)**

**Let it shine! Let it shine! Let it shine!**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

## **\*HYMN No. 458** *Ours the Journey*

## **\*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**

*Nachspiel* (Bruchner)

## What's Going On Around Here?

-  **MEMORIAL SERVICES:** The service for *Marian James* will be here today at 2 p.m., and the service for *Mary Siket* has been set for Wednesday, February 15, at 11:00 a.m.
-  **DREAM WORKSHOPS:** The **DREAM** Make a Difference team has been preparing three sessions for us to be informed about this important matter affecting scores of young adults. The first session will be **this Wednesday** at 6:30 p.m. in King Hall!
-  The **FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST** — Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> at 8 a.m. in King Hall. Rusty Babbitt will offer his famous beer batter pancakes... and George Wall will talk about and show pictures from his bird-watching safari to Kenya last year. *Sign up today!*
-  **COTTAGE MEETINGS COMING IN MARCH:** *Our goal is to have 150 of us participate.* Sign up soon for one of these small-group sessions with Pastor Len—where *he* listens to us.
-  **FAIR TRADE PRODUCT SALES** will return for purchase in King Hall after worship service next Sunday. The sales benefit farmers in third-world countries with living wages in return for fresh, top-quality products.
-  **SOUP N' TROUPE FEB. 15<sup>th</sup>:** Come for a soup supper at 5 p.m. in King Hall followed by The Stone Soup Troupe's new program at 5:45! No ticket charge... but sign-ups are needed! The sheet is out today!
-  **LUNCH WITH LEN – BEATITUDES CAMPUS OF CARE:** The bus leaves on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:45 a.m. for a **\*free\*** bus ride and a **\*free\*** lunch on the BCOC in Phoenix! You will have an opportunity to learn, compare, and enjoy! Sign up this morning.
-  **NEW MEMBERS:** Our next group will be welcomed on Feb. 26<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to begin the process by signing our Covenant Book today.

## Our Life Together This Week

BR=BOARD ROOM MR=MUSIC ROOM KH=KING HALL SA=SANCTUARY

### **SUNDAY** – FEBRUARY 5

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Discussion Group (KH)  
9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up (SA)  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service (SA)  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Conversation (KH)  
2:00 p.m. **Marian James Memorial Service (SA)**

### **MONDAY** – FEBRUARY 6

- 12:30 p.m. The Stone Soup Troupe Rehearsal (KH)

### **TUESDAY** – 7 FEBRUARY 7

- 9:00 a.m. Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)  
10:00 a.m. Inchworm Bible Study (BR)  
10:30 a.m. Vital Signs (Cindy's Office)  
5:00 p.m. Home Bible Study (Lois Levering's Home)

### **WEDNESDAY** – FEBRUARY 8

- 9:00 p.m. Women's Service Project (BR)  
12:30 p.m. The Stone Soup Troupe (KH)  
1:00 p.m. Lydia Circle (BR)  
6:30 p.m. **DREAM Act Forum #1 (KH)**

### **THURSDAY** – FEBRUARY 9

- 9:00 a.m. Caregiver's Support Group (Cindy's Office)  
9:00 a.m. Board of Evangelism (BR)  
11:00 a.m. The Challenge of Jesus (KH)  
1 & 6 p.m. Movie: "Something Wicked This Way Comes" (KH)  
3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (MR)

### **FRIDAY** – FEBRUARY 10

- 10:30 a.m. Prime Hospice Grief Group (Cindy's Office)  
1:30 p.m. Wii Bowling (KH)

### **SATURDAY** – FEBRUARY 11

- 9:30 a.m. The Stone Soup Troupe Rehearsal (KH)

### **SUNDAY** – FEBRUARY 12 – FAIR TRADE PRODUCTS AVAILABLE

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday Discussion Group (KH)  
9:15 a.m. Choir Warm-up (SA)  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service (SA)  
11:00 a.m. Fellowship and Conversation (KH)

*We give thanks for those who serve today:*

**WELCOM-IN' WAGON DRIVER:** Ron Kehl

**DOOR GREETERS:** Jim and Eona Schulz, Wilma Berry

**VISITORS' TABLE HOST:** Joni Babbitt

**USHERS:** Jim Chaffee, David McCartney, Shirley Spotts,  
Warren and Judy Pinter; Lynn Jacobson, captain

**KING HALL HOSPITALITY:** Terry Starr, Ron and Sharon Klemm;  
Holly Curtis, coordinator

**VALETS:** Harold Thiedeman and Roy Spaulding

**BUS TEAM:** Harold and Carol Field

**THE FLOWERS** blessing the sanctuary today are given  
by Dan and Irene Kozlowski in memory of Dan's parents  
and sister: Felix, Aniela and Stella Kozlowski.

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We join our **ecumenical partners** in praying this week for the ministries  
and people of St. Christopher's Episcopal Church.

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**Mark 1:29-39**

As soon as Jesus left the meeting place with James and John, they went home with Simon and Andrew. When they got there, Jesus was told that Simon's mother-in-law was sick in bed with fever. Jesus went to her. He took hold of her hand and helped her up. The fever left her, and she served them a meal.

That evening after sunset, all who were sick or had demons in them were brought to Jesus. In fact, the whole town gathered around the door of the house. Jesus healed all kinds of terrible diseases and forced out a lot of demons. But the demons knew who he was, and he did not let them speak.

Very early the next morning, Jesus got up and went to a place where he could be alone and pray. Simon and the others started looking for him. And when they found him, they said, "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus replied, "We must go to the nearby towns, so that I can tell the good news to those people. This is why I have come."

Then Jesus went to Jewish meeting places everywhere in Galilee, where he preached and forced out demons.

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