COMMUNITY LIFE UMC CELEBRATES
DISABILITY AWARENESS SUNDAY

On August 4, 2019, Community Life UMC in Gulf Breeze, FL celebrated Disability Awareness Sunday. Members of the Encircle Life Ministry (https://www.clc.life/encircle/) participated as volunteers in all aspects of the worship service.

Persons were greeted at the doors and welcomed by several Encircle Life members. Others helped by giving out church bulletins and lots of smiles! There was an information table where members distributed brochures and answered questions about their Sunday class, dances and movies as well as other community opportunities including Miracle League Softball, and the Arc Gateway adult day program and employment services.

In the worship service, the Lord’s Prayer was led by one of the Encircle members. Three talented musicians shared their gifts of singing and playing guitar alongside the CLC worship band. Several persons assisted with the offering and others participated as communion stewards. Everyone was touched as a result of including these special individuals. And since that Sunday, several enthusiastic Encircle members are continuing to serve by greeting and assisting with offering.

Guest speaker, Rev. Mark Ehrlichmann, spoke about being “just as I am,” and shared his hope for everyone to experience Ephphatha (Mark 7:34) - to be open in our heart, mind and soul. Pastor Scott Veroneau concluded that CLUMC not only offers a ministry for persons with disabilities, but an opportunity to be in ministry with them.

You can view the message here: https://www.clc.life/Wilderness/