

The Church of the Red Rocks

United Church of Christ

Inspired by God's grace we love and welcome all, serve all and seek justice for all.

March 12, 2023 — The Third Sunday in Lent – Year A
9:30AM

Welcome to all - those who are present in the sanctuary, our guests and visitors, and also those who are joining us, via livestream on Facebook and on our YouTube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/@churchoftheredrocks>. When you worship with CRR, you are “at home.” We pray you will experience the presence of the Holy Spirit, during this time of worship. If you would like to receive information about CRR please be certain we have your email address. Let us know if you have questions or needs.

To ponder as we gather:

“Water does not resist. Water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stand against it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away a stone. Remember that, my child. Remember you are half water. If you can't go through an obstacle, go around it. Water does.” — Margaret Atwood

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

“Through a Window”

Michael Hoppé

Greeting & Welcome

Pastor Marvin Morgan

One: Whoever you are or where ever you are on life's journey...

All: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Gathering Hymn

“Glorious Things of You Are Spoken”

Hymnal #307 vs. 1&2

Call to Worship

Larry Peterson

One: God of sea and sky, you keep the earth flourishing.

All: We come before you weary from traveling through barren lands.

One: Holy One, you give water that sustains body and spirit.

All: You hydrate us when we ourselves are dry and barren.

One: Miracle Worker, you caused a rock to crack and bring forth water.

All: Crack our hearts open and let your love flow from them like an ever-flowing spring.

Invocation

Larry Peterson

All: Dear God, we are thankful for who you are and all that you are. We hunger and thirst for your presence in this time of worship. We take joy in knowing that you are as close to us as our next breath. May we be filled to overflowing with your love. Amen

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

Larry Peterson

All: Ever-present God, we confess that sometimes we question whether you are among us or not. Sometimes we quarrel with you when we are tested. These are the moments when our need for transformation is most urgent. You are gracious in looking beyond our faults to see our needs. Thank you for your immeasurable grace. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Pastor Morgan

New mercies are granted daily and every day we have an opportunity to be changed forever and for good.

All: Thanks be to God

Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Exodus 17:1-7

Barbara Peterson

New Testament Reading

John 4:5-42

Pastor Morgan

Anthem

"Lamb of God"

Twila Paris, arr. Craig Courtney

Evan Braun, Guest Director Ruth Solion, oboe

Message

TBA

Pastor Morgan

Responding with Prayer and Generosity

Prayers of the People

Pastor Morgan

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Morgan

God gives of Godself freely, so let us give freely to God. Let us bring gifts that sustain the life of the kin-dom. And may our shared resources be more than enough.

Offertory

"Grace"

Michael Hoppé

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. A-men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Morgan

Fount of Blessing, receive our gifts in the joy that we give them. Be it time, tithe, or talent, it all comes from you. Thank you for blessing us to be a blessing to you and each other. Amen.

Departing to Serve ... with God's Kind of Love

***Sending Hymn**

"Lift High the Cross"

Hymnal # 198 vs. 1&5

***Blessing**

Pastor Morgan

As you depart this space remember that the God who caused water to flow from a rock is the same God who walks with you. Go forth with the assurance that in the midst of a chaotic world something good can happen and something good will happen. Amen.

Postlude

"Love is the Answer"

Michael Hoppé

*When our worship is over, our service begins.
In Jesus' name, go and serve the world God loves.*

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Our church families pray for each other: Please pray for:

Bunny A., Elaine G., Iris K., Sue L., Barb M., Martha T., Pat W., Jed S., Chase J., Arlene P., Jack K.,
Sonja O., Roswita N., Iris K., Antonia S. and Scott K.

If you or someone you love would like to be added to The Prayer Circle please let the office know.
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Time and Talent Surveys:

Would you like to know more about one or more volunteer opportunities through CRR? Please indicate (no commitment implied!) on the survey cards and deposit it in the offering basket as you leave.

WEEKLY:

Monday: Knitting Into the Mystery at CRR 1PM
Tuesday: Bible study at Sedona Winds, in the Library 11 AM
Thursday: Adult Bible Study at CRR 1PM, Bell Choir practice 1-3 PM
Friday: Yin Yoga at CRR 9AM, EDGE (hybrid) 10:15AM

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:

1st Monday of the Month: Game ON! at CRR 1-3PM
2nd & 4th Mondays- Men's Breakfast 8AM

JOIN US! 2nd Sunday Lunch- March 12th after service

The Transition Team is hosting "Connecting Conversations" small groups at the church on March 15 at 10am and March 23 at 1pm.

And there will be meetings in people's homes on March 2 at 10am, March 7 at 10am, March 14 at 10am, March 29 at 1pm and March 30 at 10am.

**SAVE THE DATE! JOIN US FOR AN AMAZING MUSICAL PERFORMANCE:
MICHAEL HOPPE IN CONCERT NEXT SUNDAY 3/19 @ 2PM**

We regret to inform you that three of our beloved church members died on Monday, March 6, 2023.

Hiltrud (Trudi) Slipher, a member since 12/12/10

**Richard (Dick) Arlan Roberts
(spouse: Barb Roberts), an associate member since 12/12/10**

Iris Joan Kraus, a member since 6/2/13

May they rest in God's eternal peace



THE CHURCH of the RED ROCKS UCC

An Open and Affirming / Stephen Ministry Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Marvin Morgan, Interim Pastor [PastorMorgan@churchoftheredrocks.com]

The Rev. Dr. George Ault, Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Ryan Holder, Director of Music Suzanne Moore, Organist/Pianist

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Current Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday 9AM- 5PM

**additional hours on Saturday and/or Sunday (as needed)*

Pastoral Counseling by appointment please call the office

Week-At-A-Glance at CRR

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
HandBells Performance 9:30 AM	<i>Lenten discussion 10AM</i>	Men's Brkfst 8AM	<i>FIAM 10 AM</i>	Adult Bible Study 1PM	<i>Yin Yoga 9AM PCH</i>	
Micahel Hoppé 2PM	<i>DAR 10:30 AM</i>	GOCOM 9:30 AM	<i>FEAM 3:30 PM</i>	<i>Bells 1:30-3pm</i>	<i>EDGE 10:15 Zoom</i>	
	<i>Knitting into the Mystery 1PM</i>	<i>*Sedona Winds Bible Study 11am</i>	<i>Barbershop 5-7pm</i>	<i>T Team 3pm</i>		

* indicates events NOT @ CRR



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