

# 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 26, 2023 — The Fifth 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:

*"I took a deep breath and listened to the old brag of my heart. I am, I am, I am."*

Sylvia Plath

### Gathering for Worship

**Prelude**

*"My Faith Looks Up"*

Fred Bock

**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**

*"I Greet You, Lord"*

Hymnal #251 vs. 1,3,5

**Call to Worship**

Gary Lesslie

One: Dear God, Breath of Life, you animate us.

**All: We come before you seeking revival from within.**

One: When you speak, great things happen.

**All: Empower us to make great things happen.**

One: You bring good things to life.

**All: Grant that we may bring good things to life also.**

**Invocation**

Gary Lesslie

One: Let us pray.

**All: Giver of Life, come and revive us again. Imbue us with your spirit that our souls may be filled with joy. We come boldly that you might breathe on us. May what we experience in your presence this day, change our lives forever. Amen.**

**Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Gary Lesslie

Dear God, we confess that sometimes in our brokenness, we cause brokenness in others. Sometimes in our woundedness, we wound others, in return. In these despairing moments, we need healing and restoration. We give thanks that we are never beyond your reach or grace. Amen.

**Assurance of Grace** Pastor Morgan  
God's mercy makes wholeness possible and our wholeness is rooted in becoming the living sanctuaries, we are meant to be.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Reading from the Hebrew Bible** Ezekiel 37:1-14 Gary Lesslie  
**New Testament Reading** John 11:1-45 Pastor Morgan  
**Anthem** "The Old Rugged Cross" Mary McDonald  
**Message** A Message in These Bones Pastor Morgan

**Responding with Prayer and Generosity**

**Prayers of the People** Pastor Morgan  
**Invitation to Generosity** Pastor Morgan  
God is the source of all we have. Let us give generously so every need will be met.

**Offertory** "I Believe" Shirl & Stillman

**\*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  
Dear God, you who sustain us without end, receive the gifts we offer, on this day. May they be used not only to support our ministries but also to revive and restore those with the greatest needs. Amen.

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

**\*Sending Hymn** "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" Hymnal #197 vs. 1,3,4  
**\*Blessing** Pastor Morgan  
As we go our separate ways, remember that God has placed God's Spirit within us. Go forth centered in God and may God be centered in you.  
**All: Amen!**

**Postlude** "Psalm XVIII" Marcello-Purvis

*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., Sue L., Barb M., Martha T., Pat W., Jed S., Chase J., Arlene P.,  
Jack K., Sonja O., Roswita N., 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 1:30-3 PM
- Friday: Yin Yoga at CRR 9AM, EDGE (hybrid) 10:15AM

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:**

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

*The Transition Team is hosting "Connecting Conversations" small groups at the church and there will be meetings in people's homes on March 29 at 1pm and March 30 at 10am.*

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO DONATE!**



**OFFERING DATE:  
MARCH 19, 2023**

PLEASE INDICATE "OGHS" ON YOUR CHECK MEMO WHEN MAKING YOUR OFFERING. THANK YOU!



**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>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Sunday</i>
<i>Knitting into the Mystery 1PM</i>	<i>PEO 1PM</i>  <i>*Sedona Winds Bible Study 11am</i>	<i>Barbershop 5-7pm</i>	<i>Adult Bible Study 1PM</i>  <i>Bells 1:30-3pm</i>  <i>T Team 3pm</i>	<i>Yin Yoga 9AM PCH</i>  <i>EDGE 10:15AM Zoom</i>	<i>April 1st</i>	<i>Palm Sunday</i>

\* indicates events NOT @ CRR



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