

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

May 28, 2023 – Year A
9:30AM

Pacific Islander and Asian American Ministries Month and Pentecost
“Flow Out from Within”

Welcome to all - those who are present in the sanctuary, our guests and visitors, and those who are joining us via livestream on Facebook and on our new YouTube site: <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:

[Today's worship service is partially based on a Samoan Order of Worship written by Rev. Mikey Kelemete, Senior Pastor of Faaaliga o le Alofa (Vision of Grace) Church in Las Vegas, Nevada, affiliated with both the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa (Ekalesia Faapotopotoga Kerisiano Amerika Samoa) and the United Church of Christ and Rev. Samuelu “Sam” Tialavea, Associate Pastor of Faaaliga o le Alofa. Pastor Sam also serves as secretary for United Samoan Ministries of the UCC.] If you would like to see what worship in a Samoan church in the USA looks like? Visit them on Facebook: (20+) FAAALIGA O LE ALOFA - VISION OF GRACE CHURCH in Las Vegas, NV USA |Facebook

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”

Cindy Berry

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

“Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

Hymnal #267

Passing of the Peace

(Rather than shaking hands, we invite you to please touch the shoulder of those you greet.) This morning, we invite you to greet one another with the simple Samoan greeting “**Talofa lava!**” The word talofa comes from an old Samoan phrase, “si o ta alofa” which means, “my love for you”.

Pastor: Talofa lava.

All: And Talofa lava, also!

Call to Worship

Pam Moore

One: When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place.

All: Today, followers of the Way gather in many places,

One: From Jerusalem to Galilee, from Pago Pago to Apia.

All: From Rome to Arabia, from Sedona to Cleveland.

One: God's Spirit still blows like a mighty wind

All: Breathing new life into the sails of our canoes.

One: God's Spirit still burns like tongues of flame

All: Dancing over the heads of our "TOH-ah" (which means "brave ones").

One: God's Spirit still flows like currents of living water

All: Connecting hearts and islands of all believers.

One: Praise God! [vee-EE-ah leh ah-TOO-ah]

All: Viia le Atua! Let us worship God, from whom all life's blessings flow!

Invocation (In Unison)

Pam Moore

One: Let us pray.

All: O Holy Spirit, come and blow through this gathering space as Mighty Wind, as you did with the apostles at the beginning of the Church. Pour your Spirit upon us all, both colonized and colonizer, of all ages, all genders, to speak your words, see your vision, dream your dreams toward your great and glorious day when everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved. Flow like rivers of living water from the hearts of believers through the songs of praise, words of worship, and prayers of devotion. Amene!

Prayer for Transformation

Pam Moore

One: Let us unite our voices in the Prayer for Transformation.

All: Dear God, le Atua e [leh ah-TOO-ah eh] God of oceans and land and all life contained therein. You created this world by the power of your word. By your own hands and breath, you formed humankind in every conceivable shade of brown. You gave us islands and continents as a gift and charged us to be the stewards of what you have made. Creator God, we have failed you and abused your gift to us. We have offended you and defiled your creation, including seeing fellow human beings as being less than created in your very image. Forgive us for betraying your trust. Forgive us for our greed and arrogance. Hear the cries of islands drowning in the rising seas, as oceans rise with the melting of the ice. Hear the cries of our world in distress through storms and droughts. God of Life, heal your wounded earth. Embolden us to choose the path that leads to life. so that we may renew your Shalom in land, sea, and sky. This we ask in the name of the one who came that we may have life in abundance, your Son, our Savior Jesus the Christ. Amene.

Words of Grace

Pastor Morgan

God's love does not belong to one person or group of people. God's love and forgiveness is available to all, even those who do not ask for it. You can also be agents of God's love and healing, so let us strive to receive and give this gift of God's restoration of Creation. Be God's love and healing for all people and the whole planet.

All: Thanks be to God!

Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

Reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 2:1-21

Pam Moore

Gospel Reading

John 7:37-39

Pastor Morgan

Meditation Hymn

"Spirit of the Living God"

Hymnal #283

Message

Meaning of Pentecost for Those of Us Who Were Not There

Pastor Morgan

Anthem

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

arr. Moses Hogan

Responding with Prayer and Generosity

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Morgan

We come in thanksgiving for God's great faithfulness and abiding presence. We come responding with generosity for kingdom building and to be avenues of God's provisions.

Offertory

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

Doris Akers

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all creatures here below; Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter; One God, Triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastor Morgan

Heavenly God, even as the first believers did in the early church, we lay our gifts at the feet of the apostles. May these gifts support the ministry of our congregation as well as strengthen the wider United Church of Christ and ecclesial partner, the Congregational Christian Church of American Samoa, as well as the whole of the Samoan ecclesial family here and everywhere. Give our leaders gifts of discernment for wisest possible use of these resources which we dedicate to you today. Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto you!

All: Amen.

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

***Sending Hymn**

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

Hymnal #286

***Blessing**

Pastor Morgan

Dear Sisters and Brothers, God's Holy Spirit goes with you, blows with you, and flows with you. So let us be as "Vai Ola," (Living Water), flowing from within this worship service out to a thirsty world.

All: 'Āmene (Amen)

Postlude

"Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling"

Wilbur Held

*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., and Antonia S.

If you or someone you love would like to be added to The Prayer Circle please let the office know.

Purple Prayer Cards are located behind each pew. Please feel free to fill one out and drop it in a basket or give it to one of the ushers. God Bless!

Prayer requests may also be added to the Church of the Red Rocks Prayer Wall at:
<https://churchoftheredrocks.com> **under the heading "About Us"**



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
- Friday: Yin Yoga at CRR 9AM, EDGE (hybrid) 10:15AM

NOTICE OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

Please, mark your calendars for Sunday, June 11, 2023.

Your Church Council has called a Congregational meeting to take place immediately following worship service this morning. The subject of this meeting will be to discuss and then vote on the sale of the lower parking lot to the City of Sedona. Your Church Council encourages you to attend and participate in this significant event in the life of the Church of the Red Rocks.

THE CHURCH of the RED ROCKS UCC

An Open and Affirming / Stephen Ministry Congregation

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

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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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Knitting into the Mystery 1PM	*Sedona Winds	Faith In Action Meeting 11AM	Adult Bible Study 1PM	EDGE 10:15 AM Zoom	
	Memorial Day	Bible Study 11AM	Barbershop 5-7PM	Transition Team 3PM		

* indicates events NOT @ CRR



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