

# 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.*

July 9, 2023

Year A- Sixth Sunday After Pentecost

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. 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.

\*= congregation standing in body or in spirit

### Gathering for Worship

#### Prelude

*"O Rest In the Lord"*

Felix Mendelsohn

#### Greeting & Welcome

Rev. Len Silvester

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

**All: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!**

#### Gathering Hymn

*"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"*

Hymnal #73

#### Call to Worship (from Psalm 145)

Pam Moore

One: God is gracious and filled with compassion, slow to anger, and kind beyond words.

**ALL: God loves everyone; God's compassion bathes the whole created order.**

One: All your works praise you, O God, and your faithful people bless your name.

**ALL: God upholds those who fall, and lifts up those who are bowed down.**

#### \*Invocation (together)

Pam Moore

O God of everything, everywhere, who is glorified in the wisdom of children—the experts of presence and play: May we awaken your humble heart in ours. May we experience both weariness and your love, at the exact same time, in this moment. May we consider all you've tried to show, give, or say to us for which we weren't yet ready. Yoke our spirits with yours, to share in the Good News that revives every living thing. In the spirit of Jesus, we are open to you: Amen.

#### Prayer for Transformation and New Life (seated, together)

Pam Moore

Holy One, always among us and within us, and yet often ignored as we are caught up in ourselves: I may not see you in the stranger on the street, or in the stranger within me—the one who does not do the things I want, but rather the things I hate. I sometimes prefer false certainty to the challenge of finding your truth. Despite our wearying wanderings, you lead us toward wholeness and peace. Transform us, O God, with the light-filled rhythms of grace and connection. Amen.

#### Words of Grace

Rev. Silvester

## Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

Meditation Hymn (seated)	<i>"Dear God, Embracing Humankind"</i>	Hymnal # 502, vs. 3,4,5
A Reading from the Epistles	Romans 7:15-25a	Pam Moore
*A Reading from the Gospels	Matthew 11:25-30	Rev. Silvester
Message	"Light Living in The Rhythms of Grace"	Rev. Silvester
Anthem	<i>"Come to Me and Rest"</i>	arr. Lloyd Larson

## Responding with Prayer and Generosity

Pastoral Prayer		Rev. Silvester
Invitation to Generosity		Rev. Silvester
Offertory	<i>"And Can It Be?"</i>	Campbell & Wesley
*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 (together)

In this we are not strangers to ourselves: We were designed to give, and in that giving to find life. Bless others through these gifts in ways we cannot imagine... in Jesus' name.

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

*Sending Hymn	<i>"I Would Be True"</i>	Hymnal #492
*Blessing		Rev. Silvester
Postlude	<i>"I Will Arise and Go To Jesus"</i>	arr. Penny Rodriguez

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

*Our guest today is the Rev. Len Silvester, who served as CRR's "Bridge" Pastor for three months prior to Pastor Morgan's arrival. He lives in Scottsdale with his wife, Liz, and their chihuahua mix, Olive Oyl.*

*'Retiring' in 2015, he has since served four interim and bridge settings. Len loves to travel, read, and play pickleball. He looks forward to greeting you this morning.*

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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., Antonia S., John L. and Marvin M.  
*If you or someone you love would like to be added to The Prayer Circle, please let the office know.*

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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

**MONTHLY ACTIVITIES:**

\*Many of our classes and meetings will **BE ON HAITUS** over the summer and will resume in September. Please see the calendar for current events and classes.

**THE CHURCH of the RED ROCKS UCC**

*An Open and Affirming / Stephen Ministry Congregation*

*Guest Pastor: Rev. Len Silvester*

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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KeliAnne Piscopo, Church Administrator

Pam Moore, Liturgist

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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>
Knitting into the Mystery 1PM	*Sedona Winds Bible Study 11AM	PPM 9 AM  WMM 1:30 PM  Barbershop 5-7PM	Adult Bible Study 1PM  T Team 3PM			

\* indicates events NOT @ CRR

