

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.

September 24, 2023
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
"Made Equal"

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.

To ponder as we gather:

"Resentment is like drinking poison and waiting for the other person to die." – Carrie Fisher

Gathering for Worship

Prelude *"Autumn of the Soul"* Barbara Boertje

Greeting & Welcome Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan

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

All: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!

Gathering Hymn *"We Have Met to Worship"* v. 1, 2, 3 see Bulletin - last page

Call to Worship (*Inspired by Psalm 145:1-8*) Len Barrow

One: Bless the name of our Holy and Sovereign God forever and ever!

All: Great is our God and greatly to be praised.

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All: This generation will tell the next generation so they may tell the next generation of God's magnificent and mighty acts.

One: Bless the name of our Holy and Sovereign God forever and ever!

All: We declare the abundant goodness, gracious righteousness, and holy love of our God. Praise be to God!

In vocation Len Barrow

One: Let us pray.

All: All Mighty God, we enter your presence with thanksgiving and hope. You have formed us as your people. You join us on the journey of life through valleys, upon mountains, and on the plains. We set our attention and seek your wisdom, encouragement, and grace. Reveal your will and display your glory among your people as we worship your holy name. Amen.

Prayer for Transformation and New Life Len Barrow

One: Please join in our Prayer for Transformation and New Life.

All: God of abundance, forgive us for embracing a worldview that capitalizes on scarcity. Help us to know that you have given us enough for our journey. You have created us wonderfully and uniquely. Forgive us for comparing ourselves with our neighbor when we are called to freely love them. Help us to embrace how you have made us as individuals who may bring our singular gifts to our common life.

Words of Grace

Pastor Morgan

Beloved friends, you are enough. God loves you as you are for who you are. We, collectively, have enough and may share in a common life where all may flourish and live in harmony as our Creator intended and designed. You are forgiven and free to embrace the life that is uniquely yours.

Listening for Our Still -Speaking God

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible	Exodus 16:2-15	Karen Barrow
Meditation Music	"O Savior, Let Me Walk With You"	Hymnal p. 503 vs. 1
A Reading from the Gospels	Matthew 20:1-16	Pastor Morgan
Message	"The Kingdom of Heaven is Like,,,"	Pastor Morgan
Anthem	"I Have Felt the Hand of God"	Craig Courtney

Responding with Prayer and Generosity

Invitation to Generosity Pastor Morgan

Philippians 1:2 encourages us to "Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel." May we live generous lives that reflect the fullness of the gospel, unity of the spirit, and faith in our God and God's church.

Gratitude Moment Choir Interns - The Joy Continues!

Offertory Fred Bock

"The Longer I Serve Him"

***Doxology**

Praise God whose breath fills all the Earth. Whose love reveals our sacred worth.
Whose Spirit forms one family. Whose grace brings peace and harmony. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving Pastor Morgan

Great God, please receive our gifts for the glory of your name and the blessing of your people. May we be dedicated stewards of your abundance and use these gifts for the benefit of your kingdom. Amen.

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

Sending Hymn Hymnal p.25

"O God Our Help in Ages Past" v. 1 - 4

Benediction Pastor Morgan

May the love of God assure you, the hope of God guide you, and the peace of God sustain you as you go forth, receiving and extending God's grace in the world.

Postlude p.499 Gertrude Suppe

"Pues Si Vivimos" (In All Our Living)

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

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 Sandy H.

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"

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

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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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Knitting into the Mystery 1 PM	Men's Breakfast 8 AM *Sedona Winds Bible Study 11AM	Council Meeting 1 PM Barbershop 5-7 PM	Stephen Ministers 9:30 AM Bible Study 1 PM Transition Team 3 PM Handbell Rehearsal 3:30 PM	E.D.G.E. 10:15 AM Hybrid		Worship Service 9:30 AM

* indicates events NOT @ CRR

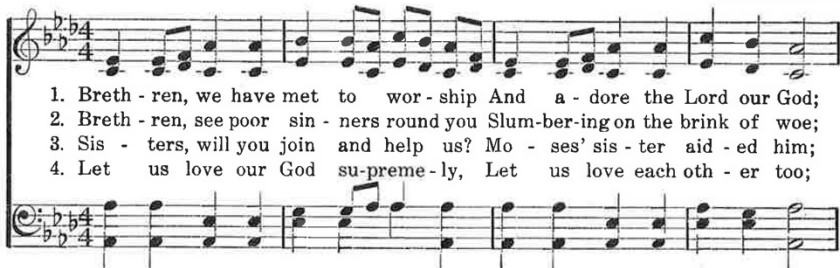
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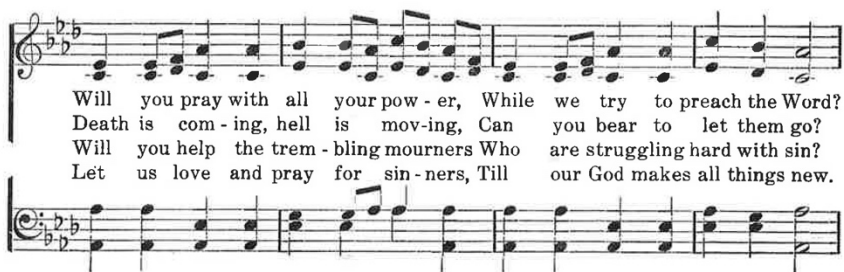
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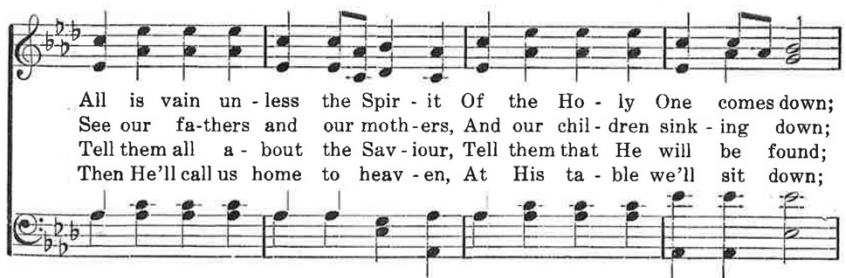
WILLIAM MOORE



1. Breth - ren, we have met to wor - ship And a - dore the Lord our God;
2. Breth - ren, see poor sin - ners round you Slum-ber-ing on the brink of woe;
3. Sis - ters, will you join and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ter aid - ed him;
4. Let us love our God su-preme - ly, Let us love each oth - er too;



Will you pray with all your pow - er, While we try to preach the Word?
Death is com - ing, hell is mov - ing, Can you bear to let them go?
Will you help the trem - bling mourners Who are struggling hard with sin?
Let us love and pray for sin - ners, Till our God makes all things new.



All is vain un - less the Spir - it Of the Ho - ly One comes down;
See our fa - thers and our moth - ers, And our chil - dren sink - ing down;
Tell them all a - bout the Sav - iour, Tell them that He will be found;
Then He'll call us home to heav - en, At His ta - ble we'll sit down;



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man-na Will be show-ered all a-round.
Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man-na Will be show-ered all a-round.
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man-na Will be show-ered all a-round.
Christ will gird Him-self, and serve us With sweet man - na all a-round.