

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.

October 8, 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost - Year A

9:30AM

"Producing Fruit"

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:

"Do not confuse work and fruit.

There may be a good deal of work for Christians that is not the fruit of the Heavenly Vine."

Andrew Murray

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

"How Great Thou Art"

arr. Mark Looney

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

"Christ is Made the Sure Foundation"

Hymnal #400

Call to Worship

Lynda Shephard

One: We come from the East, the West, the South, and the North into this sacred space to worship the living God who walks with us.

All: **O, God, we worship you for who you are, for loving and granting us your grace.**

One: We lift our hands in praise to you and open our hearts to worship you in the fullness of who we are.

All: **Let us worship the Lord our God with joyful and thankful hearts. Amen!**

Invocation

Lynda Shephard

One: Let us pray.

All: **Jesus, we ask that You bless our time together, that we may hear Your words and apply them to our lives so that You will be honored and glorified. Allow your Holy Spirit to move through us so our faith grows and bears fruit. Amen!**

Prayer of Confession

Lynda Shephard

One: Let us confess our sins before God and this host of witnesses.

All: **Lord Jesus, we bow before you to confess that we are sinners and need forgiveness. We have failed you and your people many times and have neglected to do your will and love our neighbor as ourselves. We seek your wisdom and ask that your Holy Spirit create a pure heart that moves us to do what is right. We ask that your love overflow in us so we can live out our faith as a new creation to serve you and your people. Help us to strive towards a more just and kinder world for all. Lord Jesus, have mercy on us. Amen!**

Words of Grace (Based on Ephesians 2:8)

Pastor Morgan

People of God, "for it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God. . . "Your sins are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God!

Listening for Our Still –Speaking God

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Sue Buffum

Meditation Hymn

"Let the Words of My Mouth"

#700

A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 21:33-46

Pastor Morgan

Message

"We Are All Tenants"

Pastor Morgan

Prayers for the People

Pastor Morgan

Anthem

"Put Peace into Each Other's Hands"

arr. Jane Holstein

Responding with Prayer and Generosity

Gratitude Moment

Tewa Holiday Project

Knitting into the Mystery

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Morgan

Offertory

***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.

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

Sending Hymn

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

Hymnal #401

****Blessing**

Pastor Morgan

Go forth to harvest fruit that impacts the world. Go forth with God's love to share with all.

Go forth with the peace of Jesus Christ and in communion with the Holy Spirit to be the transformative agents you are called to be.

All: Amen

Postlude

"Ora Labora"

Thomas Noble

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., Arlene P., Jack K., Sonja O., Antonia S., and John L.

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
- Thursday:** Pastoral Search Committee 2PM
- Thursday:** Handbell Choir at CRR 3:30 pm
- Friday:** Edge at 10:15 Hybrid **CANCELLED THIS WEEK**

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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

NAU Choral Interns

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Current Office Hours

Tuesday – Friday: 9AM - 3PM

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

Pastoral Counseling by appointment. Please call the office.