

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 29, 2023 – Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost - Year A

9:30AM

“Love”

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:

“You don't love someone because they're perfect, you love them in spite of the fact that they're not. - Jodi

Picoult”

“Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength, while loving someone deeply gives you courage - Lao Tzu

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

“A Mighty Fortress”

Martin Luther

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!**

Opening Hymn

“We Gather Together”

Hymnal #421

Call to Worship *(Inspired by Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17)*

Katelyn Mason

One: The Holy God has been our hope and our home.

All: **God has been with us from generation to generation.**

One: We flourish and fade, bloom and renew in God's time.

All: **Our lives are temporal, precious and glorious.**

One: May the compassion and favor of Almighty God be with us.

All: **And, may we be glad and prosperous in our work for our God!**

Invocation

Katelyn Mason

One: Let us pray.

All: **Righteous God, your law is love. Your message is love. Your presence is love. May Love fill our atmosphere and our interactions as we gather in your name. May Love transform us, renew us, and revive us, again. Amen.**

.Prayer of Transformation and New Life

Katelyn Mason

All: **Loving God, forgive us for the paths we seek that steer us away from you. We confess that we have embraced animosity over understanding, self-righteousness over grace, hopelessness over empowered action. Demonstrate the power of love to us anew. Help us to be loving agents of your kingdom for your glory and the restoration of the world. Amen.**

Words of Grace

Pastor Morgan

Beloved, know that your path evolves and the Creator cuts through the wilderness to make the rough ways smooth. God is our Companion and Guide, gently and firmly encouraging us to the path of righteous love, justice, and peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

Katelyn Mason

A Reading from the Gospels

Matthew 22:34-46

Pastor Morgan

Message

"TBA"

Pastor Morgan

Prayers for the People

Pastor Morgan

Anthem

"In This Very Room"

Ron Harris

Responding with Prayer and Generosity

Gratitude Moment

Verde Valley Caregivers Coalition

Kent Ellsworth, Executive Director

Invitation to Generosity

Pastor Morgan

Offertory

"Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Hearn and Gaither

***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**

Pastor Morgan

Giving God, we follow your example of the ministry of presence in the sharing of these resources. Prosper the work of our hands and minds and enable us to make a difference and to participate in your kingdom through generosity.

All: Amen.

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

Sending Hymn

"Come, O Thankful People Come"

Hymnal #422

****Blessing**

Pastor Morgan

May the love of God dispel the gloom, ease the disquiet, and fill your soul with gladness. You are loved

Go in peace and go in the love of God, for the glory of God and the hope of all creation.

All: Amen

Postlude

"Tocatta In d Minor"

J.S. Bach

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

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://churchoftherocks.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 12:30PM
Thursday: Pastoral Search Committee 2PM
Thursday: Handbell Choir at CRR 3:30 pm
Friday: Edge at 10:15 Hybrid

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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Katelyn Mason, Liturgist

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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.

GET READY!

There will be **SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH** on November 12 after the service. It's a time to gather in friendship and share a meal.

NO SIGN-UP SHEET!

Bring a **MAIN DISH... SIDE DISH... SALAD** or a **DESSERT** that will serve 8 and leave these in the kitchen before the service. CCM will grill up burgers and hot dogs. Beverages, plates, utensils and napkins will be provided.

Yin Yoga

Robert Johnson will again lead a weekly Yin Yoga class for anyone who wants to join. It starts on November **10** and is available from 9 to 10:30 am on Fridays in Painted Cliffs Hall. There is no charge. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat, if you have one.

“Everyone is Welcome for Both Events”



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OUR LAND, WATER, AND FUTURE: VOICES OF YAVAPAI TRIBAL MEMBERS

Register:

<https://nahm-yan-voices.eventbrite.com>

Panelist:

Amanda Honwytewa, Yavapai-Apache Councilwoman

Avery Hines, Youth Council President

Nadine Gutierrez, Tribal Citizen

Thomasene Cardona, Tribal Citizen

Hear perspectives on:

The effects of environmental destruction on the lives and lifeways of the Yavapai-Apache community.

Opportunities for cross boundary partnership throughout the Verde Valley.

The role of cultural knowledge in shaping the future of Yavapai-Apache Nation

**SAT, NOV. 4 FROM 11-12:30
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