

The Church of the Red Rocks  
United Church of Christ  
A Stephen Ministry & Open and Affirming Faith Community  
Through Christian Worship, Education and Mission  
we share and celebrate Faith in God with all.

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January 28, 2024 — Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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\*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

**TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:** How do you react when life goes off-script...as it so regularly does? Are you a 'let's plan every little detail' or a 'let's play it by ear and see what happens?' type of person? (If you are partnered, it is likely with your opposite!) How nimble should your church be in reacting to the unexpected?

Gathering for Worship

**Prelude** "Meditation" Jules Massenet

**Greeting & Welcome** Pastor Len Silvester

One: Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey...

**All: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!!**

\***Hymn of Gathering No. 42** "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

**Call to Worship** (from Psalm 111) Barbara Peterson

One: I will give thanks to God with my whole heart.

**All: Great are God's works, and we take delight in them.**

One: God is gracious and merciful.

**All: God is ever mindful of the covenant we share.**

**Opening Prayer** (together) Barbara Peterson

**All: Light of the world, Word of God in the flesh, born into the human pain and joy that we know: Save us from our own rigid ideas of how things must be; help us find the fresh touch of your Spirit in the unexpected, the annoying, the interrupting, the frustrating. Let the perfection for which we strive be that of showing your grace to others ... (...a time of silence...)**

**Response** No. 27 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies" v. 1, adapted

**From all that dwell below the skies, let the Creator's praise arise,**

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Let the Redeemer's name be sung,**

**Come, Holy Spirit, free each tongue:**

(women) **Alleluia!** (men) **Alleluia!**

(women) **Alleluia!** (men) **Alleluia!** (ALL) **Alleluia!**

Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures** Deut. 18:15-19 Barbara Peterson

\***Gospel Reading** Mark 1:21-28 Pastor Len

(seated) **Hymn No. 517** "I Need You Every Hour"

**Message** But That's Not in the Plan Pastor Len

**Anthem** "Sing to The Lord A New Song" David & Jean Perry

## Responding with Prayer and Generosity

### A Time of Prayer

Response (sung by all) No. 393 "*Blest Be the Tie That Binds*" v. 2

**Before our God we come and pour our ardent prayers,  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
Our comforts and our cares.**

### A Time of Generosity

Invitation

Offertory "*Teach Us Your Way, Lord*" Gene Clarke

\*Doxology, No. 780

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God, all creatures here below,  
Praise God above, you heavenly host,  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.**

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving (together)

**Above all other calls on our lives, we hear and say "Yes!"  
to yours. Bless and prosper these gifts of gratitude and  
commitment.**

## Departing to Serve

\*Hymn of Service No. 537 "*Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed*"

\*Blessing Pastor Len

\*Benediction "*A Choral Benediction*" Don Besig

Postlude "*Immortal, Invisible*" arr. Gerald Peterson

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***When our worship is over, our service begins.***

***We go to serve the world that God loves.***

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**Welcome!** We are happy that you are worshiping with us, and please stay for refreshments and conversation in Painted Cliffs Hall. Questions? Just ask us.

**Interested in becoming a Stephen Minister?** Planning is underway for the next training sessions. Drop a note in the offering basket or give the office a call for more information.



**Good News!** There will be a **SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH** on February 11 after the service, and EVERYONE is welcome! Bring a SIDE DISH...SALAD...or a DESSERT to serve 8-- and leave these in the kitchen before the service. CCM will provide the main dish of pulled pork. Beverages, plates, utensils and napkins are also provided. It's a time for friendship and sharing a meal. NO SIGN-UP SHEET, just come!

**Pastor Len** is leaving immediately following today's service and will be away (pre-arranged) for February. On February 25 he will be joining us from Paris! Next Sunday, February 4, Rev. David Stabenfeldt is preaching. On February 11 and 18, we will welcome Rev. Rich Smith of Tucson. If you are in need of pastoral care, give the office a call... or be in touch with Revs. Margaret Gramley or David Stabenfeldt.

## What's Going On Here?

PCH = Painted Cliffs Hall

### **TODAY** (Jan. 28)

9:30am **Worship**

10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

### **MONDAY** (Jan. 29) Office closed

1:00pm Knitting Into the Mystery

4:30pm Sedona Community Meal @ St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

### **TUESDAY** (Jan. 30) Office open 9am-3pm

11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds – in person and via Zoom

### **WEDNESDAY** (Jan. 31) Office open 9am-3pm

5:00pm Barbershop Singers

### **THURSDAY** (Feb. 1) Office open 9am-3pm

Next **Canyon Echo** is e-mailed... do we have your email address?

11:00am Bible Study in Conference Room **~NEW TIME~**

1:00pm Pastoral Search Committee

3:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

### **FRIDAY** (Feb. 2) Office open 9am-3pm

9:00am Yin Yoga in Painted Cliffs Hall

10:15am The EDGE Study/Discussion Group via Zoom

### **SATURDAY** (Feb. 3)

### **NEXT SUNDAY** (Feb. 4)

9:30am Worship service

10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

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