

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.

February 11, 2024 — Transfiguration Sunday

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER: Red Rock country is certainly a “land of enchantment.” And our souls require doses of enchantment if we are to be fully alive. Enchantment can be found in many places and many forms—art, music, relationships, even worship. And yet our culture tries to turn enchantment into mere entertainment. While entertainment is at best a welcome distraction from everyday life, enchantment changes life, connects us with something greater than ourselves, and transforms us into what God is calling us to become. Where do you find enchantment? Or, more accurately, where does it find you? How does it change you? And, having been enchanted and transformed, what will you do now?

Gathering for Worship

Prelude “Winter” Antonio Vivaldi

Greeting & Welcome Rev. Margaret Gramley

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

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

*Hymn of Gathering No. 8 “Praise to the Living God”

Call to Worship Margaret Gramley

One: From the rising of the sun to its setting

All: **God speaks to us and summons us.**

One: God gathers us in covenant, and God’s glory changes us:

All: **Let us worship God!**

Opening Prayer (together) Margaret Gramley

All: **Mighty God, you call to us. You call to the heavens and to the earth in covenant. And so, we call to you: be present as we worship. Be present when we leave to serve. Awaken us to the daily miracles around us. Protect us from any complacency. Transfigure us in ways we cannot yet imagine. We pray in the power of your Holy Spirit.**

... (...a time of silence...)

Response No. 27 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies” v. 1, adapted

From all that dwells 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 Psalm 50:1-6 Margaret Gramley

*Gospel Reading Mark 9:2-9 Rev. Rich Smith

(seated) Hymn No. 182 "We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding"

Message Lands of Enchantment Rev. Smith

Anthem "Abide With Me" arr. Moses Hogan

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 "Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus" Helen Lemmel

*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)

**With these gifts, we signal our commitment to let your light
shine brightly in our hearts, in our church, and in the world that you so deeply love.**

Departing to Serve

*Hymn of Service No. 556 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"

*Blessing Rev. Smith

*Benediction "Forth in Christ's Name We Go" arr. Hal Hopson

Postlude "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" arr. David Smithen

When our worship is over, our service begins.

We go to serve the world that God loves.

Welcome! We are happy that you are worshiping with us, and please stay for our Second Sunday potluck brunch 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.



The **SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH** is today immediately after the service in Painted Cliffs Hall. No reservations needed, and all are welcome to enjoy this time of enjoying long-time friends and making new ones.

Welcome, Rev. Rich Smith! Rich and wife Pam live in Tucson and are active members of Rincon UCC. Rich's ministry has taken him across the country, including many years here in the Southwest Conference. He will be with us again next Sunday.

YIN Yoga classes will resume on Friday, Feb. 23 at 9am. We look forward to seeing everyone back again!

What's Going On Here?

PCH = Painted Cliffs Hall

TODAY (Feb 11)

9:30am **Worship service**– Welcome, Rev. Rich Smith!

10:30am Second-Sunday potluck luncheon in PCH

MONDAY (Feb. 12) Office closed

1:00pm Knitting Into the Mystery

1:00pm Game On

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

TUESDAY (Feb. 13) Office open 9am-3pm

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

3:30pm Congregational Growth Ministry Meeting

WEDNESDAY (Feb. 14-Lent begins) Office open 9am-3pm

5:00pm Barbershop Singers

THURSDAY (Feb 15) Office open 9am-3pm

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

11:00am Bible Study in Conference Room

1:00pm Pastoral Search Committee

3:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (Feb. 16) Office open 9am-3pm

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

SATURDAY (Feb. 17)

NEXT SUNDAY (Feb. 18—First Sunday in Lent)

9:30am **Worship service**

10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

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