

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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February 18, 2024 — First Sunday in Lent  
2024 Theme: "Turn, Turn, Turn"

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\*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

**TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:** Lent is a time of going deeply into ourselves... What is it that stands between us and God? Between us and our brothers and sisters around us? Between us and life, especially life in the Spirit? Whatever it is, let us relentlessly tear it out, without a moment's hesitation. —*Catherine Doherty*

Gathering for Worship

**Prelude**

*"Praeludium in F Major"*  
Tiantian Liang, Pianist

J.S. Bach

**Greeting & Welcome**

Rev. Margaret Gramley

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

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

**Handbell Choir**

*"Acclamation of Praise"*

arr. Joel Raney

**Call to Worship**

Pam Moore

One: Welcome, travelers, to the journey of faith.

**All: The faith journey is the best route through the land called life.**

One: Then come and continue the quest, acting out your faith by living life to the fullest.

**All: We will let our spirits soar like eagles;**

One: Taking a deep breath, we will stretch ourselves to the limit, like fully inflated balloons, colorful, hopeful, ready to sail and soar,

**All: And drink in the world's magnificent hues, absorbing its light and texture, inhaling its fragrance, dancing to its music.**

**For this is the way we worship God.**

**Opening Prayer** (together)

Pam Moore

**All: God of all our journeys,**

**You call us out from where we are into a wilderness**

**Where everything longs to be restored and held afresh.**

**Grant us the strength to journey this Lenten season.**

**Turn our hearts and minds to discover**

**Your promises along the roadway,**

**And a new calling to follow Jesus**

**In all of our wildernesses. Amen.**

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

\*Hymn of Gathering No. 43 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

**Reading from the Hebrew Scriptures**

Psalm 25:1-10

Pam Moore

**\*Gospel Reading** Mark 1:9-15 Rev. Smith

(seated) **Hymn No. 211** “*Lord Jesus, Who Through Forty Days*”

**Message** Joining the Jesus Journey Rev. Smith

**Anthem** “*Turn! Turn! Turn!*” Arr. Roger Emerson  
Rev. Rich Smith, Guitarist

### Responding with Prayer and Generosity

**A Time of Prayer** Rev. Rich Smith  
Response (sung by all) No. 547 “*Amazing Grace*” v. 3

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
We have already come;  
'Tis grace that brought us safe thus far,  
And grace Will lead us home.**

### **A Time of Generosity**

Invitation

Offertory “*La Grace*” George Philip Telemann  
Tiantian Liang, Pianist

\*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) Rev. Rich Smith

**With these gifts, we signal our turn toward you, and our  
commitment to join the Jesus journey. May these gifts  
plant seeds of hope, peace and faith.**

### Departing to Serve

**\*Hymn of Service** “*A Lenten Hymn*” words by Rich Smith  
(tune of Forest Green, No 434)

\*Blessing Rev. Smith

**\*Benediction** “*Forth in Christ's Name We Go*” arr. Hal Hopson  
**Postlude** “*Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals*” Sigurd Karg-Elert  
Tiantian Liang, Pianist

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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.

**Welcome back, Rev. Rich Smith!** Rich and Pam have been enjoying their time In Sedona, and we are so grateful to them for sharing themselves with CRR. Join us next Sunday when Pastor Len “Zooms” in from Paris.

**Piano Recital** with Tiantian Liang today at 2pm

**How to Talk About Race** – It’s a new discussion series held in cooperation with The Church of the Red Rocks and Sedona Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. It starts this Tuesday from 3 – 5pm in our PCH.

### What’s Going On Here?

**TODAY** (Feb 18) – First Sunday in Lent

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

10:30am Second-Sunday potluck luncheon in PCH

2:00pm Piano Recital with Tiantian Liang

**MONDAY** (Feb. 19) Office closed

1:00pm Knitting Into the Mystery

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

**TUESDAY** (Feb. 20) Office open 9am-3pm

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

3:00pm How to Talk About Race Series in PCH

**WEDNESDAY** (Feb. 21) Office open 9am-3pm

3:30pm: Finance, Endowment and Administration Ministry Meeting

5:00pm Barbershop Singers

**THURSDAY** (Feb 22) Office open 9am-3pm

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

9:30am Stephen Ministers

11:00am Bible Study in Conference Room

1:00pm Pastoral Search Committee

3:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

**FRIDAY** (Feb. 23) Office open 9am-3m

9:00am Yin Yoga in Painted Cliffs Hall

10:15am The EDGE Study/Discussion Group via Zoom – A new book

**SATURDAY** (Feb. 24)

**NEXT SUNDAY** (Feb. 25) — Second Sunday in Lent)

9:30am **Worship service** – Pastor Len ‘Zooms’ in from Paris!

10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

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