

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.**

April 28, 2024 — Fifth Sunday of Easter

Jonah Sunday

2024 Eastertide Theme: 'Our Raisin' Brand'

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER: The story of Jonah is the oldest one in the Hebrew Bible. In it are all of the major themes we find in the New Testament! It is full of humor ... the kind that makes us say "ouch" when we find ourselves in it.

How have you tried to control God?

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

"The Lord Ineffable"

David Paxton

Greeting & Welcome

Pastor Len Silvester

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

All: You are welcome here!

***Gathering Hymn No. 73** *"Enter, Rejoice, and Come In"*

Call to Worship from Psalm 22

Sally Phillips

When your people meet, you fill us with joyful praises, O God.

Everyone will see that we keep faith with you.

The poor will eat and be full; the faithful will be hopeful.

Even those not yet born will learn about your love!

Opening Prayer

Sally Phillips

We are grateful for your overflowing generosity and forgiveness, Holy One, ...when it applies to us. We are less enthusiastic when those we dislike also benefit.

Help us more faithfully follow the Risen Christ, even to the point of learning to want the best for those who wish

us harm. Continue to transform our spirits into a likeness of yours. (...silence...)

Listening and Responding To Our Still-Speaking God

"I HATE it when you Do That" —The Book of Jonah, part 1
Silence

[seated] **Hymn No. 531** "God, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

A Time of Prayer Pastor Len

"I HATE it when you Do That" —The Book of Jonah, part 2
Silence

Sanctuary Choir "In the Beauty of Your Presence" David Lantz

"I HATE it when you Do That" —The Book of Jonah, part 3
Silence

A Time of Generosity

Call to Generosity Pastor Len

Offertory "We Are An Offering" Mark Hayes

*Doxology (sung by all) No. 765, v. 1

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (together)

We offer these gifts as a witness to your concern for all of creation, without limits. May we live more fully into your outrageous grace!

***Hymn No. 23** "There's A Wideness in God's Mercy"

"I HATE it when you Do That" —The Book of Jonah, part 4
Silence

Departing to Serve

***Hymn of Parting** No. 448 "Take My Life, God, Let It Be"

***Blessing & Sending** Pastor Len

Benediction "Forth In the Name of Christ" arr. H. Hopson

Postlude "To God Be the Glory" Wm. Doane

When our worship is over, our service resumes.

We go to serve the world that God loves.

“I HATE It When You Do That”

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| Narrator | Norma Gibson |
| God | Gene Moore |
| Jonah | Sara Johnson |
| Sailor | Pam Moore |
| Ship's Captain | Pam Moore |
| King | Lawrence Byrd |

Welcome! We are happy that you are worshiping with us this morning, and we hope God's Spirit has spoken to yours. Please stay for refreshments and conversation in Painted Cliffs Hall.

Bible Study underway:

Each week stands alone... so join us Thursday at 11 in person here or via Zoom. The overall topic is “What Paul REALLY Said About Women”! This week's subject is “Should Women Be Pastors and Leaders of Men?” (...it will be *lively!*)

COMING UP: **Music Appreciation Sunday** May 12:

Hallmark (and the wider culture) labels it as Mother's Day. At CRR it will also be a day when we celebrate our music ministry... volunteers and staff. The Sedona Academy of Chamber Singers will augment our CRR Chancel Choir, and the CRR Handbell Choir will play. Logan Willson will debut his anthem based on the preaching of Pastor Marvin Morgan.

Thank you to our social time hosts following worship each week. (You can volunteer on the whiteboard in PCH.) Even if you are not hosting on a given week, you are welcome to bring food items to share – just leave them in the kitchen when you arrive.

Solar Power for CRR? As part of our covenant to love and protect God's creation we are exploring the possibility of solar power for our campus. Your ideas and suggestions are welcome!

What's Going On Here?

PCH = Painted Cliffs Hall

TODAY (April 28)

- 9:30am Worship—*Jonah Sunday*
- 10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

MONDAY (April 29) **Office closed**

- 9:30am Knitting Into the Mystery
- 12:45pm The EDGE Study/Discussion Group via Zoom
- New book: "The False White Gospel" by Jim Wallis

TUESDAY (April 30) **Office open 9am-3pm**

- 11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Wind

WEDNESDAY (May 1) **Office open 9am-3pm**

- 9:00am Property Management Ministry Meeting
- 5:00pm Barbershop Singers Rehearsal

THURSDAY (May 2) **Office open 9am-3pm**

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

- 11:00am Bible Study: "What Paul REALLY Said About Women"--Today: Women as Pastors and Leaders?
- 1:00pm Pastoral Search Committee
- 3:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (May 3) **Office open 9am-3pm**

- 9:00am Yin Yoga in Painted Cliffs Hall
- 1:00pm Book Club "The Dutch House"

SATURDAY (May 4)

NEXT SUNDAY (May 5) – Communion

- 9:30am Worship
- 10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

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