

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.

May 12, 2024 — Seventh Sunday of Easter

Music Appreciation Sunday / Mother's Day

2024 Eastertide Theme: 'Our Raisin' Brand'

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

"Music gives a soul to the universe, wings to the mind,
flight to the imagination, and life to everything." —*Plato*

"How is it that music can, without words, evoke our laughter,
our fears, our highest aspirations?" —*Jane Swan*

"Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between
the notes and curl my back to loneliness." —*Maya Angelou*

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

"Grand Choer"

Théodore Dubois

Suzanne Moore, piano

Greeting & Welcome

Pastor Len Silvester

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

All: You are welcome here!

***Opening Hymn** No. 561 *"When In Our Music God Is Glorified"*

Call to Worship from Psalm 150, adapted

Kyle Larsen

Praise God in the sanctuary! Praise God in the heavens!

**Praise God with the sound of handbells, with
blended voices, with organ and piano!**

Praise God with timbrel and dancing, with strings and pipes!

Let everything that has breath praise God!

"O Happy Morning" (*Loo, Asubuhi Njema*) arr. Cathy Mokolbust

CRR Handbell Choir

“Beloved, You Are Loved” (World Premiere) Logan Severson Willson
Based on the words of the Rev. Dr. Marvin L. Morgan
Sedona Academy of Chamber Singers

Prayer of Invocation Kyle Larsen

**We are so grateful for the music that blesses our lives
and our worship. We have been so blessed in this church
by vocalists, young and seasoned, handbell players,
instrumentalists, dedicated staff, and generous donors to
make possible the hope and witness that music brings.
We lift our hearts and voices in grateful praise! Amen!**

“Sing Praise! Sing Glory!” Joshua Metzger
CRR Chancel Choir & Sedona Academy of Chamber Singers

Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

Scripture Reading Acts 1:15-17,21-26 Kyle Larsen

[seated] **Hymn** No. 426, v. 1,3,4 “O God, Whose Steadfast Love”

Homily Music, Math, Mystery Pastor Len

“For the Beauty of the Earth” arr. Jason W. Krug
CRR Handbell Choir

Responding with Prayer and Generosity

A Time of Prayer Pastor Len

A Time of Generosity

Call to Generosity Pastor Len

Offertory Henry Mauser, piano

*Doxology (sung by all) No. 28, v. 1

**For the beauty of the earth,
For the splendor of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:
God of all to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (together)

**Your generosity has struck a resounding chord in our
spirits, and it is amazing to experience. May our own
symphony of generosity continue to crescendo – and
bless the world around us that you so love.**

“Take Me to the Water”

Rollo Dilworth

Sedona Academy of Chamber Singers • Henry Mauser, piano

Departing to Serve

***Hymn of Parting** No. 476 “My Life Flows on in Endless Song”

***Blessing & Sending**

Pastor Len

***Choral Benediction**

“A Blessing of Music”

Joseph Martin

Postlude

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Suzanne Moore, piano

arr. Michael Burkhardt

When our worship is over, our service begins.

We go to serve the world that God loves.

Welcome! We are glad that you are here on this special day as we celebrate the ministry of music. Please join us following the service in Painted Cliffs Hall for conversation and refreshments.

Thank you, musicians!

Led by Dr. Ryan Holder, accompanied by Suzanne Moore, the ministry of music at CRR has been powerful this year. Thank you CRR Chancel Choir volunteers, CRR Handbell Choir, NAU interns, and Sedona Academy of Chamber Singers. Gifts to the Friends of Music at CRR continue to support this ministry.

Pastor Candidate Weekend! Plan to be here this coming Saturday and Sunday to meet, hear and vote on the selected candidate to be our next settled pastor. You can get to know him during a reception on Saturday from 3 to 5pm in PCH. He will lead us in worship and preach on Sunday, and then respond to your questions. Immediately following the Q & A **the congregation members will meet** to vote on extending a pastoral call.

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 “Authority and Celibacy.” Pastor Len will be in Sedona leading us this week.

We will share a **Service of Gratitude and Parting** with Pastor Len on Sunday, May 26, as he completes his time with us.

What's Going On Here?

PCH = Painted Cliffs Hall

This is national teacher appreciation week!
Thank you, educators for your amazing dedication.

TODAY (May 12) – Music Appreciation / Mother's Day

9:30am Worship

10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

MONDAY (May 13) **Office closed**

12:45pm The EDGE Study/ Discussion Group via Zoom

1:00pm GAME ON

TUESDAY (May 14) **Office closed this week only**

11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds

WEDNESDAY (May 15) **Office open 9am-3pm**

5:00pm Barbershop Singers Rehearsal

THURSDAY (May 16) **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: Authority and Celibacy

1:00pm Life Celebration: Jacqueline Hornberger

2:00pm Pastoral Search Committee

3:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY (May 17) **Office open 9am-3pm**

9:00am Yin Yoga in Painted Cliffs Hall

SATURDAY (May 18)

2:00pm Church Council meets with pastor candidate

3 – 5pm **Meet & greet** our pastor candidate!

NEXT SUNDAY (May 19) – Pastor Candidate Sunday!

9:30am Worship—pastor candidate preaching

10:30am Q&A with pastor candidate in PCH

Special church meeting—vote announcement

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