

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 19, 2024 — Pentecost Sunday

Pastor Candidating Sunday

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER: In my experience, take the Holy Spirit out of the equation of your life and it spells boring. Add it into the equation of your life and you never know where you are going to go, what you are going to do, or who you are going to meet.

--Mark Batterson

Gathering for Worship

Prelude No.267 "Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us" Thomas Williams

Greeting & Welcome

Pastor Len Silvester

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

All: You are welcome here!

***Gathering Hymn**

"All Are Welcome"

Marty Haugen

Call to Worship from Psalm 104

A. J. Cook

May the glory of God endure forever!

May God rejoice in the works of creation forever.

I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God as long as I can.

May everything, I meditate on be pleasing to God.

Opening Prayer

A.J. Cook

We are so grateful, God of wind and fire, for this moment in our shared life. Come, Holy Spirit, breathe fresh life and courage into our mission. Shower us afresh

**with gifts of grace, hope, fearlessness and wisdom.
Be present in our singing, speaking, praying and voting.**
(...silence...)

Response No. 27, 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!**
(higher voices) **Alleluia!** (lower voices) **Alleluia!**
(higher) **Alleluia!** (lower) **Alleluia!** (ALL) **Alleluia!**

Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

From the Hebrew Scriptures Joel 2:28-29 A.J. Cook

From the Christian Scriptures Acts 2:1-21 Pastor Len

***Hymn of Preparation** No. 283 "*Spirit of the Living God*"

Sermon Beyond the Wall Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Anthem "Send Down Your Spirit Lord" Don Besig

Responding with Prayer and Generosity

A Time of Prayer Pastor Len

[seated] **Hymn** No. 286, vs. 1,2,4 "*Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness*"

A Time of Generosity

Call to Generosity: Strengthen the Church Offering Jan Wells

Offertory "Sweet, Sweet Spirit" Doris Akers

***Doxology** (sung by all) chorus from *How Great Thou Art*

Then sings my soul, my savior God, to Thee:

How great Thou art, how great Thou art! (repeat)

***Prayer of Thanksgiving** (together)

**With hope for all that lies before us, we offer these
gifts. May your blessing be revealed in changed lives
and bold ministry!**

Departing to Serve

***Hymn of Parting** No. 436, vs. 1,2,4 "*God of Grace and God of Glory*"

***Blessing & Sending**

Rev. Dr. Márquez- Sterling

Choral Benediction “Forth in the Name of Christ” arr. H. Hopson

Postlude “Every Time I Feel the Spirit” arr. Joyce Johnson

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 this morning, and we hope God’s Spirit has spoken to yours. Please stay for refreshments and conversation in Painted Cliffs Hall.

Welcome, Rev. Dr. Márquez-Sterling! He is the unanimous selection of the pastoral search committee to be our next settled Senior Pastor. The material sent out this week is available to members this morning... see Pam Stabenfeldt. Members are asked to move into PCH after the service, and settle in as quickly as possible for:

A Meeting of the Congregation will be called to order immediately following this service in PCH. The purpose of the meeting is to take action on the motion of Church Council to call the Rev. Dr. Márquez-Sterling to be our Senior Pastor according to the terms presented.

Bible Study wrap-up:

The Thursday Bible study on “What Paul REALLY Said About Women” concludes this week at 11 a.m. Even if you missed the previous sessions, you are welcome at this one!

Next Sunday we will celebrate a service of “gratitude and release” as Pastor Len concludes his second Bridge/Interim ministry among us.

Summer Bridge Pastors: While awaiting the arrival of our new settled pastor, the Rev. Rich Smith (he was here in February) will return for the months of June and July. The Rev. Dr. Tina Campbell will be with us in August. Pastor Len says that we will be well-served this summer!

What's Going On Here?

PCH = Painted Cliffs Hall

TODAY (May 19)

9:30am Worship

10:45am Q&A with pastor candidate in PCH

Special church meeting—vote announcement

MONDAY (May 20) **Office closed**

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

TUESDAY (May 21) **Office open 9am-3pm**

11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Wind

WEDNESDAY (May 22) **Office open 9am-3pm**

1:00pm Church Council (hybrid meeting)

5:00pm Barbershop Singers Rehearsal

THURSDAY (May 23) **Office open 9am-3pm**

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

9:30am Stephen Ministry Meeting

11:00am Bible Study: "What Paul REALLY Said About Women"

1:00pm Pastoral Search Committee

FRIDAY (May 24) **Office open 9am-3pm**

9:00am Yin Yoga

SATURDAY (May 25)

NEXT SUNDAY (May 26)

9:30am Worship—service of gratitude and release

10:30am Farewell reception for Pastor Len in PCH

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