

# 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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May 26, 2024 — Trinity Sunday

Service of Gratitude and Release & Completion of Interim Time

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\*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

**TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:** How do you make more space for gratitude in your thinking, praying and living? It is arguably the most potent spiritual discipline there is. We will center ourselves in gratitude this week ... reflecting with joy on the ways that God has seen us through this interim time.

### Gathering for Worship

**Prelude**

“Nicaea”

John Dykes

**Greeting & Welcome**

Pastor Len Silvester

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

**All: You are welcome here!**

\***Gathering Hymn** No. 277 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

**Call to Worship** based on Psalm 29

Jim Rostedt

The voice of our God is heard in blessing, as it echoes in its majestic powers over all creation.

**Worship God, who reigns in holy majesty!**

The voice of God is heard in all creation – and it responds with joy to the voice of its Creator.

**The voice of God is heard in the sacred spaces, and we are open to grace.**

**Opening Prayer**

Jim Rostedt

**Holy, holy, holy God: Your glory shows itself wherever we look—both inside, here, and far, far, beyond. We are**

grateful for the invitation to join you in the mission to save, serve, and send. We are grateful for leaders who have been open to your spirit, and who have moved us through the 'interim' time to this threshold of onward opportunity... (...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** Isaiah 6:1-8 Kathy Rostedt

**From the Christian Scriptures** Philippians 1:3-11 Pastor Len

[seated] **Hymn No. 355, vs. 1, 2** "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

**Words of Gratitude and Release** for CRR Margaret Gramley

[seated] **Hymn No. 355, vs. 3, 4** "God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian"

**Words of Gratitude and Release** Pastor Len

**Anthem** "He Who Began a Good Work In You" Lloyd Larson

### Responding with Prayer and Generosity

**A Time of Prayer** Pastor Len

**A Time of Generosity**

Call to Gratitude: Ending of the Interim Period Pastor Len

Offertory "All I Need Is You, Lord" Carol Cymbala  
David Leman, guest musician

\*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)

**We offer these gifts with gratitude for the no-longer,  
and with great hope for the not-yet!**

## Departing to Serve

\***Hymn of Parting** No. 393    “Blessed Be the Tie That Binds”

\***Blessing & Sending** Pastor Len

**Choral Benediction** “May the Sending One Defend You”

Mikkel Thompson

**Postlude**    “Hallelujah” from Mount of Olives    Beethoven  
David Leman, guest musician

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

**The Flowers** in the sanctuary this morning are in honor of Sara “Bunny” Allen, inurned in our columbarium yesterday evening.

**Today we bid farewell** to the Rev. Len Silvester for the second time. (He served us for a few months prior to the arrival of Pastor Morgan.) We are grateful for the results of his time with us for these past six months. We wish him, his wife (Liz), and their much-traveled dog (Olive Oyl) joy as they prepare to head to Italy (Lake Como) for June and July. Join us in Painted Cliffs Hall to say “Alla prossima” (“until the next time”) following this service.

**Summer Bridge Pastors:** While awaiting the arrival of pastor-elect Guillermo Márquez-Sterling on September 1, we will be served this summer by:

- the Rev. Rich Smith (retired UCC pastor—he was here in February), who will return for the months of June and July—be here to welcome him next Sunday; and
- The Rev. Dr. Tina Campbell (retired UCC chaplain and pastor) will be with us in August.

**Vaya con Dios, Kate Hill!** Kate has accepted a teaching job in California, and will be moving this week. She plans to keep an associate membership here at CRR. *We’ll miss you!*

## What's Going On Here?

**PCH** = Painted Cliffs Hall

### **TODAY** (May 26)

9:30am Worship

10:30am Farewell send-off for Pastor Len in PCH

### **MONDAY** (May 27) **Office closed**

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

### **TUESDAY** (May 28) **Office open 9am-3pm**

11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Wind

12:30pm PEO Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY** (May 29) **Office open 9am-3pm**

5:00pm Barbershop Singers Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY** (May 30) **Office open 9am-3pm**

\*The next **Canyon Echo** is e-mailed... do we have your email?

11:00am Bible Study at CRR

1:00pm Pastoral Search Committee Meeting

### **FRIDAY** (May 31) **Office open 9am-3pm**

9:00am Yin Yoga in PCH

### **SATURDAY** (June 1)

### **NEXT SUNDAY** (June 2)

9:30am Worship—with communion

10:30am Coffee and conversation, and a 'welcome back'  
for the Rev. Rich Smith in PCH

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Interim/Bridge Pastor

The Rev. Dr. Guillermo Marquez-Sterling

Pastor-Elect (arriving Sept. 1)

Dr. Ryan Holder, Director of Music

Suzanne Moore, Organist/Pianist

NAU Choral Interns

CRR Choir

The Rev. Dr. George Ault

Pastor Emeritus