

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.

June 9, 2024 — Third Sunday After Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit.

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER: “To forget one’s ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root.”

—Chinese proverb

How do we remember our ancestors? What do we celebrate about them? For what do we forgive them? And what kind of ancestors will we be?

Gathering for Worship

Prelude “*Ave Verum Corpus*” (Jesus, Word of God Incarnate)
W.A. Mozart

Greeting & Welcome Pastor Rich
One: Whoever you are, wherever you are on life’s journey...
All: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!!

***Gathering Hymn No.402** “De Colores”
(all verses, Spanish then English)

Call to Worship Lynn Schreiner
For all who are bent over with worry,
This Is a Place of Sanctuary.
For All Who are Burdened with Life,
This Is a House of Care.
For All Who Are Lost to Community,
This Is a Place of Welcome.
For All Who Travel with Questions,
This Is a Community of Seekers.

For All Who Reach out to the Eternal,
This Is a Sacred Space of Worship.

Opening Prayer

Lynn Schreiner

All: Holy God, we gather to give thanks for your steadfast love that had surrounded us and grounded us throughout our lives, and especially on this day. We thank you for being with us and those we love, for the hope and healing and fresh energy you bring to our church, our families, our tasks. Help us to experience afresh your desire to gather all people into communities of safety, justice and peace, as we serve in this midst of this uncertain and scary world. Send your Spirit among us to inspire our imaginations and energize our spirits, that we may be the Church, overflowing with your extravagant love. (Silence) Amen.

Response Amen! No. 760

(Sing Amen!) Amen! We praise your name, O God!

(Sing Amen!) Amen! We praise your name, O God!

(Sing Amen!) Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen,

Amen! We praise your name, O God! (x2)

Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

Scripture Reading Mark 3:31-35

Lynn Schreiner

Anthem “I Have Felt the Hand of God”

Craig Courtney

Message Barking up the Family Tree

Pastor Rich

Song “The Family Tree Song”

Written by John Forster and Tom Chapin,

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We're a family, and we're a tree
Our roots go deep down in history
From my great, great grandmother (father) reaching up
to me
We're a green and growing family.

Responding with Prayer and Generosity

A Time of Prayer

Pastor Rich

Response Refrain No. 581

**Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace;
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,
Let peace fill the universe.**

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory

“Let There Be Peace”

Jackson and Miller

***Doxology** Tune: NCH 17

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God, all creatures here below, Alleluia! Alleluia,
Praise God for all that love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit: One.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

All: Holy One, your generosity knows no bounds. Your golden fields are our tablecloth, your sun and moon our dinner plates. Your starry sky is our comforter, your breezes sing us a lullaby. How can we stand in gratitude for your constant miracles, but to return abundantly of your gifts, spreading them into the world, our love but a reflection of your own? Bless us and these gifts and all we are meant to do through them, and in that bless the world you so love. Amen. (Based on a poem by Tina Datsko de Sanchez, in *Singing Fierce Gratitude*)

Departing to Serve

***Hymn of Service** No. 394 “In Christ There is No East or West”

***Blessing** Pastor Rich

***Choral Benediction** “*Let There Be Peace*” (reprise of offertory)

Postlude “*I’ll Walk with God*” arr. Nicholas Brodsky

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 please stay for today’s **Second Sunday Potluck Lunch**. It’s right after our worship service. Please join us for great food and even better fellowship. Thanks, Congregational Care Ministry for organizing and making this potluck possible.

Game On! Every 2nd Monday of every month from 1 – 3pm. Come for an afternoon of fun playing PEGS & Jokers! Bring your beverage and a friend. ALL players are welcome and it’s free! Contact Maureen Zdimal at mfzgowest@gmail.com or Bonnie Mckeon at sdmama@msn.com for questions.

Pastor Rich can be reached by email if you should need anything throughout the week. His email is richsmith@ecunet.org.

The Rev. Dr. David Stabenfeldt will be preaching next Sunday, June 16. He’s a retired UCC minister and a valuable member of our CRR family along with his wife Pam who was last year’s moderator. He is the facilitator of the weekly EDGE discussion group on Mondays via Zoom. We’re blessed by your dedication!

Yin Yoga classes will run through June but will take a break until October. Call the church or check our website for updates. Thanks, Bob Johnson, for this contribution to our community.

What's Going On Here?

PCH = Painted Cliffs Hall

TODAY (June 9)

9:30am Worship

10:30am Second Sunday Potluck Lunch

MONDAY (June 10) Office closed

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

1:00pm Game On!

TUESDAY (June 11) Office open 9am-3pm

11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds

WEDNESDAY (June 12) Office open 9am-3pm

5:00pm Barbershop Singers

THURSDAY (June 13) Office open 9am-3pm

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

FRIDAY (June 14) Office open 9am-3m

9:00am Yin Yoga in Painted Cliffs Hall

SATURDAY (June 15)

NEXT SUNDAY (June 16)

9:30am Worship service with Rev. Dr. David Stabenfeldt

10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

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