

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.

July 14, 2024 — Eighth Sunday After Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit.

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

“Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you would have rather talked.”
~Mark Twain

“Listen to the wind, it talks. Listen to the silence, it speaks. Listen to your heart, it knows.”
~Native American Proverb

Gathering for Worship

Prelude “Sweet Hour of Prayer” arr. Gary Prim

Greeting & Welcome Pastor Rich Smith

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

All: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!!

Call to Worship Sara Johnson

Leader: This is the day that God has made.

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Leader: This is the community that God has gathered.

People: We open ourselves to God's presence among us!

Leader: This is the time for praise and celebration.

People: We come to worship in spirit and in truth!

All: Praise be to God!

***Hymn of Praise No. 471 “What a Covenant”**

Opening Prayer

Sara Jonhson

All: Eternal God, as we gather this morning, we seek in stillness to open our hearts to that which is holy. We come into this place seeking to know that holiness, to feel it, to understand and embody it more fully. Help us not fail in our quest, for we are called to speak of the presence of the sacred, to tell of its beauty, and to live the fulness of its grace in the midst of an ungraceful world. And so, we must find it, we must come to know it, we must feel it deeply enough to share, that it may pour, full and abundant from our hearts and hands into a world so much in need. Help us to listen, and then to speak our praise. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(Adapted from HOLY BREATH, by Gretta Vosper)

Response No. 760 *"Sing Amen!"*

(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!

Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

Hebrew Scriptures

Psalm 62:5-8

Sara Johnson

Anthem

"Lord, Listen to Your Children"

Ken Medena

Reading from the Apocrypha

Sirach 20:5-8, 27-31

Pastor Rich

Message

Two Ears, One Mouth

Hymn No. 74

"We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear"

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

“Be Thou My Vision”

arr. Paul Manz

***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 (together)**

We have been set free by your love, O God:
Free from want, and free for generosity;
Free from selfishness, and free for loving service.
Freely we have received, and now freely we give.
Bless these gifts to your use; in Christ's name. Amen.

Departing to Serve

***Hymn of Service** No. 531 *“God, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”*

***Blessing**

Pastor Rich

***Choral Benediction** No. 76 *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

Postlude

“Antiphon”

Christopher Uehlein, OSB

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 hope God’s Spirit has spoken to yours.

Congregational Meeting - Today right after coffee hour. The purpose of this meeting is to vote to approve “Going Solar Project”.

Name Badges - Call the office if you need a new or different badge.

What's Going On Here?

PCH = Painted Cliffs Hall

TODAY (July 14)

9:30am Worship

10:30am Coffee and conversation in Painted Cliffs Hall

10:45am Congregational Meeting

MONDAY (July 15) Office closed

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

TUESDAY (July 16) Office open 9am-3pm

11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds

WEDNESDAY (July 17) Office open 9am-3pm

5:00pm Barbershop Singers

THURSDAY (July 18) Office open 9am-3pm

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

FRIDAY (July 19) Office open 9am-3m

SATURDAY (July 20)

NEXT SUNDAY (July 21)

9:30am Worship Service

10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

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