

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 28, 2024 — Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit.

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

I think about the life I live, A figure made of clay.
And think about the things I lost, the things I gave away.
And when I'm in a certain mood, I search the house and look.
One night I found these magic words in a magic book.

Throw it away, you can throw it away.
Give your love, live your life. Each and every day.
And keep your hand wide open and let the sun shine through
'Cause you can never lose a thing If it belongs to you.

There's a natural obligation to what we own and claim,
Possessing and belonging to acknowledging a name.
So, keep your hand wide open If you're needing love today,
'Cause you can't lose it, even if you throw it all away

~Abbey Lincoln

Gathering for Worship

Prelude *"Revive Us Again"* John Husbands

Greeting & Welcome Pastor Rich Smith

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

All: YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!!

Call to Worship Gene Moore

Leader: People of God—Arise!

Lift your hearts.

Lift your eyes.

Lift your voices.

People: For the Living God has called us together,
In witness, in celebration, in struggle.

Leader: Reach out toward each other, as God reaches out to us.
Reach out toward the world, which God calls us to serve.
Reach out in joy at the miracle of being alive!

People: May God be praised in our worship, in our living, in all we do!

***Hymn of Praise** No. 26 “We Worship You, God” (verses 1,2,4,5)

Opening Prayer

Gene Moore

All: We thank you, Living God, that in Jesus Christ you have built a house not made with hands, a people among whom you live. We thank you that you have called us, and that we belong to you. We come now, longing to know the touch of your Spirit, that we may be encouraged to serve you in the world. Come to us in song and scripture, in each other's embrace and our neighbor's need, that we may truly recognize you and sing your praise; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Scripture Reading

Mark 6:6-13

Gene Moore

Anthem

“Simple Gifts”

arr. Lloyd Larson

Message

A Time to Keep, a Time to Throw Away

Hymn No. 451

“Be Now My Vision”

Responding with Prayer and Generosity

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 *"It's a Gift to Be Simple"* arr. Liz Story

***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.

***Words of Blessing and Godspeed** Moderator Margaret Gramley

***Congregational Response**
We are grateful for the ministry of Pastor Rich during his time as "Off Ramp" pastor at The Church of the Red Rocks, in Sedona and the Verde Valley. We have appreciated his presence among us and his gifts of music and preaching. We ask for your continued prayers and will continue to hold you in our hearts as we move forward separately toward God's purpose of love, hope and justice.

Departing to Serve

***Hymn of Service** No. 76 *"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

***Blessing** Pastor Rich

***Choral Benediction** "The Blessing of Music" Joseph Martin

Postlude *"Reach Out and Touch"* Charles F. Brown

***When our worship is over, our service begins.
We go to serve the world that God loves.***

Announcements

Welcome! We are happy that you are worshiping with us this morning, and hope God's Spirit has spoken to yours.

Rev. Dr. Kristina Campbell - She will be our interim/bridge pastor during the month of August as we wait for Rev. Dr. Guillermo's arrival in September. She prefers to be called Tina and we look forward to having her in our community.

What's Going on Here?

TODAY (July 28)

9:30am Worship

10:30am Coffee and conversation in Painted Cliffs Hall

MONDAY (July 29) Office closed

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

TUESDAY (July 30) Office open 9am-3pm

11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds

WEDNESDAY (July 31) Office open 9am-3pm

5:00pm Barbershop Singers

THURSDAY (August 1) Office open 9am-3pm

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

FRIDAY (August 2) Office closed this week only

SATURDAY (August 3)

NEXT SUNDAY (August 4)

9:30am Worship Service with Tina Campbell

10:30am Coffee and conversation in PCH

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