

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.

August 4, 2024 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

“Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer a freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.”

~Henri J.M. Nouwen

Gathering for Worship

Prelude

“Through a Window”

Michael Hoppé

Greeting & Welcome

Pastor Tina Campbell

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

You are welcome here!

Call to Worship

Pastor Tina

One: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we know and love—neighbors and friends, sisters and brothers, a community of kindred hearts.

ALL: People of God, look about and see the faces of those we hardly know—strangers, sojourners, forgotten friends, the ones who need an outstretched hand.

One: People of God look about you and see all the images of God assembled here. In me, in you, in each of us, God’s spirit shines for all to see.

ALL: People of God, come. Let us worship together.

Opening Prayer

Pastor Tina

***Hymn of Praise No. 11**

"Bring Many Names"

Prayer for Transformation

Rev.. Margaret Gramley

Pause for Reflection

Rev. Margaret Gramley

Words of Grace

Rev. Margaret Gramley

***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

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Micah 6:8

Pastor Tina

Anthem

"Offertory"

John Ness Beck

A Reading from the Gospels

Luke 22:14-27

Pastor Tina

Message

A Place at the Table

Pastor Tina

A Time of Prayer and Generosity

A Time of Prayer

Pastor Tina

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

Rev. Margaret Gramley

Offertory

"God So Loved the World"

John Stainer

***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)**

Pastor Tina

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.

Service of Communion

Pastor Tina and Rev. Margaret

***Communion Hymn** No. 330 *“Let Us Break Bread Together”*

One: As bread that was scattered on the hillside was gathered together as one, so we your people, scattered throughout the world are gathered together around your table. As we feast at this table, we become one.

ALL: As grapes grown in the field, we are gathered together and pressed into a new life force that provides safety and justice for all.

One: So let us prepare to eat and drink as Jesus taught us: inviting the stranger to our table and welcoming the poor. May their absence serve to remind us of the divisions this meal seeks to heal. And may their presence help transform us into the true Body of Christ.

ALL: The invitation has been extended to us. Let us give thanks for this meal.

Communion Song: *“He Leadeth Me/Near to the Heart of God”*
Laura Ridley, harp

Departing to Serve

***Parting Hymn No. 43** *“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”*

***Blessing** Pastor Tina

***Choral Benediction** *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*
Omer Westendorf

Postlude *“Arise, My Soul Arise”* Charles Wesley

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.

Did You Know? You have options when it comes to name badges. We have a clip, a magnet or a lanyard. Choose well and wear it with pride! We are hoping to get in the habit of wearing our name tags as we prepare to welcome Guillermo and Maria to our community this fall.

Pastor Kristina Campbell – Today we welcome Tina as our interim pastor for the month of August. She prefers to be called Tina and can be reached at tinaatthecottage@msn.com.

Exciting Time! The Rev. Dr. Guillermo and his wife Maria will be here in September. We look forward to their arrival and to all the new experiences under his leadership.

Interim Pastors: We have been blessed by their spiritual guidance and kindness during this time of transition. We appreciate all of you!

What's Going On Here?

TODAY (August 4)

9:30am Worship

10:30am Coffee and conversation in Painted Cliffs Hall

MONDAY (August 5) Office closed

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

1:00pm Investment Group Meeting

TUESDAY (August 6) Office open 9am-3pm

11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds

10:00am Verde Valley Weavers & Spinners Guild Meeting

WEDNESDAY (August 7) Office open 9am-3pm

3:30pm Finance, Endowment & Administration Ministry Meeting

5:00pm Barbershop Singers

THURSDAY (August 8) Office open 9am-3pm

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

FRIDAY (August 9) Office open 9am-3pm

SATURDAY (August 10)

NEXT SUNDAY (August 11)

9:30am Worship

10:30am Coffee and conversation in Painted Cliffs Hall

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The Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Pastor-Elect (arriving Sept. 1)

Dr. Ryan Holder, Director of Music

Suzanne Moore, Organist/Pianist

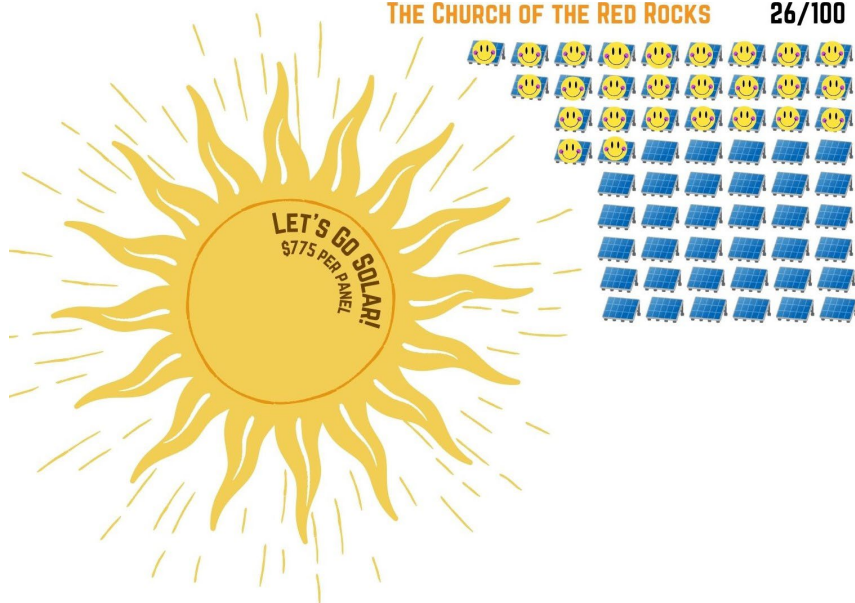
NAU Choral Interns

CRR Choir

The Rev. Dr. George Ault, Pastor Emeritus

THE CHURCH OF THE RED ROCKS

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Commitments have begun to come in for the Solar Fund: Just over \$20,000 has been given or pledged = 26 solar panels!!!! Do you know why we want to "pay back the parking lot money"? I've heard that some are asking. The hope and plan are to invest most of that money ... \$1.6 million ... so it will produce ongoing income to support the church budget, missions, and ministry and property projects that need special funding.... far into the future. Your support of the Solar Fund will allow that to happen. This "hope and plan" is just that it has not been approved of by the Council or the Congregation, but we are trying to operate out of that perspective for now. There is an Investment Study Committee working to determine the best way to use those funds for the mission and ministry of Church of the Red Rocks going forward. You will be hearing more. In the meantime, and trying to be faithful to that vision, we are asking you to support the Solar Fund for this expense and project.

Margaret Gramley, Moderator