

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 25, 2024 –Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

And suddenly you know: It's time to start something new and trust the magic of beginnings.

~Meister Eckhart

Gathering for Worship

Prelude *"Lord, Make Me Your Instrument"* arr. Fred Bock

Greeting & Welcome Rev. Dr. Margaret Gramley

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

You are welcome here!

Call to Worship Lynn Schreiner

One: In the light of this day we have gathered;

ALL: We are a community that is one, bringing our questions, our anticipation and our joy.

One: In the song of silence we will listen-

ALL: What is it that God would have us hear this day?

One: In our prayers we will remember

ALL: That God's glory shines around us and within us.

One: As we anticipate exciting new changes for The Church of the Red Rocks,

ALL: Let us worship God.

Opening Prayer Pastor Tina

***Opening Hymn No. 84** *“This is the Day”*

Prayer for Transformation Pastor Tina

Pause for Reflection Pastor Tina

Listening for Our Still-Speaking God

A Reading from the Hebrew Bible Exodus 23: 20-21
Lynn Schreiner

Anthem *“Climb Every Mountain”* arr. Ed Lojeski

A Reading from the Gospels Matthew 14: 25-32 Pastor Tina
Message Roll Up Our Sleeves Pastor Tina

***Hymn No 277** *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

A Time of Prayer and Generosity

A Time of Prayer Pastor Tina

Response Hear our prayer, O God,
Hear our prayer, O God,
Incline Your ear to us,
And grant us Your peace.

Invitation to Generosity Pastor Tina

Offertory *“Prelude for the Left Hand, Op. 9 No. 1”*
Composer: Alexander Scriabin
Alec Wilkes, guest pianist

***Doxology** *“All People that on Earth Do Dwell”* Trad.

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice:
Him serve with mirth, His praise forth tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.

***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.

Departing to Serve

***Parting Hymn No. 81** *“God Be with You”*

***Blessing** Pastor Tina

***Choral Benediction** *“The Lord Bless You and Keep You”*
Pavel Tschesnokoff / arr. Hal H. Hopson

The Lord bless you and keep you,
The Lord's own face shine on you,
And give you peace. Amen

Postlude *“Great is Your Faithfulness”* arr. Wm. Runyan

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

Announcements

Welcome! We're blessed for our short time together and thank God for uniting us as one. We're also blessed with another beautiful day and we rejoice in His sovereignty.

Exciting Time! The Rev. Dr. Guillermo and his wife Maria will be here in one more week. We look forward to their arrival and to all the new experiences under his leadership. More updates as time gets closer.

Who needs tailgating, when you've got **OFF RAMPING!**

Please join us today after worship in Painted Cliffs Hall for an ice cream social. This is in celebration of us reaching the end of our OFF-RAMP journey this summer as we count down the weeks until we welcome Rev. Dr. Guillermo and Maria to The Church of the Red Rocks community.

We also want to say good-bye to Rev. Tina, and to thank her for her time among us this month of August.

Everyone is invited and has a seat at this table! Please come and enjoy!

+credit for the "off ramping" phrase belongs to Rev. Rich Smith!

Welcome Coffee Hour on September 1. Please be sure to be here for Rev. Dr. Guillermo's first Sunday with us.

Welcome Lunch on September 8. Have you replied to your invitation yet? Call the office if you need to do so. There's a sign-up sheet for some needed items at the Painted Cliffs Hall. Would you like to contribute with salads or desserts?

What's Going on Here?

- TODAY** (August 25)
9:30am Worship
10:30am Coffee and conversation in Painted Cliffs Hall
Farewell to Pastor Tina
- MONDAY** (August 26) Office closed
12:45pm The EDGE Study/Discussion Group via Zoom
- TUESDAY** (August 27) Office open 9am-3pm
11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds
10:00am PEO Meeting
- WEDNESDAY** (August 28) Office open 9am-3pm
5:00pm Barbershop Singers
- THURSDAY** (August 29) Office open 9am-3pm
- FRIDAY** (August 30) Office open 9am-3pm
- SATURDAY** (August 31)
- NEXT SUNDAY** (September 1)
9:30am Worship Service with Rev. Dr. Guillermo
10:30am Coffee and conversation in Painted Cliffs Hall

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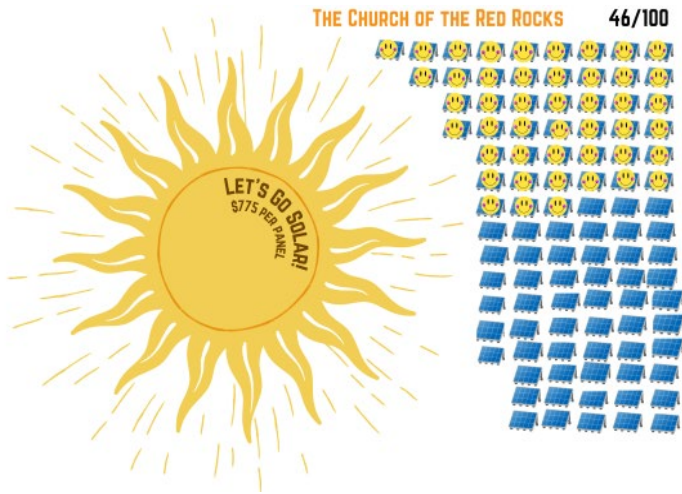
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Suzanne Moore, Organist/Pianist
CRR Choir



Commitments continue to come in for the Solar Fund: Just over \$35,000 has been given or pledged! This equals 46 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