

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.

September 1, 2024 - Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

“God is always trying to give good things to us, but our hands are too full to receive them.” ~ St. Augustine

Prelude *"This Is a Day of New Beginnings"* Brian Wren

Greeting Rev. Dr. Margaret Gramley

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

You are welcome here!

Call to Worship A. J. Cook

Leader: Is God our Creator?

All: Yes, God is our creator. God created all that we know and all that we are to discover.

Leader: Is God our Redeemer?

All: Yes, Through God's grace we are forgiven and able to receive more than we can ever deserve.

Leader: Is God our Savior?

All: Yes, through Jesus the Christ, we are saved from ourselves and are able to experience the love of God.

Leader: God said, "I am that I am."

All: We come to worship and praise God, to join our voices, hands and resources in creating a safe space for all people to deepen their faith.

***Gathering Hymn No. 17** *"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"*

***Prayer for Transformation and New Life**

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Leader: O God, we confess that too often we place our own interests over those of our neighbor; too often we speak with no intention of listening, too often we take with no thought toward giving. Too often we fall short of loving our neighbor. Still, we come before Your church today, asking that You pour your Spirit over us, that we might know of Your grace and love. We ask that despite our flaws and limitations, we might become the people of God.

All: May God's mercy surround our limitations with grace.

Moment of Reflection

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

***Assurance of Grace**

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Leader: Friends, the call of God does not leave us isolated and condemned on a road of uncertainty. God's unending love and compassion is for all whose burdens are heavy and who cannot see the way ahead. May the tender arms of God carry us forth in strength.

All: God offers healing and new life. Thanks be to God!

***Response** No. 505, vs. 1

Sweet Hour of Prayer! Sweet Hour of Prayer!
That calls me from a world of care
and bids me at my Maker's throne
let all my needs and wants be known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by your return, sweet hour of prayer!

Scripture Reading Matthew 16: 13 – 23 A. J. cook

Message BINGO!

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Anthem "Here I Stand" Larry Shackley

A Time of Prayer Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Response No. 518, vs. 1

Father almighty, bless us with Your blessing;
answer in love Your children's supplication.
Hear now our prayer, the spoken and unspoken;
hear us, Eternal God.

Invitation to Generosity Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Offertory "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" arr. John Carter

***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)**

O God, who calls us to live the world with generosity, may these gifts reflect our commitment to Your love, justice, and compassion for a world in need of your healing. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Service of Communion

***Communion Hymn**

No. 347 *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"*

Invitation

Words of Institution

Blessing of the Elements

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

All: We give thanks, O God, because You have refreshed us at your table, filled our deepest needs, and called us to a life of shared hope. Send us forth with joy in the name of Jesus for a world that is hungry for compassion, kindness and fairness. In the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

***Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come;
Your will be done
on earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,***

What's Going on Here?

TODAY	(September 1)	
9:30am	Worship Service with Rev. Dr. Guillermo	
10:30am	Welcome Coffee Hour in Painted Cliffs Hall	
MONDAY	(September 2)	<u>Office closed</u>
12:45pm	The EDGE Study/Discussion Group via Zoom	
TUESDAY	(September 3)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
11:00am	Bible Study at Sedona Winds	
WEDNESDAY	(September 4)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
8:30am	Property Management Ministry Meeting	
5:00pm	Barbershop Singers	
THURSDAY	(September 5)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
1:00pm	Bible Study at CRR	
FRIDAY	(September 6)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
10:00am	Sally's Book Club	
SATURDAY	(September 7)	
NEXT SUNDAY	(September 8)	
9:30am	Worship Service	
10:30am	Welcome Lunch in Painted Cliffs Hall	

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