

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 22, 2024 — Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

The question is not 'How am I to love God?' but rather 'How do I allow myself to be loved by God?' God is searching for me, trying to find me, and longing to bring me home.

~ Henri Nouwen

Prelude *"Jesus Loves Me ala Claire de Lune"* arr. Fred Bock

Greeting & Welcome Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Whoever you are, wherever you are on life's journey...
You are welcome here!

Call to Worship Steve Canipe

Leader: For God so loved the world

ALL: The sparrows, mountain lions, fish and people.

Leader: For God so loved the world ...

**All: for better and worse, in sickness and in health,
for mediocrity and extraordinary.**

Leader: For God so loved the world ...

**All: Enough to become one of us, suffer along with us, and
offer new life for us.**

Leader: For God so loved the world...

ALL: Let us Worship God!

***Gathering Hymn:** No. 74 "We Have Gathered, Jesus Dear"
(vs. 1 & 3)

***Opening Prayer (in unison)**

Loving God, Your extravagant love has called us together.
Long before we even knew You, You already knew us by
name. What amazing love You have shown toward us!
And so, we come before You with praise and thanksgiving,
offering You the worship of our hearts and lives.
Receive our worship, our praise, prayers and offerings.
In the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

***Response** No. 50 "*I Sing the Praise of Love Almighty*" (vs 1)

Scripture Reading I John 4: 7,8, 16b – 19 Steve Canipe

Message "When 1 +1 = 1"

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Anthem "*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*" Mary McDonald

A Time of Prayer

Response No. 812 "*Threefold Amen*"

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Piano Sonata No. 4, Mvt. 2: *Semplice*"

Leo Ornstein

Alec Wilkes, guest pianist

***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, your love invites us to offer love. Your blessings invite us to be a blessing. We give today because you have given to us. We give so that others might receive. Bless these gifts in Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

***Parting Hymn** No 81 *"God Be with You"* (verses 1 & 3)

***Benediction**

***Choral Benediction** *"Now Unto Him"* David Morris

Postlude *"Reach Out and Touch"* Charles Brown

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

Announcements

September 29: Peter Rogahn, an accomplished keyboardist, will have a concert at 2pm and will join in the worship service.

October 1, 8 & 15: "How to Talk About Race"- session 2, 3 & 4.

October 4: Book Club - "First Ladies" by Marie Benedict and Victoria C. Murray.

October 4 & 5: Sedona Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Retreat in Painted Cliffs Hall.

October 11: Yin Yoga resumes its classes on Fridays.

October 12: Rev. Dr. Toni Hawkins' Installation. Dr. Toni is the Conference Minister of the Southwest Conference of UCC.

What's Going On

TODAY	(September 22)	
9:30am	Worship Service	
10:30am	Fellowship in Painted Cliffs Hall	
MONDAY	(September 23)	<u>Office closed</u>
12:45pm	The EDGE Study/Discussion Group via Zoom	
TUESDAY	(September 24)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
11:00am	Bible Study at Sedona Winds	
12:30pm	PEO CM Meeting	
3:00pm	How to Talk About Race (1 of 4)	
WEDNESDAY	(September 25)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
1:00pm	Council Meeting	
5:00pm	Barbershop Singers	
THURSDAY	(September 26)	<u>Office open 9am-3pm</u>
9:30am	Stephen Ministry Meeting	
1:00pm	Bible Study at CRR in classroom A	
3:30pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal in PCH	

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