The Church of the Red Rocks ~ United Church of Christ Open and Affirming Faith Community

Through Christian Worship, Education and Mission we share and celebrate Faith in God with all.

September 29, 2024 — Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

Never lose an opportunity to see anything that is beautiful... Welcome it in every fair face, in every fair sky, in every fair flower.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Prelude "Heavenly Sunlight" arr. Mark Hayes

Greeting & Welcome Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Welcome! We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. Church of the Red Rocks is inclusive. We are open to and affirming of LGBT people. We seek to make the world a better place for all people.

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

Call to Worship

Jim Rostedt

Leader: In the beginning was the Word. Today is the Word.

ALL: The Word of God is all around us.

Leader: Today, God's Word will be spoken.

ALL: We gather as a community to hear God's Word.

Leader: Today, God's Word will vibrate in your heart.

ALL: We gather to be activated by the Word into the people of God. Let us Worship God!

*Gathering Hymn "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above" (vs 1&4)

*Opening Prayer (in unison)

O God, you speak to us at all times of the day. When the majestic beauty of your creation is before us, we hear you. When loving words of encouragement are being spoken, we hear you. When dreams stimulate our purpose, we hear you. Speak to us, in this hour of worship. Fill us with hope and love for a world that hungers for your Spirit.

*Response "I Love to Tell the Story" (vs. 1)

Receiving of New MembersKaren and Duane Ellingson
Gary Wagner

Scripture Reading John 1: 1 – 5, 14a Kathy Rostedt

Message "Bright Sunshiny Days"

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Anthem "I Can See Clearly Now" Johnny Nash
Adara Knelange, soloist

A Time of Prayer

Response No. 812 "Threefold Amen"

Invitation to Generosity

Offertory "Adoration" Florence Price
Dr. Peter Rogahn, guest keyboardist

*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 (Unison)

O God, accept our gifts at this time. May they inspire others to be generous and loving. We pray your Spirit multiply and grow them, for a community that seeks to love their neighbor. In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

*Parting Hymn No. 377 "Forward Through the Ages"

(vs 1&3)

*Benediction

*Choral Benediction "Now Unto Him" D

David Morris

Postlude "Toccata from Symphony No. 5"

Charles Marie Widor

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

Announcements

We offer our prayers and condolences to Susan Blechmann and her family on the passing of her husband Paul on Sunday, September 22. He served in the Army Reserve and was a retired investment advisor. Paul was an athlete and enjoyed hiking the red rocks of Sedona

We also offer prayers and condolences to Jacques DePuy, husband of Margo DePuy. Margo passed away on July 18 in Auckland, NZ, her native home. She lived in Sedona for 20 years and very much enjoyed worshiping here.

What's Going On

TODAY	(September 29)
9:30am	Worship Service
10:30am	Fellowship in Painted Cliffs Hall
2:00pm	Liang and Rogahn Concert (gratis)
MONDAY	(September 30) <u>Office closed</u>
12:45pm	The EDGE Study/Discussion Group via Zoom
TUESDAY	(October 1) Office open 9am-3pm
11:00am	Bible Study at Sedona Winds
3:00pm	How to Talk About Race (2 of 4) PCH
WEDNESDAY	(October 2) Office open 9am-3pm
9:00am	Property Management Ministry Meeting
5:00pm	Barbershop Singers (Choir Room)
THURSDAY	(October 3) Office open 9am-3pm
1:00pm	Bible Study at CRR in classroom A
3:30pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal in PCH
FRIDAY	(October 4)
10:00am	Book Club - "First Ladies"
5:00pm	Sedona Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Retreat
SATURDAY	(October 5)
8:00am	Sedona Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Retreat
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