

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

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

October 20, 2024 – Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

Service to others is the rent we pay for our room here on earth.
~ Muhammad Ali

PRELUDE *"The Longer I Serve Him"* William Gaither

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 64) Karen Stupak

Leader: O God, we earnestly seek you.

People: Our soul thirsts for you.

Leader: As in a dry and weary land where there is no water...

People: ...our flesh faints for you,

Leader: Your steadfast love is better than life,

People: So, we will praise you and, in your name, we will lift
up our hands.

*** OPENING PRAYER (Unison)**

Karen Stupak

Creating and Eternal God, remind us that we have prospered because of your blessings in our lives. You, O God, are the One from whom all blessings flow. Open our hearts and minds in this hour of worship so we may humbly receive your Spirit.

***GATHERING HYMN No. 12** *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

(vs 1 & 3)

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10: 35 – 45

Karen Stupak

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

SERMON "Honey for the Heart"

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

ANTHEM *"What Wonderful Love Is This"*

arr. Jack Schrader

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (to be sung)

*Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
Thy 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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.*

*For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Precious Lord"

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

"God Faithful Will Remain" arr. Jason W. Krug
Handbell Choir

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***PARTING HYMN** No. 166 *"Immortal Love, Forever Full"*

(vs. 1-3)

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

"Go Now in Peace"

Don Besig

POSTLUDE

"Canon in D"

Johann Pachelbel

Announcements

* We would like to thank you for your incredible generosity during this overwhelming time in the lives of the members of our sister church, Pass-A-Grille Beach Community. May you all be blessed!

* We offer condolences and prayers to Gail and John Heyer upon the death of their oldest son, Jeffrey. They were able to attend his Celebration of Life in Montana in September.

* **Joyce Matheson** is having shoulder surgery tomorrow, October 21. Let's pray for wisdom for her medical team and peace for her and Dennis.

* **God Stories** - *A class on how to tell your God story*

Did you have a “God Encounter” and you want to tell people about it? Do you have a good story about God intervening in your life? Join Pastor Guillermo and members of our church family to learn the basic elements about sharing your God story, your testimony. Come for three **Wednesdays – October 23, 30 and November 6 from 10:30 to 12:00**. For more information, or to register for the class, contact the church office.

* **Fellowship Time** - You can interact with Rev. George Dorado Blanco, the artist in residence on **October 27** during coffee hour.

* **All Saints Day** – *Remembering Our Loved Ones*

Traditionally, All Saints Day was created so the Church may honor its martyred saints. Over time it has evolved as a day for the community to remember the loved ones who have passed. On **Sunday, November 3**, the altar will be set with candles to be lit for the loved ones who have passed in recent years. If you wish to have the name of your loved one listed and read out loud, as a candle is lit in their memory, please contact the church office.

* **Arizona Community Foundation** will be here on **November 17** for an informational meeting offered by the Investment Study Group and Finance Ministry. This will be during coffee hour.

* **Suzanne Moore** will be honored as Organist/Pianist Emeritus upon her retirement on **November 24**, during and after the worship service. Please be here to celebrate our favorite pianist.

* **Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service** on Tuesday, **November 26** in our sanctuary. Delicious pies will be served after the program.

* Please contact the office: if you still want a new name tag, want to receive the Canyon Echo online or by mail, if you know of anyone in need of prayers and visitations or you wish to send a sympathy card and need an address



What's Going On

For more information about what is happening at the church visit our website or subscribe to the Canyon Echo, our weekly newsletter. If you are interested in any of our ministries or programs, contact Jussara Wagner at the church office. Here are a few of things happening this week:

Mon: 12:45pm The EDGE - Zoom
Tue: 11am Bible Study at Sedona Winds
Wed: 1pm Council Meeting
Thu: 9:30am Stephen Ministry Meeting
1pm Bible Study at CRR
3:30pm Handbell Choir
Fri: 9am Yin Yoga at PCH

Have questions or comments? Send us an e-mail at:

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