

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 27, 2024 – Hospitality Sunday

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

Hospitality is the creation of space where the stranger can enter and become friend. True hospitality does not try to change people. Instead, it offers space where change can happen.

~ Henri J.M. Nouwen

PRELUDE *"We Gather Together"* Medley Various

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

You are welcome here!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. George Dorado Blanco

Leader: God rejoices at our presence here today.

People: **And welcomes us home with celebration.**

Leader: We come from different places with different gifts.

People: **God's love accepts each and every one of us.**

Leader: God, you who have loved and restored us, help us to extend your extravagant welcome to all people...

People: **And forever share the gift of Christian hospitality.**

***GATHERING HYMN** *"All Are Welcome"* Marty Haugen

A CELEBRATION OF VOLUNTEERS Karen Stupak

GIFT OF MUSIC *"Prelude and Fugue in B-flat minor, BWV 867"*

J.S. Bach

Alec Wilkes, piano

A MOMENT FOR POETRY *"O Gosh"* Dorothy Studt Serulnic

(see insert)

Beth Kingsley Hawkins

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 10: 46 – 52

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

HYMN OF PREPARATION *"Spirit of the Living God"*

SERMON "And it goes something like this..."

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

ANTHEM *"Run, Bartimaeus, Run"*

Joseph Martin & Joel Raney

Alec Wilkes, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (sung in unison)

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, the power,

and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

"I Would Be True"

Howard Walter

***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 SONG**

"What Wonderful World"

George David Weiss and Bob Thiele

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom for me and you
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

I see skies of blue and clouds of white
The bright blessed day the dark sacred night
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

The colors of the rainbow so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces of people going by
I see friends shaking hands saying, "How do you do?"
They're really saying, "I love you"

I hear babies cry. I watch them grow.
They'll learn much more than I'll never know
And I think to myself, what a wonderful world.

Yes, I think to myself, what a wonderful world.
Oh yeah

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION** No. 319 *"Wonderful Words of Life"*

(vs. 1 & 3)

POSTLUDE

"Be Thou My Vision"

Alice Jordan

Announcements

* **Fellowship Time** - Following this worship service, members of our Outreach and Growth Ministry will provide an opportunity for volunteerism in the Painted Cliffs Hall. Pass by and see how easy it is to make our church welcoming. Also, our artist in residence, Rev. George Blanco, has an exhibit and he will be available to answer your questions and explain his paintings.

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

The class has begun about the basic elements in sharing your God story, your testimony. Two Wednesdays are left: October 30 and November 6 from 10:30 to 12:00. For more information, or to register for the class, contact the church office.

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

All Saints Day is a day for the community to remember the loved ones who have passed. Next **Sunday**, the altar will be set with candles in remembrance of loved ones. If you wish to have a loved one included, please contact the church office.

* **Fall Fellowship Second Sunday Potluck Lunch** - 

November 10 everyone is welcome to be part of the potluck. Bring a **MAIN DISH, SIDE DISH, SALAD** or a **DESSERT** for eight (8) and leave it in the kitchen before worship. It is a time for us to come together in friendship and share a meal. There's no sign-up sheet!

* Please contact the office if you still want a new name tag, or to receive the Canyon Echo online or by mail.

The Gosh Poem

by Dorothy Studt Serulnic

Gosh! I've never lived this day before!
There's feeling of excitement in the air,
Like a child at birthday time!
A feeling of wonder... what does this day hold
To distinguish it, in its place in time.

I'll see new things I've never seen before!
I'll meet new folks I've never met before!
To find new wisdom lurking there I've never known before,
Or take that waiting chance I've not had the courage before.

So, shrug off any feeling of boredom,
There's too much waiting to happen!
There's joy, and delight and adventure,
So don't let it catch you... nappin!

Look up and live – a new day is born!
All fresh and spanking new.
It's all for real, just brimming full!
And what's more – it's all for you!

So, I'll take up this day
It's newness, its challenge, its chance
Its golden seconds and minutes and hours
All filled with Life's own romance.

Untainted, just asking what it can do,
To fill its space, in Life's great plan.
There's richness of laughter, and newness of thoughts
All waiting to fill... this one day's span!

It's not just another day,
It's the first day of your future.

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:

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Mon: 12:45pm The EDGE - Zoom
Tue: 11am Bible Study at Sedona Winds
Thu: 1pm Bible Study at CRR
3:30pm Handbell Choir

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