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.

November 3, 2024 – Communion and All Saints Sunday

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

When someone we love becomes a memory, The memory becomes a treasure. ~ author unknown

A MOMENT FOR POETRY

"All Saints Day" Venetia Crasta Sallyann Navarro

PRELUDE "Bring Many Names" **Carlton Young**

(see insert)

* RESPONSIVE PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS

Rev. Dr. Margaret Gramley

Creating and Eternal God, you have called our departed saints to your side of Creation. We are grateful for their lives and for the many ways they enriched ours.

We give you thanks, O God, for their lives. We no longer hold them in our hands, but we hold them in our hearts. We are better people today because they lived.

We remember these departed saints today,

and dedicate this sacred moment in gratitude for their lives.

* HYMN OF REMEMBRANCE No 299 "For All the Saints"

(vs. 1-2, 5)

CANDLE LIGHTING AND NAMING OF SAINTS

When the saint's name is called, a candle will be lit in their memory

GIFT OF MUSIC "At the River" Aaron Copland
CRR Music Interns

WORDS OF WELCOME

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

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12: 28-34 Gene Moore

A MOMENT OF SILENCE

HYMN OF PREPARATION "Spirit of the Living God"

SERMON "Riding with Marion"

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

ANTHEM "Saints Bound for Heaven"

arr. Alice Parker and Robert Shaw

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation
The Words of Institution
The Blessing Prayer
The Sharing of the Sacrament

Prayerfully approach, as you are able. Bread and an individual communion cup will be given to you. Gluten Free bread is available. If you wish to remain seated, an usher will take the elements to you.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND FOR OUR NATION

Eternal and loving God, we thank you for your presence during this holy feast. May we know Your presence in our daily living. Take us, restored and ready to serve in the name of Jesus, our Savior.

As the election approaches, help us to understand how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. We pray for lucid vision that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, equal in dignity.

We pray for clear hearing that we might hear the voices of those pleading for equal rights under the law. We ask for minds and hearts full of peace, and willing to promote peace for the good of all people.

We pray for discernment that we may choose leaders who live Your love and keep in the ways of Your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

"Deep River"

arr. Larry Shackley
Alec Wilkes

*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.

*CLOSING HYMN No 617

"Unite And Join Your Cheerful Songs" (VS. 1-2,4)

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

"Surely the Presence of the Lord" arr. Jack Schrader

POSTLUDE

"Look, Ye Saints!"

Henry Smart

Announcements

- * God Stories A class on how to tell your God story
 The class is about the basic elements in sharing your God story,
 your testimony. One Wednesday is left: Nov. 6, 10:30 to 12:00.
- * Fall Fellowship Second Sunday Potluck Lunch November 10 and everyone is welcome to be part of it. 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!
- * 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.
- * Verde Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild will have their annual sale here on Saturday, November 23 at 9am.
- * **Suzanne Moore** will be honored as Organist/Pianist Emeritus upon her retirement on **November 24**, during and after the worship service.

All Saints Day

How lovely is the dwelling place
Where saints and blessed ones rest in grace
Peace, joy and love overflowing
While we on earth here are groaning

Each one wearing a crown of glory
For vices conquered, each one has a story
Their faces shining, resplendently glowing
With angels guiding us in our following

Their fervent prayers sprinkled with incense Reaching the Holy Throne in our defense Their earthly sacrifice and pains endured Our souls we surrender to them to cure

Blessed ones we honor thee on this day Shining lights of heaven carve out our way Soon may our paths be entwined in one As the world we shun and upwards run

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

3pm Growth & Outreach Ministry Meeting

Wed: 8:30am Property Management Ministry Meeting

2:30pm Worship Planning Meeting

Thu: 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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