

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 10, 2024 Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

*"Love is not getting, but giving. It is goodness,
and honor, and peace and pure living."*

~Henry Van Dyke

PRELUDE

"More Love to Thee"

William Doane

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gene Moore

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

You are welcome here!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Holly Johnson

Leader: Come, feel renewed today.

People: O God, relieve me of my stress today.

Leader: Come, feel at peace today.

People: O God, I am worried about too many things.

Leader: This is God's house. Love is the priority.

People: We are God's people. Praise be to God!

***GATHERING HYMN** No. 312 *"We Love Your Realm, O God"*

(vs. 1-4)

OPENING PRAYER

Holly Johnson

**O God, we turn our lives over to you. Put your mark on us.
Make us yours. Lead us. Guide us. Open our hearts in this
hour of worship. So, we might be your people every day.**

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Pastorale"

Michael Helman
CRR Handbell Choir

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 21: 15 – 17

Holly Johnson

I Cor 13: 1 – 8a

SERMON

"Do You Love Me?"

Rev. George Dorado Blanco

RESPONSE

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Peter Scholtes

ANTHEM

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

COMMUNITY PRAYER

Gene Moore

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

arr. Light & Raney

CRR Handbell Choir with Suzanne Moore, piano

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost!

From Pastor Guillermo

Dear Church Family,

I'm not with you on this Sunday because I have to travel to Miami to visit my mother at her skilled nursing center and celebrate her 90th birthday. If I truly practice what I preach, there is nothing more important in my life than to find ways to laugh with her.

However, the uneasiness I feel after Tuesday's election results has occupied most of my mind, if not all. As your pastor, I have a longing to be in worship and prayer with you at this moment. Unsurprisingly, a sense of urgency has crept in, but I'm fighting it with every fiber in my being. I cannot allow anxiety and fear to dictate. Instead, I want us to consider an age-old question, "What does it mean to be church and members of a faith community in times of injustice and despair?"

In the weeks to come we will explore that question together. In the meantime, I offer you words written by tennis player, Venice Williams, an African-American woman, shared by Steve Canipe at the Faith in Action.

You are awakening to the same country you fell asleep to. The very same country. Pull yourself together. And, when you see me, do not ask me, "What do we do now? How do we get through the next four years?"

My Ancestors dealt with 400 years of this under worse conditions.

*Continue to do the good work. Continue to build bridges, not walls.
Continue to lead with compassion. Continue the demanding work
of liberation for all. Continue to dismantle broken systems, large and small.
Continue to set the best example for the children.
Continue to be a vessel of nourishing joy.
Continue right where you are, right where you live into your days.*

Do so in the name of The Creator who expects nothing less from each of us.

And if you are not "continuing" ALL of the above, in community, partnership, collaboration? What is it you have been doing? What is it you are waiting for?

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
1pm Game On at PCH

Tue: 11am Bible Study at Sedona Winds

Wed: 3:30pm Finance & Administration Meeting

Thu: 9:30am Stephen Ministry Meeting
10:30am How to Give Your Testimony Class (3/3)
1pm Bible Study at CRR
3:30pm Handbell Choir

Fri: 9am Yin Yoga at PCH

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