

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 17, 2024 Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

*Keep your face always toward the sunshine,
and shadows will fall behind you.*

~ Walt Whitman

PRELUDE

"I Believe"

Ervin Drake

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

You are welcome here!

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Lynn Schreiner

Leader: There is no holy one like God above.

People: There is no rock like our God.

Leader: We gather because we are not led astray.

People: Our God, shines a light on our path.

Leader: There is no hope like the hope of God's word.

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

***GATHERING HYMN** No. 473 *"Blessed Assurance"*

OPENING PRAYER

Lynn Schreiner

**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

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" Traditional
Logan Willson, soloist • Alec Wilkes, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13: 1 – 8 Lynn Schreiner

SERMON

"Midwives Among Us"
Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez- Sterling

ANTHEM

"My Lord, What a Morning" arr. Jay Althouse
Alec Wilkes, piano

PASTORAL PRAYER

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"
arr. Matt Limbaugh

*** 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!

***PARTING HYMN** No. 611 *"O Day of God, Draw Nigh"*

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL BENEDICTION**

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

POSTLUDE

"In Celebration: The Solid Rock" Galyen Syke

Announcements

* ***Toys for Tots*** collection box is placed in PCH. Please bring a new toy and put a smile on a child's face this Christmas.

The campaign will end on Sunday **December 8**.

* ***Verde Valley Weavers and Spinners Guild*** will have their annual sale here this coming Saturday, **November 23** at 9am.

* ***Suzanne Moore*** will be honored as Organist/Pianist Emeritus upon her retirement next Sunday, **November 24**. She will be happy to see you!

* ***Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service*** on Tuesday, **November 26** at 7pm in our sanctuary. Let's join together to express our gratitude, foster koinonia among us and enjoy delicious pies.

* ***Sedona Community Meal*** on Monday, **December 2**. If you want to know more about this great outreach ministry, call the office.

* ***Book Club*** meets again on Friday, **December 6** at 10:30am. The new book is "The Lager Queen of Minnesota" by J. Ryan Stradal.

* ***Greening of the Church*** will be on Saturday, **December 7** at 9am. Volunteers will be welcome for this great festive event.

* ***Lessons & Carols*** with Sedona Academy of Chambers Singers and CRR Choir will be on Saturday, **December 14** at 5pm.

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: 1 pm Council 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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