

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

January 12, 2025
First Sunday after Epiphany

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER:

To be human is to be a guest house. Every morning is a new arrival. A joy, a depression, a meanness. Momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor. Welcome and entertain them all. Be grateful for whoever comes because each has been sent as a guide. ~ Rumi

THE WELCOME AND PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

PRELUDE *"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*
Alec Wilkes, piano - arr. Lloyd Larson

*** THE CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on John 15) Gene Moore

A branch is unable to live unless it is connected to the vine.

God remains in us as we remain in God.

Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches.

The ones who remain in Christ, and Christ in them, produce much fruit.

The fruit is seen in the love that remains and is shared with all.

We remain present and aware of God's love for all people.

*** THE OPENING HYMN** No.459

(vs. 1 & 3)

"Come, O Fount of Every Blessing"

THE TIME FOR PRAYER

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

"Always Good"

Rita Springer & Hannah McClure

Grace Mason, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING

I Samuel 2: 1 – 11

Gene Moore

SERMON

"Simply Human"

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

GIFT OF MUSIC

"My Soul Cries Out" (Canticle of the Turning)

Rory Cooney & Mark Hayes

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

OFFERTORY

"It Is Well With My Soul"

arr. Joel Raney

Alec Wilkes, piano

*** DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

We thank you, O God, for this season of illumination, when our eyes are open and our awareness is raised to the work of your Spirit. Bless these offerings and the many hands that have labored for this act of generous giving. In Jesus' name we pray. AMEN

* **PARTING HYMN** No. 277

(vs. 1-2)

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

* **BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

"Down to the River to Pray"

Alec Wilkes, piano, arr. Ken Medema

We want to keep our beloved members and friends in our prayers. Please pray for:

Christy D. • RuthAnn R. • Gertrude M. • Wendell V. • Lew H. • Nancy H. • Ronaldo • Davis H. • John & Antonia S. • John M. • Clair R. • Helene L.

2024 Annual Report - Will arrive in your email box as you worship here this morning. Please check your email when you get home from church. There'll only be a few printed copies available at the Welcome Desk.

January 19 - There will not be a regular morning service but the church will be open if anyone would like to come and pray.

The installation of Pastor Guillermo will take place at 2:30pm. Please plan to attend this blessed covenant.

Visitors, before you leave, visit our welcome table and help us stay in contact with you by filling out the Visitor Contact Card.

Our Mission

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

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 Meeting**
1:00pm Game ON!
- Tue: 11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds**
- Thu: 1:00pm Bible Study at CRR**
3:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
- Fri: 9:00am Yin Yoga**
- Sat: 9:30am Shrine of the Ages Choir Council Retreat**

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

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www.ChurchoftheRedRocks.com

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Regular Office Hours: Tuesdays thru Fridays from 9am to 4pm

The Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling
Dr. Ryan Holder
Mr. Alec Wilkes
NAU Choral Interns
Mrs. Suzanne Moore
The Rev. Dr. George Ault

Settled Pastor
Director of Music
Pianist
CRR Chancel Choir
Musician Emeritus
Pastor Emeritus