

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

February 2, 2025

Communion Sunday

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER

Never leave fish to find fish. ~ Moses

WORDS OF WELCOME

Today is a day of new possibility.

Come in, *you are welcome here.*

Today is a day for new ideas to enter your life.

Come in, *you are welcome here.*

Today is a day to feel and know the love of God.

Come in, *you are welcome here.*

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

PRELUDE

"Lord of the Dance"

arr. Mark Hayes

Alec Wilkes, pianist

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

Mia Murray

Come, all you people, come and worship.

God has made a covenant with us.

Come, every person, regardless of position and stature.

God's covenant extends to everyone.

Know God's covenant and be grateful.

**We are here today because of God's covenant, which has
blessed us beyond description. Thanks be to God.**

***OPENING HYMN**

(vs 1 – 4, 6)

“God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale”

SCRIPTURE READING

Mia Murray

Exodus 34: 5 – 7, 10, 27 – 28

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY

Giving is a response to God’s boundless grace and generosity. It’s an acknowledgement and expression that all we have, as individual members of one body, comes from God.

OFFERTORY

“Here I Am, Lord”

arr. Jack Schroeder

***DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts.
Creator, Christ, Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Compassionate God, who sees beyond our boundaries, we bring these offerings with grateful hearts. Transform them into a beacon of hope that reflects Your boundless love for every living being. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Mia Murray

I Kings 19: 3 – 5, 7 – 9, 11 – 13

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Give me a Clean Heart”

(x2)

SERMON

The Jealous God

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

COMMUNION HYMN

"Let Us Break Bread Together"

(3 verses)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

The Words of Institution

The Blessing Prayer

The Sharing of the Sacrament

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Table of Grace"

Pepper Choplin

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

Eternal God, we thank you for your presence in this holy feast. Take us from this table, raised and restored, ready to serve, in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray...

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,

and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

*** BENEDICTION**

(from Numbers 6)

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God turn and face you and grant you peace.

POSTLUDE *"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"*

Arr. Vicki Collinsworth

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

**RuthAnn R. • Gertrude M. • Lew H. • Nancy H. •
Ronaldo • Davis H. • John & Antonia S. • John M. •
Clair R. • Helene L • Chuck G. • Elaine G. • Diane VM. •**

POTLUCK DINNERS ARE BACK!

We have all missed the potluck dinners. Our first one will be this **Wednesday, February 5 at 5pm**. Bring a main or side dish, salad or dessert that serves eight. Everything else will be provided for. Our speakers will be **Marlys Mallet and Michael Redhawk** and they will gift us with a 30-minute presentation after dinner.

SECOND SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEAS ARE ALSO BACK

They will happen in March, June, September and December. More news to come as the day gets closer.

We offer prayers and condolences to **Sally Gorski's** family. She passed away on January 19 and is now free of pain. She will be missed by many.

BIBLE STUDY

Meet the Prophets: It's now on THURSDAYS at 1pm

Jesus was very familiar with the scriptures and the prophets who saved Judaism from extinction. Can we see how the prophets influenced Jesus and his ministry? Join Pastor Guillermo for four weeks in February as he presents a brief overview of the Old Testament prophets, their artistic side, their sense of righteousness and the Jewish people they were trying to save from themselves.

Rooftop Solar will deliver equipment for the installation on Monday, February 3. The installation crew and remainder material will arrive on Wednesday, February 5 and the whole project may take about ten days. There'll signs and cones to direct traffic.

SUUF Movie discussion meets on Wednesday, February 12 at 10:30am. The next movie is “**The Six Triple Eight**”. This is the correct movie. Disregard the title on the Canyon Echo.

We will celebrate **Wendell VerPloeg's life** on Sunday, February 16 right after the worship service. Please plan to attend as we honor his beautiful long life.

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. Here are a few of things happening this week:

- Mon: 12:45pm The EDGE - Zoom Meeting**
Tue: 11:00am Bible Study at Sedona Winds
1:30pm Spiritual Growth & Education Meeting
Wed: 8:30am Property Management Meeting
Thu: 10:00am Growth Outreach & Hospitality Meeting
10:30am Craft Club
1:00pm Meet the Prophets Class (1/4)
3:30pm Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Fri: 9:00am Yin Yoga
10:30am Book Club

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

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