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

February 23, 2025

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

TO PONDER AS WE GATHER

There is a natural instinct for renewal and for the liberation of creative power. We seek to awaken in ourselves a force which really changes our lives from within... To be born again is not to become somebody else, but to become ourselves.

~ Thomas Merton

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

PRELUDE	"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"	arr. Larry Shackle
		Alec Wilkes, piano

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Suzanne Moore

Creator God, create in us a wellspring of joy

Laughter, dance, song and play: these are the outward signs of our inner blessings.

Creator God, fill us with your love that we might share this love with all our neighbors.

Generosity, charity, kindness and hospitality: these are the ways we identify our mission.

Creator God, make us your people.

Love, hope, compassion and faith: these are the marks of those who follow Jesus. Amen.

"Spirit of Gentleness" (vs 1-3) * THE OPENING HYMN PASTORAL PRAYER "Give Me a Clean Heart" PRAYER RESPONSE THE PROPHETIC READING Suzanne Moore Ezekiel 1: 1, 25 - 28, 2: 1 - 2 "Dem Dry Bones" ANTHEM **CRR** Chancel Choir PROPHETIC READING Suzanne Moore Jeremiah 37: 1-14 "Spirit of the Living God" HYMN OF PREPARATION Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. "Where's the Beef?" SERMON Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling GIFT OF MUSIC Gary W. Wagner MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP "His Eye Is on The Sparrow" arr. Jack Schrader OFFERTORY * DOXOLOGY *PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

We thank you, O God, for we are people of abundance who want to give in your name. Bless these gifts that they might strengthen our church and her ministries. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN * PARTING HYMN No. 293 "Sw

"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. Joel Raney

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

Davis H. • John & Antonia S. • John M. • Diane VM. • Helene L• Chuck G. • Elaine G. • Jeri •

If you know anyone in need of prayers, please contact the church office.

BIBLE STUDY

Meet the Prophets: The last session this THURSDAY at 1pm

<u>COMING IN MARCH</u>

- 05 -Ash Wednesday Service
- 07 -Book Club: "The Detective in the Dooryard" Reflections of a Mayne Cop by Timothy Cotton
- 09 -Second Sunday Potluck Second Sunday Communion
- 10 -Game On!
- 12 -Faith-in-Action Retreat Movie Discussion by SUUF
- 18 -Baby Shower for Migrants
- 26 Journey of Aging
- 30 -acapella sedona Concert

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.

<u>What's Going On</u>

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:

Tue:	(25)	11:00am	Bible Study at Sedona Winds
Thu:	(27)	9:30am	Stephen Ministry Class (2/4)
		10:30am	Craft Club
		1:00pm	Meet the Prophets Class (4/4)
		3:30pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsal
Fri:	(28)	9:00am	Yin Yoga
		9:00am	Church Council Retreat

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

info@churchoftheredrocks.com Visit our website at: <u>www.ChurchoftheRedRocks.com</u> Or visit our Facebook page: <u>www.facebook.com/churchredrocks</u>

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

The Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling	Settled Pastor
Dr. Ryan Holder	Director of Music
Mr. Alec Wilkes	Pianist
NAU Choral Interns	CRR Choir
Mrs. Suzanne Moore	Musician Emeritus
The Rev. Dr. George Ault	Pastor Emeritus