

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

March 23, 2025
Third Sunday of Lent

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Holy One, draw us into community
and connection with the Sacred.*

PRELUDE *"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"* arr. David Smither
Alec Wilkes, piano

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Lynn Schreiner

You who are thirsty:

Come to receive living water.

You who are hungry:

Taste the bread that satisfies.

You who long for connection:

**Receive the fellowship of this community, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit.**

You who search for love:

**Experience the love of Jesus expressed in music, prayer,
community, word and action.**

Let us worship God together!!!

*** OPENING HYMN**

"Gather Us In"

(vs. 1, 2 & 4)

Marty Haugen

*** PRAYER FOR TRANSFORMATION**

Gracious God, too often we can't see the forest for the trees; or experience your presence among us so busy are we with the details and demands of ministry and life. Yet, we yearn for you and cling to the promises of peace and love. Release us from anxiety so we may sing with joy and harmony.

*** Words of Grace**

A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new
who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God's presence,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER RESPONSE

"Seek Ye First"

*Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and God's righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Lynn Schreiner

PSALM 63

Refrain: In the morning, I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

SERMON

"Clinging"

Rev. Margaret Gramley, Ph.D.

GIFT OF MUSIC

"Come to Me and Rest"

CRR Chancel Choir

MOMENT OF STEWARDSHIP

Bob Wych

OFFERTORY *"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"* arr. Larry Shackley

*** 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. Amen*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**Dear God, take these offerings of treasure, and our lives, to
use for your purposes in the world. Amen.**

*** PARTING HYMN No. 410**

(vs. 1 & 3)

"If You but Trust in God to Guide You"

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"* arr. John Carter

* We would like to express our gratitude to Rev. Dr. Margaret Gramley for preaching today. Dr. Gramley is a retired Methodist pastor and has served our church in many capacities including Moderator. She now serves as Member-at-Large.

Coming up in March and April

- March 26 Journey of Aging @ 10:30am in PCH
- March 27 Women's Interfaith Potluck Luncheon at the Jewish Synagogue @ 11am
- March 30 acappella sedona Concert @ 2pm in the sanctuary
- April 4 Book Club: *"Fifty Words for Rain"* by Asha Lemmie, @ 10:30am
- April 11 Unitarian Universalist History Class - 6 consecutive Fridays from 2 - 4pm
- April 26 Earth Day Event @ 2pm in PCH

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

John M • John & Antonia S. Davis H. • Helene L • Chuck G. • Elaine G. • Michael E. • Barbie T. •

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

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PSALM 63
(In the Morning I Will Sing)

1. You are my God, I long for you from early in the morning.
My whole being desires you like a dry, worn, waterless land.
My soul thirsts for you.
2. In the sanctuary let me see how mighty are your works.
Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you.
3. I will give you thanks as long as I shall live; I raise my hands in prayer, and my soul will feast and be filled, and I will sing and praise you.
4. As I lie in bed I remember you, O lord; I think of you all night long, for you are my constant help.
In the shadows of your wings, I sing for joy. I cling to you; your hand keeps me safe.



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OUR MISSION

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