

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

May 4, 2025  
Music Appreciation Sunday

\*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

**THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Music was my refuge. I could crawl into the space between the notes and curl my back to loneliness ~ Maya Angelou*

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

**PRELUDE**     *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*     arr. John Carter

**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**     Betty Morgan

Creating and eternal God, open our lips...

**and our voices shall proclaim your praise.**

It is good to sing praises to your name, O Most High.

**To tell of love in the morning and faithfulness at night-time.**

O come, let us sing to the Lord.

**Let us heartily rejoice in the rock of our salvation**

**\* OPENING HYMN**     *"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*     No.12

*Please be seated*

**MUSIC TESTIMONY**     Marcia & Lawrence Byrd

**GIFT OF MUSIC**     *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

arr. Sandra Eithun  
CRR Handbell Choir

**MUSIC TESTIMONY**     Karen Barrow

**ANTHEM**

*"To Be Your Song"*

Joseph Martin  
CRR Chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 150

Betty Morgan

**HYMN**

*"To You, O God, All Creatures Sing"*

No.17

**BLESSING OF THE MUSIC MINISTRY**

You put a new song in my mouth;  
A song of praise to you, my God.

**You put a new song in my mouth;  
A song of praise to you, my God.**

I waited patiently for you, O God;  
You bent down to me and heard my cry for help.

**You put a new song in my mouth;  
A song of praise to you, my God.**

When my soul was downcast, and I could not find a way  
out of the darkness, You sang a melody of hope for me.

**You put a new song in my mouth;  
A song of praise to you, my God.**

When I full of gratitude and thanksgiving,  
O God, I heard a song of praise that lifted my soul.

**You put a new song in my mouth;  
A song of praise to you, my God.**

What joy it is to have youthful hearts sing praise to God!  
What a blessing it is to be inspired by such music!

**You put a new song in my mouth;  
A song of praise to you, my God.**

**Bless, O God, the many voices that come together to sing  
praises to you. Their inspiration leads us closer to your  
love, in name of Jesus Christ, our Risen Savior. Amen.**

## MUSIC TESTIMONY

Grace Mason

### ANTHEM

*"There's No Rock Gonna Shout for Me"*

Michael Barrett

Sedona Academy of Chamber Singers - Kyle Larsen, soloist

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### Invitation

### Words of Institution

### Prayer of Blessing

### Breaking of bread and sharing of wine

### Sharing of the Sacrament

*The sacrament is offered via intinction.*

*Dip your bread in the cup and then place it in your mouth.*

## COMMUNION SOLO

*"I Sing You to Sleep from Windows: Five Songs of Love"*

Mia Murray, soloist - Alan Louis

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**Thank you, O God, for the reminder that we are a community, called to treat every person as sacred. We have received your Spirit and are transformed closer to Your will. In Jesus' name we pray these words:**

*Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as in heaven.*

*Give us this day our daily bread;*

*And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.*

*Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power,*

*and the glory forever Amen.*

## MOMENT OF GRATITUDE

Dr. Ryan Holder

**GIFT OF MUSIC**

*"Give Thanks"*

Henry Smith  
arr. Susan E. Geschke  
CRR Handbell Choir

**MOMENT OF GIVING**

*Thank you for your generosity  
Place your donation in an offering basket as you exit.*

**\* PARTING HYMN**

No. 561

*"When in Our Music God is Glorified"*

**\* BENEDICTION**

May the songs of the angels sustain you.  
May the praises of the faithful inspire you.  
May the silent music of the Unseen Trinity be in your heart.  
May the love of God, the peace of Jesus, and the fellowship of  
the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*"The Lord Bless and Keep You"*

Peter Lutkin

**POSTLUDE**

*"Lift High the Cross"*

arr. Faye Lopez

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**“To play a wrong note is insignificant;  
to play without passion is inexcusable.”**

*Ludwig van Beethoven*



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

John M. • Helene L. • Davis H. • Gertrude M. • Chuck G. • Elaine G. • Zach C. • Steven W. • Jerry E. • David T. • Daniel • Leslie

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

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

### **CONCERT TODAY**

Shrine of the Ages Choir will perform at our church at 3pm

### **OUR GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY**

Rabbi Alicia Magal is a recognizable 'face' of Sedona and a well-known spiritual leader of the community. She has served as the rabbi of the Jewish Community of Sedona and the Verde Valley since 2006. Rabbi Magal carries a depth of experience in Judaic studies, the arts, and education. She and Pastor Guillermo have developed a beautiful, professional relationship through the Sedona Interfaith Clergy Group that she leads. We are honored to have her leadership in our worship service next Sunday.



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NAU Choral Interns	CRR Choir
Mrs. Suzanne Moore	Musician Emeritus
The Rev. Dr. George Ault	Pastor Emeritus

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we share and celebrate Faith in God with all.**



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