



# Church of the Red Rocks

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

*Hope Lives Here*

February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

## ORDER OF SERVICE

“Only through an inner spiritual transformation do we gain the strength to fight vigorously the evils of the world in a humble and loving spirit.”

*Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Whoever you are or wherever you  
might be on life’s journey.  
You are welcome here.

\*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

### PRELUDE

“When Morning Gilds the Skies”

arr. John Carter

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus says to us, “Love Your neighbor as yourself.”

**People: To treat others as we would have them treat us.**

Leader: When we are challenged by those who oppose us

**People: Show us how to love them as you do**

Leader: Open our minds to see more than division

**People: That keep neighbor from neighbor, on opposing sides**

Leader: We yearn, O God, for the love that melts away the walls

**People: For your love has no barriers or walls to divide.**

### \* OPENING HYMN

No. 43 (vs 1-3)

*"Love Divine, All Love's Excelling"*

## \* OPENING PRAYER

Loving God, we are so grateful for the blessing of our time together today as we reach for your guidance and grace. We take your hand, walking in your footsteps of mercy to reach out to those who suffer. Help us to use our voices to speak for those in need, for the oppressed, the compromised, for those in peril – to pray for them and work for the release of their suffering. But we also ask that we find the strength to pray for those hardest to forgive. In Jesus' name, we pray. AMEN.

**GIFT OF MUSIC**      *"Make Me an Instrument of Thy Peace"*  
arr. Mary McDonald  
CRR chancel Choir

**SCRIPTURE READING**      Matthew 5: 43 - 48

**HYMN OF PREPARATION**      *"Children of God"*

**SERMON**      Loving Our Enemies

**GIFT OF MUSIC**      *"Grace Greater Than Our Sin"*  
Richard Kingsmore  
Alec Wilkes, piano

## MOMENT OF GIVING

Consider your generous giving as an expression of your faith. There are baskets in the rear of the church, for you to place your offering. You also can make a donation via our QR code below.

**\* CLOSING HYMN**      No. 393 (vs 1-4)  
*"Blest Be The Ties That Bind"*

## \* BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE**      *"He Keeps Me Singing"*  
arr. Mark Hayes

## ***Guest Preacher – Rev. Dr. Sandra Byland***

Our guest preacher this coming Sunday is Rev. Dr. Sandra Byland, a member of our church who has demonstrated that she is talented in many ways. Sandra has a degree in Commercial Art Direction and Graphic Design and a doctorate in Humane Religious Studies from Emerson Theological Institute. Dr. Sandra is an ordained Interfaith Minister and an Animal Chaplain.

Sandra joined our church community with her husband Eldon this past October 5 and they immediately started to attend a variety of programs and events. She is currently teaching a class on coloring pencils. Her artwork hangs in Painted Cliffs Hall and is decorating the main hallway

### ***Leading today's worship service***

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling

Pastor

Rev. Dr. Sandra Byland

Guest Preacher

Dr. Ryan Holder

Choir Director

Mrs. Karen Barrow

Liturgist

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# **THE CHURCH OF THE RED ROCKS**

~ Always know what's happening ~

## **MOVERS AND SHAKERS**

*Come for a free presentation about cognitive and behavioral challenges in Parkinson's disease*

**Sunday, February 8 at 2:30pm**

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE STUDY**

*Moral Mondays: Explore the intersection of Faith and Politics*

**Monday, February 9 at 10:30am- in person and Zoom**

## **GAME ONE!**

*Come for an afternoon of fun playing PEGS & JOKERS!*

*Bring your own beverage and a friend. All players are Welcomed!*

**Monday, February 9 at 1:00pm**

## **SPIRITUALITY STUDY**

*Beyond the Bible: A Conversation About Other Spiritual Sources*

**Tuesday, February 10 at 10:00am in person and Zoom**

## **LINE DANCING**

*Led by Maria Márquez-Sterling and Lynn Schriener*

**Saturday, February 14 at 1:00pm**

## **ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE**

**Wednesday, February 18 at 5:30pm**

## **HEALING SOUND MEDITATION**

**A Meditation with Singing Bowls**

*Suggested Donation of \$20 per session*

**Saturdays, February 21 & 28 at 9:00am**

## **THE TUCSON FESTIVAL OF BOOKS**

**March 14 & 15**

**[www.tucsonfestivalofbooks.com](http://www.tucsonfestivalofbooks.com)**

*more information with Margaret Gramley*

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## WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Week of February 8 - 15

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
<b>February 8</b> 9:30 am - Worship Service 2:30pm -Movers and Shakers A Presentation about cognitive and behavioral challenges	<b>February 9</b> 11:00am - AA - Lower Level 10:00am - Moral Mondays 11:00am - DAR Meeting 1:00pm - Game ON!	<b>February 10</b> 11:00am - Bible Study at SW 10:00am - Beyond the Bible 1:00pm - V V Fiber Artisans Meeting - Conference room 1:00pm - Growth & Outreach + Cong. Care Meeting	<b>February 11</b> 11:00am - AA - Lower Level 12:00pm - AJAX Cleaning 1:00pm - FEAM Meeting 4:00pm - acappella sedona Rehearsal
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>February 12</b> 9:30am - Stephen Ministry 1:00pm - Knitting & Noodling Club 1:00pm - Bible Study at CRR 3:30pm - Handbell Choir	<b>February 13</b> 9:00am - Yin Yoga 10:00am -Executive Team Meeting 10:30am - Historian Committee 1:00pm - Art Class for All People	<b>February 14</b> 10:30am - Young Picasso Club 1:00pm - Line Dancing 4:00pm - AJAX Cleaning	<b>February 15</b> 9:30 am - Worship Service

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