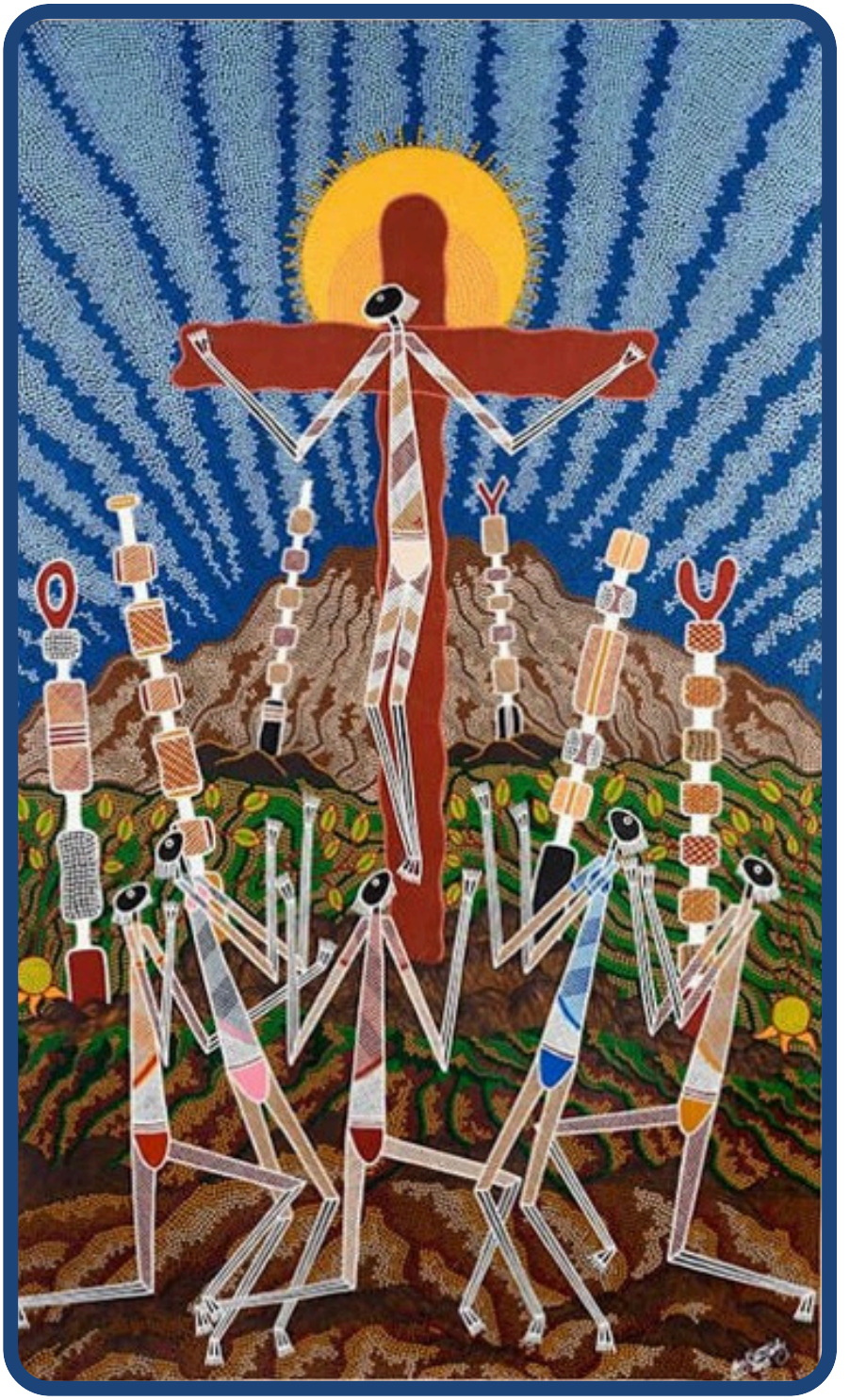

A crucifixion with Aboriginal Imagery

Indigenous Australian Artist Greg Weatherby

August 30, 2026
Fourteenth

ORDER OF SERVICE

A light shines in the darkness, a light that darkness cannot overcome
~ Gospel of John

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

"Make Me A Channel of Your Peace"
arr. Jane Holstein

Alec Wilkes, piano

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God brings light to our dark days and hope to our broken past.

People: Even when there's an intention to harm, God can bring healing.

Leader: Come and see the face of love. Look upon one another with mercy and peace.

People: We gather as a family redeemed, wrapped in the arms of grace. Surely, God's blessings remain with us! Let us worship God together.

* OPENING HYMN

"*Help Us Accept Each Other*"
No. 388 (vs. 1-2, 4)

* PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Creating and Eternal God, we invite Your Spirit to move freely among us. Open our hearts to receive Your grace. If there are broken relationships in our lives, remind us of Your power to mend what is fractured. If we carry the pain of past wounds, wrap us in comforting embrace. In this hour of worship, lift us to the joy of Christ's redemption. Amen.

GIFT OF MUSIC "Something Beautiful"
Gloria & Willaim Gaither
Logan Willson, soloist

SCRIPTURE READING Genesis 45: 1 - 15

MOMENT OF SILENCE

PASTORAL PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place
I can feel God's mighty power and God's grace
I can hear the brush of Angel's wings
I see glory in each face
Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.

SERMON The Three Rs

ANTHEM *"Great is Thy Faithfulness"*
arr. Maureen Howell
CRR Chancel Choir

MOMENT OF GIVING

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

*** CLOSING HYMN** *"This Little Light of Mine"*
No. 524 (vs. 1-3)

*** BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *"Lily of the Valley"* *arr. Mark Hayes*
Alec Wilkes, piano

This is the last bulletin cover of the summer featuring an artistic representation of a non-European Jesus from a compilation titled *De-Colonizing the Christ*.

Leading today's worship service

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling	Pastor
Dr. Ryan Holder	Choir Director
Ms. Sue Buffum	Liturgist

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The Church of the Red Rocks
~ Always know what is happening ~
Summer & Fall of 2026

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Learning Opportunities

- **Bible Study:** Lay-led and interactive. Currently on the Letters of Paul
  Every Thursday at 1:00 pm
- **Let's Get Acquainted Sunday**
  Sunday, September 13 at 10:45am
- **New Member Sunday**
  Sunday, September 20 during service
- **Palestine 101: Led by Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling**
  Thursdays at 1:00pm: September 10, 17, 24
  October 1
- **Women Who Walk with Jesus: Led by Rev. Dr. Sandra Byland**
  Tuesdays at 10:30am: October 6, 13, 20, and 27
- **Near Death Experiences: Led by Mr. Eldon Byland**
  Tuesdays at 10:30am: Nov. 3, 10, and 17

Special Presentations

- **Guest Speaker: Dr. Peter Makari**
  Sunday, September 27 at 9:30am
- **Israel/Palestine Conversation with Dr. Peter Makari and Rabbi Wayne**
  Tuesday, September 29 at 9:00am

Music and Art Development

- **Young Picasso Club: Led by Dr. Katie Ross**
  Saturdays at 10:30am from Aug. 22 to Dec. 5

Fun and Meaningful

- **On the Road with CRR…**

  Movie Night, VOC Park - "The Sting"
  Monday, August 31 at 7:30pm – tickets $10.00

  Ice Cream Fellowship
  Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30pm at Dairy Queen in Cottonwood

  Sunday Potluck Lunch
  Sunday, September 13 at 10:45am

Church of the Red Rocks

Weekly Schedule

Week of August 30 - September 6

Sunday
August 30

9:30 am - Worship Service

Monday
August 31

11:00am - AA - Lower Level

7:30pm - Movie Night
Village of Oak Creek

Tuesday
September 1

10:00am - Petal Pushers
Garden Club

11:00am - Bible Study at SW

Wednesday
September 2

7:00am - PMM Outdoors
8:30am - PMM Meeting
9:00am - FIAM Meeting
11:00am - AA - Lower Level
12:00pm - AJAX Cleaning
4:00pm - acappella sedona
Rehearsal

Thursday
September 3

1:00pm - Bible Study @ CRR

4:00pm - Private Event

Friday
September 4

10:30am - Hist. Committee

3:30pm - Private Event

Saturday
September 5

10:30am - Picasso Club
Lower Level

4:00pm - AJAX Cleaning

Sunday
September 6

9:30 am - Worship Service

Guest Preacher:
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