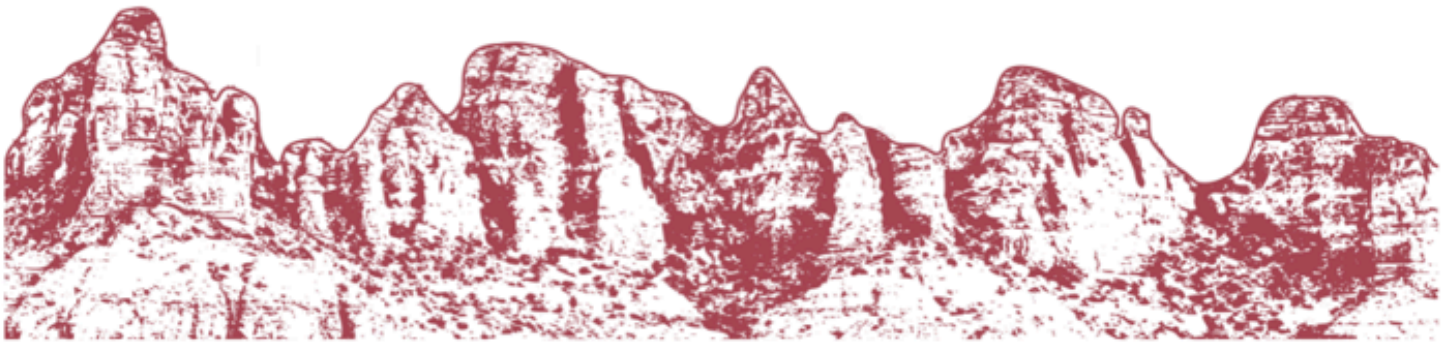

Church of the Red Rocks

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An Open and Affirming Congregation

Hope Lives Here

September 20, 2026

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

PEACE SUNDAY

ORDER OF SERVICE

If you want to make peace with your enemy,
work with your enemy.
Then your enemy becomes your partner
~ Nelson Mandela

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 *"Peace"* Horace Silver

Alec Wilkes, piano

Please refrain from applause

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 85:8 & 10

Leader: Let me hear what the Lord will say, for God speaks peace to the people…

People: God's steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other."

Leader: We meet God at the intersection of love and faithfulness for the fruit of peace.

People: Speak tenderly to our hearts, O God, in this hour of worship.

Leader: God of all Creation show us the path to peace.

People: Let us worship the God of peace, who spreads seeds of love in our lives.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN** *"O God of Love, O God of Peace"*
No.571

*** PASSING OF PEACE**

Peace is a core value of our faith and the outcome of loving our neighbor. As a community of faith, we seek to live in peace with our loved ones, neighbors and other communities. Please turn to those nearest you and extend a gesture of peace by saying,

"The peace of Christ be with you."

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (in unison)

Mary Fuller	Hermeen Peterson
Cheryl Harter	Michelle Peterson
Cindy Mayne	Barbara Shambach
Dick Mayne	Heidi Siedleeki
Kathleen Morgan	Sue Stevens
Robert Morgan	Carol Wallen

As members of this worshiping community, we celebrate the joy of new people deciding to claim this church as their spiritual home. We covenant with them to be the Body of Christ, to provide hope for those who despair and to extend God's love to all people. We promise, with the help of God, to provide our support as they explore and express their faith among us.

ANTHEM *"What a Wonderful World"* arr. Mark Brymer
CRR Chancel Choir & Congregation

SCRIPTURE READING Isaiah 11: 1 – 2, 6 – 10

HISTORY OF THE PEACE POLE Rev. Dr. David Stabenfeldt

A LITANY FOR PEACE Rev. Dr. Sandra Byland

Leader: God of Love, in a world that often speaks with the language of division, teach us again the language of compassion. Begin within our own hearts and make us instruments of Your peace.

People: May peace prevail within us.

Leader: Where neighbors have become strangers, help us cross the distance that separates. Teach us to listen with patience, to speak with kindness, and to recognize the sacred worth of every person we meet.

People: May peace prevail in our neighborhoods.

Leader: Where communities are divided by fear, misunderstanding, prejudice, or distrust, give us the courage to build bridges rather and to make room at the table for all people.

People: May peace prevail in our communities.

Leader: Across our state and throughout our country, may Your love remind us that differences need not become divisions. Guide us toward reconciliation, and justice for the common good.

People: May peace prevail in our country.

Leader: For people everywhere, who live beneath the shadow of violence, for families displaced from homes, for children who long to feel safe, and for all who dream of a life free from fear —

People: May peace prevail among all people.

Leader: Help us care tenderly for this beautiful Earth entrusted to us- its waters and forests, its creatures and lands, and all the generations who will inherit what we leave behind.

People: May peace prevail throughout creation.

Leader: And God, show us the next kindness, the next act of courage, the next bridge we can build. May this Peace Pole standing beside our church be more than a symbol. May it become a reminder of the life we choose to live together: welcoming the stranger, healing division, seeking justice, practicing compassion, and carrying Your peace wherever our paths may lead.

People: May Peace Prevail on Earth. And may it begin within us.
ALL: In Jesus Name AMEN

MOMENT OF SILENCE

HYMN OF PREPARATION

SERMON The Future is Peace

GIFT OF MUSIC *"Wonderful Peace"*. W.G. Cooper
Adara Knelange, soloist
Please refrain from applause

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 *"When Peace, Like a River"*
No.438 (vs. 1-2, 4)

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *"Peace Train"* Cat Stevens
Alec Wilkes, piano

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All are invited at this time to the front of the church where we will rededicate the Peace Pole

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

For more information, visit our website or contact the church office.

Learning Opportunities

- **Bible Study:** Lay-led and interactive.
  Every Thursday at 1:00 pm
- **New Member Sunday**
  Sunday, September 20 during service
- **Palestine 101: Led by Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling**
  Thursdays at 1:00pm: September 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
- **Building Bridges - Israel/Palestine – An Interfaith Dialogue**
  Dr. Peter Makari and Rabbi Wayne – special guests
  Tuesday, September 29 at 9:00am
  Refreshments at 8:30am

Music and Art Development

- **"The Art of Watercolor Pencils" led by Rev. Dr. Sandra Byland**
  Fridays at 12:00pm: October 9, 16, 23, 30
  November 6, 13

Fun and Meaningful

- **Book Club every first Friday of the month**
  "The Future is Peace" - October 2 at 10:30am
- **What's in Your Hands These Days?**
  Bring your craft projects every Friday of the month BUT not on the first

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Weekly Schedule

Week of September 13 - September 20

Sunday
September 20

9:30 am - Worship Service

Re-Dedication of Peace Pole

New Member Sunday

Monday
September 21

10:00am - Executive Team Meeting

11:00am - AA - Lower Level

Tuesday
September 22

10:30am - Personnel Team Meeting

11:00am - Bible Study at SW

12:30pm - PEO Meeting

Wednesday
September 23

11:00am - AA - Lower Level

12:00pm - AJAX Cleaning

1:00pm - Council Meeting

4:00pm - acappella sedona Rehearsal

Thursday
September 24

9:30am - Stephen Ministry Meeting

1:00pm - Palestine 101

3:30pm - Handbell Choir Rehearsal

Friday
September 25

10:30am -Historian Committee

Saturday
September 26

10:30am - Picasso Club Lower Level

4:00pm - AJAX Cleaning

Sunday
September 27

9:30 am - Worship Service

Guest Speaker:
Dr. Peter Makari

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Leading today's worship service

Rev. Dr. Guillermo Márquez-Sterling	Pastor
Rev. Dr. David Stabenfeldt	Special Guest
Rev. Dr. Sandra Byland	Special Guest
Dr. Ryan Holder	Choir Director
Ms. Kathy Rostedt	Liturgist

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