

The Parish Caller April 16, 2021

A Message from Pastor Jay

This Sunday - "All You Need Is Love" 1 John 4:7-21
8:30 am - Beatles Music
10:30 am Carole Sue, Tom, and Melissa Provide Music

In-Person Worship 8:30 am & 10:30 am
CDC Guidelines Followed

No nursery or Sunday school at this time

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY SATURDAY 10:00 AM

ZOOM SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM

Let us know if you want to be added to these Zoom invitations

BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 18, 2021

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Bright New Day" by Lani Smith

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Call to Worship

Rev. Bill Linson

- L: Who will tell the Good News to the world?
P: Here I am, send me!
L: Who will share God's love with those on the margins?
P: Here we are, we will go!
L: Who will care for the poor and the sick?
P: Here we are, we will do it!

L: Who will visit the imprisoned, who will speak out for the oppressed?
All: Let us join in this time of worship, ready to be the body of Christ. Amen.

Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

NCH #43

Prayer of Invocation Rev. Bill Linson

Risen Christ, we come to you seeking signs of the resurrection, signs of new life. Help us to be witnesses of your eternal love in our lives by loving our neighbors as ourselves, by seeking their needs and including the marginalized and oppressed. Remind us that we draw borders and boundaries, but you have come to tear them down. Call us into your body and remind us of all the unique gifts that we bring when we join together in you, the living God, who lives and breathes and moves in us. Amen.

A Time for Children of All Ages - JJ

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Epistle Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 Rev. Bill Linson

Special Music: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Sandra T. Ford
Melissa Gates, flute; Carole Sue Linson, piano

Sermon: "Love is All You Need"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer (use trespasses)

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication Rev. Bill Linson

Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer" NCH Hymnal #505

Benediction

Pastor Jay

Postlude: "Blessed Assurance" arranged by Phoebe Knapp Carole Sue Linson

The Lord's Supper (open to all)

Communion is self-serve. Tom will direct each pew to come forward for communion. After receiving the elements, please exit to Perkins Hall to view our historical items, or out the Gurley Street door for continued fellowship.

Serving the Church

Ministers All the People of the Church
Pastor Rev. Dr. Jay Wilcher
Pastor Emeritus Rev. Robert Bradstreet
Worship Leader Rev. Bill Linson
Alter Notes Director Melissa Gates

Pianist Carole Sue Linson
Flutist Melissa Gates
Co-Moderators Melissa Gates & Bill Bryant
Minister of the Building Rev. Bill Linson
Facilities Coordinator Tom Macy
Video Technician James Logsdon
Building & Grounds Manager David Tyrrell

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APRIL MISSION NEWS

This month's mission emphasis is our denomination's special offering supporting the One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS). OGHS dollars support a variety of national & global missions which fund (1) health, education and agricultural projects (2) natural & human disaster relief (3) migrant & refugee projects. For donations to the OGHS, please write your check payable to the church, with the memo "OGHS".

Pass (Prescott Area Shelter Services) update. If you would like to attend this year's "Afternoon Tea Event" for a virtual tour of the PASS shelter, please register by going to www.prescottshelters.org/ events.

Members of our Mission Outreach team (Helaine Berman, Becky & Bill Bryant, Patty & Gary Gard) thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be blessing (Genesis 12:2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to our return to worship after more than a year online! We are in a "soft open" phase before we announce we are officially open to the public. Vaccines and the virus will determine when that will happen. Bear with us as we learn the ins and outs of in-person worship using CDC guidelines – masks, social distancing, no congregational singing, etc. At this point some have been fully vaccinated and some not, so please

continue to follow CDC guidelines another few more months until all are vaccinated, A good number of our faithful and involved members moved during the last year to be near family in other states, so we hope to have our own resurrection this year – your gifts and talents are welcome here – we need you! - musical gifts, volunteers for the office, new study and fellowship opportunities, after worship refreshments, etc. Let us know of your gifts and availability. We will continue with 8:30 and 10:30 am worship each week for spacing needs until the virus is under control. We will see whether we want to continue the two services. So much is unknown at this point – we journey forward by faith!

The Southwest Conference annual meeting will be by Zoom April 23-25. All are welcome to attend. We need one official delegate. Let us know if you can attend and we will sign you up to receive the meeting materials.

Zoom Opportunities: Bible Study Sat. 10am / After Church Fellowship Sunday 2pm The Church office will remain officially closed at least until the end of April. Phone messages and emails are checked regularly.

Our new tenant at the restaurant will be “Red, White, and Brew” (There is a location in Mesa already). After renovations, a tentative opening late summer is planned. The lease is for ten years with possible extensions. Our thanks to the Church Foundation members and attorney Tom Lloyd for all their work!

APRIL WORSHIP

April 18 8:30 & 10:30 AM
1 John 4:7-21
Love is All You Need

April 25 8:30 & 10:30 AM
John 10:11-18
Good Shepherd Sunday

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of March 31 is \$34,314.

Total expenses are \$34,837.

Total expenses exceed income by \$523.

Year-to-date income is at 28% of the income budget of \$122,450.

Year-to-date expenses are at 24% of the expense budget of \$146,905.

\$3,162 has been transferred from Special Funds reserves held in the money market account to off-set the budget deficit.

MUSICIAN / SOLOIST NEEDED FOR 8:30AM SERVICE

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM CABINET

We are offering 8:30 & 10:30 AM In- Person Worship services for spacing requirements. Masks required. No congregational singing yet. COVID-19 spread and cases will be monitored and adjustments made as needed.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH DURING CORONAVIRUS!

- Online – go to our website: www.fccprescott.org and look for the tab on the front page
- You can set up regular, ongoing giving or one-time giving.
- Use your credit card and get some points!
- Your bank may have free online bill pay. You find the tab on your online account, fill in the details of the check as you would a regular check, and the bank mail will mail it for you! You can set up a one-time check or recurring scheduled

check amount.

- Make a check out to the church and mail it to: 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

The church office is closed going forward, However, someone will pick up the mail on a daily basis to place checks into the safe.

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