

A Message from Pastor Jay

What a moving worship service last week! The music and the two testimonies of Diane and Sarah were great. If you have not watched the service on YouTube, I invite you to do so. It is a reminder of the importance of our welcoming church in this community.

This Sunday we celebrate our nation's birth and our gift of freedom. People differ on how we live out our freedom. The past year of mask wearing - or not - is a recent example. The Apostle Paul gives us a roadmap for living out Christian freedom in Galatians 5. We will consider this during the sermon. Joyful Noise is back to provide music. Sue Hodge-Parker is worship leader. JJ celebrates the 4th as only he can.

WELCOMING EVERYONE BACK TO WORSHIP AT 10:30 AM!

**Per CDC Guidelines, Masks are Optional, Social Distancing Measures
Have Been Lifted, But Individuals May Still Choose To Distance As
Desired.**

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY SATURDAY 10AM

ZOOM SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM

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

**POTLUCK AFTER WORSHIP IN PERKINS HALL SUNDAY
RSVP IF HAVE NOT YET - 445-4555**

GREETERS.....USHERS.....

Now that FCC is 'open' in a more formal or informal way, we need to get back to volunteering to greet, arriving at 10 A.M. Ushers aren't needed in the same tradition as before since the 'donation' table with our offering plate is in the center aisle when you enter the front door. Also, communion is 'self serve' now. Tom, Melissa, Jay Eby and others have been there every week. PLEASE let's get a NEW list starting with smiling, eager welcomers at the front door. We are seeing many new faces that need YOUR SMILING FACE!!

DOES **FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE** sound familiar? Well, we had one that went out in March of 2020. I don't know about you, but I think we'll scale

down the extravagant spread some! Here are a few suggestions:
Store bought cookies etc for easy self serve
Smaller coffee pot, easy clean up
Continue drinks of your choice
Easier 'set up and clean up' for volunteers
(OTHER SUGGESTIONS?)

LET'S ENJOY OUR ROUND TABLE CONVERSATIONS AND RETURN TO
GETTING TO KNOW ONE ANOTHER AND WELCOME NEWCOMERS!!

I'll be sending out the previous list I had for volunteers shortly. So MANY
changes. If you want to remain on the list, let me know. If you WANT TO BE
ADDED TO OUR LIST, you will be most welcome. Once again, if we have
enough to join our list, you will only be 'hosting' every 7 or 8 weeks or so!!

Contact me--
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BULLETIN

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FOURTH OF JULY

July 4, 2021

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: A Patriotic Medley for Organ and Percussion

A Time for Children Of All Ages – JJ

Words of Welcome – Announcements - Passing of the Peace

Gathering: "Gather Us In" by Marty Haugen

Joyful Noise

Call to Worship

L: The whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

All: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

L: Live by the Spirit;

All: For we are led by the Spirit into the world.

L: We belong to Jesus;

ALL: We do not belong to this world.

L: Let us love and serve one another, as led by the Spirit;

**ALL: May we worship God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
and the love of Jesus Christ.**

*Song: "Dream God's Dream"

Sing! Prayer and Praise #120

Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for all the blessings we experience—the freedom to worship you without fear, the bounty and diversity of your creation, and the precious gift of unexpected joy. As we draw near to you this hour, may we immerse ourselves in your healing presence. Refresh us and renew us that we might become faithful laborers in your harvest of peace, justice, and joy. We pray in the name of our great Healer, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Epistle Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-26 Pastor Jay

*Hymn: "How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies" New Century Hymnal #594

Sermon: "How Do We Live in Christian Freedom?" Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Lead Us from Death to Life" New Century Hymnal #581 Joyful Noise

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

We come to the Lord's Table. All are invited to come forward down the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. We receive communion by taking an individual piece of bread via toothpick and an individual cup.

Prayer: Pastor Jay

As you pour out your Spirit upon this Table abundant with the gifts of the Bread and of the Cup, shed your grace upon your children gathered in this place. We often forget those who hunger for freedom. But eating the Bread of life, we can go, carrying a harvest of hope to them. We forget the injustices imposed upon those seeking freedom. But drinking from the Cup of grace, we can go where you intend to go, inviting everyone we meet to join us in your new creation of peace, mercy, and wonder. And when all that holds us back is gone, when the freedom of your eternity is given to us, we will gather and forever sing your praises, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Communion: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" by Fred Kaan
Joyful Noise

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

*Prayer of Dedication

We give thanks to you, O God, for you have blessed us with all we need to do your work. Empower and embolden us to use our gifts in your service. May our sharing be a sign of your in-breaking realm and

a source of healing and hope to a world in need. We pray this in the name of the One who sends us out, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Hymn: "This is My Song"

New Century Hymnal #591

Benediction

Go Forth: "Wherever You Go" by Barbara Hamm

*Choir: Wherever you go, God is with you; wherever you go, God is there.
Wherever you go, whatever you do, you are in God's care.*

**All: Wherever we go, God is with us; wherever we go, God is there.
Wherever we go, whatever we do, we are in God's care.**

Postlude: "Lift Every Voice and Sing" by James Weldon Johnson
Brian Moore

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JULY MISSION NEWS

Mission Outreach Update for July:

The Discovery Gardens Preschool (DGP) is our mission emphasis project for the month of July. DGP offers children, regardless of their life's challenges, a loving environment wherein they can prosper academically and socially. DGP is a licensed tuition based preschool provided through the Prescott Unified School District. Your donation will help provide scholarship assistance to a needy three year old's family. Donations can be made with a check payable to the church, with the memo, DGP. If you choose only to write "Mission" on your memo line, the Mission Outreach team will decide where your donation will be spent. Look in next week's Parish Caller to discover the donation results from our June projects; Strength the Church and Yavapai Food Bank.

Our PASS Team needs volunteers to help provide a dinner dish on Wednesday, July 21st, for women and children at the PASS shelter. If you can help, please contact our PASS team captain, Patty Gard (gpgard7963@gmail.com or ph 928 460 3042).

Community Cupboard: Our team of volunteers continues to pack food bags

for families living in the Prescott area. We do this on scheduled days throughout the year. With our new facility, we have much more space within which to work. If interested, contact our Community Cupboard captain, Angela Imbierowicz (angelaprescottaz@gmail.com or ph 708 712 1448).

As always, thanks for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2)

Your Mission Team: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty Gard and Gary Gard, Chairperson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE REOPENING!

Most of us have been vaccinated at this point, so we will follow the science and celebrate our safety. Masks are still available for those who are not quite ready, those not yet vaccinated, and those with other health issues. The sanctuary is a "no judgment zone." Mask or no mask - All are welcome!

We will also return to wearing our name tags. Lots of new people to get to know! Please get yours in Perkins Hall. If you need a new one, you can create your own on the table by the name tag board in Perkins Hall.

**Video Tech Needed
\$50.00 per Sunday
Let Pastor Jay know if you are interested**

New members will be received in coming weeks. If you would like to join the church, please speak with Pastor Jay

JUNE WORSHIP

July 4

"How Do We Live in Christian Freedom?"

Galatians 5:1, 13-26

July 11

"The Power in Us"

Ephesians 1:3-14

July 18
"A Dwelling in Which God Lives"
Ephesians 2:11-22

July 25
Guest Preacher: Rev. Bill Linson

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of June 30 is \$79,570.
Total expenses are \$70,512.
Net income is \$9,058.

Year-to-date income is at 65% of the income budget of \$122,450.
Year-to-date expenses are at 48% of the expense budget of \$146,905.

In addition to the regular financial support from our congregational members and friends, we have received \$5,000 from the Southwest Conference UCC in grant funding for videography and other expenses for providing "hybrid worship services," both online and in person.

PACKERS - COMMUNITY CUPBOARD

Thanks to the following volunteers who served as packers at the Prescott Community Cupboard Food Bank. The PCC depends upon volunteers to continue its mission to provide food to the needy of the community.

The volunteers during the week of April 19-23,2021, were: Stepheny Kutsch and Lee Danaher, Patty Brenner and Randy Cook, Sue Hodge-Parker and Patty Lantrip, Henry & Linda Dahlberg and Angela Imbierowicz, Alice Kring and Barb Frank.

The volunteers during the week of June 7-11, 2021, were: David and Linda Foote, Patty Brenner and Marie Kissel, Sue Hodge-Parker and Henry & Linda Dahlberg, Kathy and Don Stephens, Randy Cook and Patty Lantrip

Six churches in Prescott and one community group provide volunteers

for the PCC. The volunteers serve as packers and also as sorters and drivers. The seven churches and community groups provide packers on a 7-week rotation basis. Each packer serves one day during that week from 2:00 to 4:30.

For the balance of 2021, FCC will be providing volunteer packers for the weeks of: July 26-30, September 12-17, November 1-5, and December 20-24.

If you are interested in serving as a packer during any of those weeks or if you are interested in serving as a sorter or driver or if you would like further information regarding these opportunities, please contact Angela Imbierowicz, 708-712-1448 or angelaprescottaz@gmail.com. Thank you.

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM CABINET

Worship Will Be At 10:30am Each Sunday

Per CDC Guidelines, Masks are Optional, Social Distancing Measures Have Been Lifted, But Individuals May Still Choose To Distance As Desired. Congregational Singing Has Returned.

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH!

- 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

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