

The Parish Caller July 23, 2021

A Message from Pastor Jay

The "Watch Worship Services Here" tab on the front page of our website includes worship services that go back to January of 2020. During our year of shutdown, we enjoyed recorded music each week. Starting in September, we often had singers from around the world join Deana on her Smule program that allowed for that. We even had a Roman Catholic priest in Spain join her a time or two. You could use these recorded services as daily devotionals! Check them out.

This Sunday, July 25, we welcome Rev. Bill Linson as our guest preacher. Tom serves as worship leader. Brian is organist. The text is John 6:1-21. The sermon title is "Jesus Was a Sailor."

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

BULLETIN

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 25, 2021

10:30 a.m.

**Please stand as you are able*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" by Thomas A. Dorsey

Brian Moore

A Time for Children of All Ages

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

*Hymn: "I've Got Peace Like a River"

New Century Hymnal #478

Call to Worship
Macy

Tom

One: We join together as hungry eaters to be nourished by the food that you offer us.

Many: God of sustenance, give us this day our daily bread.

As you care for the wheat fields that turn into bread and the vineyards that labor to produce sweet wine, tend to our bodies by feeding us what we need for healthy growth. **God of abundance, give us this day our daily bread.**

The rich crops that you have prepared are now ready to be harvested by our hands and our hearts. **Holy Spirit, come! Give us this day our daily bread.**

Prayer of Confession

Tom Macy

Great Provider, we recognize that widespread hunger is no longer necessary. You have given us humans the resources to feed all people, yet we are selfish. While we overfill our bellies with food and lay to waste the spaces needed for crops to flourish, others are crying out for crumbs from our tables. Living God, cultivate within our hearts reckless generosity, and plant within us spirits of simplicity and balance in body and soul. (Moment of silence and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Tom Macy

Though at times we fail to be generous, your generosity toward us is never-ending! By sending Christ and the Spirit to your people, you have extended generosity beyond measure.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: John 6:1-21
Macy

Tom

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

New Century Hymnal #547

Sermon: "Jesus Was a Sailor"
Linson

Rev. Bill

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

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

Rev. Bill Linson

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Rev. Bill Linson

Prayer of Dedication

Tom

Macy

God of wonders, who enabled Jesus and Elisha to feed the multitudes, bless these gifts and use them to fill empty stomachs and empty hearts. May our offerings be multiplied to abundantly nourish all the people. Amen.

*Closing Song: "My Life Flows On"

New Century Hymnal #476

*Benediction

Rev. Bill Linson

*Postlude: "I've Got Peace Like a River" (instrumental)

Brain Moore

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JULY MISSION NEWS

Revised Mission Outreach Article for **JULY** Parish
Caller

Mission Outreach Update:

The Discovery Gardens Preschool (DGP) is our mission project for the month of July. DGP offers children, regardless of their life's challenges, a loving environment wherein they can prosper both academically and socially. DGP is a licensed tuition based preschool provided through the Prescott Unified School District. Your donation will help provide a scholarship to a needy three year old's family. Make your check payable to the church, with the memo, DGP. A memo of simply, "Mission" will be disbursed at the discretion of the Mission Outreach Team. From June's mission emphasis programs/projects, checks have been sent to: [1] Strengthen the Church \$355 and [2] Yavapai Food Bank, \$425 –for school supplies, K-12.

PASS Update: On the 3rd Wednesday of each month, we provide a meal and sundry items to women and children staying at the Prescott Area Shelter Services.

Thanks to our team of volunteers, we helped to brighten the lives 22 PASS residents on July 21st. Our next visit will be Wednesday, August 18th. If you'd like to help, please contact our PASS team captain, Patty Gard at 910-460-3942 or at gpgard7963@gmail.com.

Prescott Community Cupboard (PCC): 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 do our work. If you would like to help, please contact our PCC team captain, Angela Imbierowicz at 708-712-1448 or at angelaprescottaz@gmail.com.

As always, thanks for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:20) 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

Office Open by Appointment - Call Pastor Jay 928-899-9066

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.

AUGUST SERMON SERIES PSALMS OF ASCENT

Many scholars believe the title indicates that these psalms were sung by worshippers as they ascended the road to Jerusalem to attend the three pilgrim festivals (Deuteronomy 16:16). Others think they were sung by the Levite singers as they ascended the fifteen steps to minister at the Temple in Jerusalem. We will look at 5 of these Psalms during August.

August 1 - Psalm 120

August 8 - Psalm 121

August 15 - Psalm 122

August 22 - Psalm 123

August 29 - Psalm 126

A History of First Congregational Church Prescott, Arizona, By Jay Eby - Part 2

Let us then look at some of these remarkable persons. At the top of every list of members is one Woman. She always signed in as Maggie B. She was Margaret Forman Bashford Burmister. The daughter of Coles Bashford, former Governor of the state of Wisconsin, a member of the Governor's party, secretary to the first Territorial Governor, and Arizona's first Representative to the U.S. Congress. She was wife to Robert H. Burmister who, with her brother Levi Bashford, ran the B&B Mercantile. She taught music and was the organist for the Church. There is no doubt in my mind that she was the driving force in this effort. Besides organizing our Women's Fellowship she was active in the History and Poetry Club and the Monday Club and also active in the Arizona's Federated Women's Clubs. Maggie B. was not able to attend the organizational meeting held at the Otis' home. She was confined at home awaiting the birth of her third child. Immediately at the close of the meeting a message was sent to her that the Congregational Society of Prescott, AZ had been formed. Robert Henry Burmister was a merchant, a principal in the Prescott and Arizona Central Railroad, and a member of the first Board of Trustees for our Church; also in 1901 Mayor of Prescott. The Burmister's had three children and their home was, and still is, at the corner of South Mount Vernon and Gurley Streets.

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- 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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