

The Parish Caller June 18, 2021

A Message from Pastor Jay

This Sunday is Father's Day and World Refugee Day. The text is Mark 4:35-41, a familiar story of Jesus calming the storm. I will attempt to wrap all that into a sermon entitled "Answers in the Questions." Alter-Notes returns from Covid year to provide music. Melissa serves as worship leader. JJ recounts his experience as a refugee.

**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 TIME !!! LET'S DO WHAT WE DO BEST, EAT AND ENJOY
OUR FELLOWSHIP TIME** after so long. Bring your favorite dish and join us to celebrate our official REOPENING after our service on Sunday, July 4th. While we were unable to have our July 4th breakfast last year or this year, we're still serving PANCAKES at our POTLUCK. There is now a **sign up sheet** in Perkins Hall. Listed to volunteer for: casseroles, fruit, drinks, misc; basically anything you want to bring, breakfast or brunch fare. Also needed....pancake flipper, set up and clean up help. If you want to join us, you'll see we'll have plenty, so just RSVP so we'll know how many to plan for. At this point it would be great to organize a group to make sure all runs smoothly, for this event and others in the future. **LET'S CELEBRATE TOGETHER IN PERKINS HALL ON JULY 4TH!!**

SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOMS/TOYS ARE SPIC AND SPAN...come take a look at all the fun toys and books that the children can utilize to make their experience fun. Jeni prepares God centered lessons with coordinating activities. Maddie is her 'sidekick' and offers the kids more one on one time which they love. PLEASE TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF..... Occasionally, Jeni and Maddie cannot be there. We need to have some 'GO TO' adults that can jump downstairs at a moment's notice. **CAN YOU PLEASE BE ONE OF THOSE?** Two or three would be sufficient to fill the

need.

I will pass this along to Jeni for her to coordinate when necessary.

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST FATHER'S DAY

June 20, 2021

10:30 a.m.

**All who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Fantasia on 'Salvation'" - David Paxton

Mark Achuff

Words of Welcome – Announcements - Passing of the Peace

Gathering Music: "Welcome to This House" Sing! Prayer & Praise #7 Alter Notes

A Time for Children of All Ages - JJ

(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

New Century Hymnal #4

Litany for Father's Day

Melissa Gates

L: Thank you, God, for all those who have loved us dearly.

ALL: For all parental figures in our lives that showed us your love, we give thanks.

L: Thank you, God, for those who have stepped into the role when others were absent.

ALL: For stepfathers and grandfathers, uncles, brothers and caregivers, teachers and coaches who made a difference in our lives, we give thanks.

L: Thank you, God, for our all these father figures.

ALL: For all those who have mirrored your love in our lives, we give thanks.

L: We lift up to you, O God, those fathers who have gone on -

ALL: For those who are grieving, for those who feel an absence on this day, we pray.

L: We lift up to you, O God, all those who have had difficult relationships with their fathers - for those who were harmed by their fathers, we pray, and we cry out, and we seek justice.

Opening Prayer

Melissa Gates

Loving God, you are the one Jesus called "Abba, Father." Abba God, love us as your children. Remind us that in you we are all your family. You are our Mother and Father, and have loved us in ways no earthly parent could. We give you thanks for all the loving fathers, stepfathers, and grandfathers - all those who have shown your love to us the way you have loved your Son, Jesus the Christ. May we all reflect your image in the ways we love our children, and in how we love one another, knowing that our worldly families are not perfect, but your love is. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Melissa Gates

*Hymn: "Great is Your Faithfulness"

New Century Hymnal #423

Sermon: "Answers in the Questions" Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Special Music: "Song of Freedom" by Victor Johnson

Alter Notes

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Melissa Gates

Gracious God, we offer our gifts as an act of extravagant faith. Bless this offering, that it might be a witness to your realm of forgiveness, justice and healing. May this act of sharing embolden us to show great generosity throughout the coming week. In your many names we pray, Amen.

*Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

New Century Hymnal #436

Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: “Fugal Fantasy on ‘Ode to Joy’”—Stanley E. Santon

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JUNE MISSION NEWS

Mission Outreach Update for June:

Our June mission outreach emphasis will help fund two programs.

[1] Our denomination’s “**Strengthen the Church**” offering which supports new church development, creative ministries directed to youth and young adults, spiritual development ministries, and projects engaging today’s challenging issues.

[2] The Yavapai Food Bank (YFB) The YFB provides food boxes for approximately 400 families weekly. Additionally, YFB will once again be providing school supplies and backpacks for students in grades K-12. If you would like to donate, please make your check payable to the church, with the memo of “STC” or “YFB”. Mission checks which are not designated to a particular project will be disbursed at the discretion of our mission outreach team.

Our year-round ministries: We are grateful for the volunteers of our church family who regularly help pack food boxes for the **Prescott Community Cupboard**. Angela Imbierowicz is our captain. So too, are we thankful for those who monthly help to provide an evening meal for women and children being sheltered at **PASS**. Patty Gard is our captain. As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a

blessing. (Genesis 12: 2) Questions or comments can be directed to our mission outreach team.

Thank you for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing [Genesis 12:2] Our Mission team members are: Becky and Bill Bryant, Helaine Berman, Patty and Gary Gard.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE ARE REOPENING!

June will be our official month to celebrate opening up again after the COVID-19 year. You will see our colorful doors out in front of the sanctuary announcing "God's Doors Are Open To All." Our thanks to Melissa and Elizabeth for all the work in creating them. The colors remind us that this is PRIDE month - June 27 will be "Open and Affirming Sunday."

Congregational singing of the hymns will return this Sunday! Most of us have been vaccinated at this point, so we will follow the science and celebrate our safety. Masks are still optional 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**

JUNE WORSHIP

**June 6
"Consider the Ant" Proverbs 6**

June 13

"Juneteenth Remembered"

June 20

Father's Day

"Answers in the Questions"

June 27

PRIDE Sunday

"Love is a Many Gendered Thing"

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of May 31 is \$60,696.

Total expenses are \$57,278.

Net income is \$3,418.

Year-to-date income is at 50% of the income budget of \$122,450.

Year-to-date expenses are at 39% of the expense budget of \$146,905.

JUNE 20 - WORLD REFUGEE DAY

What is World Refugee Day?

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution. World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.

Why is World Refugee Day important?

World Refugee Day shines a light on the rights, needs and dreams of refugees, helping to mobilize political will and resources so refugees can not only survive but also thrive. While it is important to protect and improve the lives of refugees every single day, international days like World Refugee Day help to focus global attention on the plight of those fleeing conflict or persecution. Many activities held on World Refugee Day create opportunities to support refugees.

When is World RefugeeDay? When did World Refugee Day start?

World Refugee Day falls each year on June 20 and is dedicated to refugees around the globe. World Refugee Day was held globally for the first time on June 20, 2001, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees. It was originally known as Africa Refugee Day, before the United Nations General Assembly officially designated it as an international day in December 2000.

What happens on World Refugee Day?

Each year, World Refugee Day is marked by a variety of events in many countries around the globe in support of refugees. These activities are led by or involve refugees themselves, government officials, host communities, companies, celebrities, school children and the general public, among others.

COVID-19 UPDATE FROM CABINET

Worship Will Be At 10:30am Each Sunday

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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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