

A Message from Pastor Jay

This Sunday is PRIDE Sunday. We will celebrate our LGBTQIA members, families, and friends. Joyful Noise is back to provide music. Sarah and Diane Mares will give testimonies. Tom Macy is worship leader. JJ celebrates the rainbow.

**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!!**

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

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST OPEN AND AFFIRMING SUNDAY

June 27, 2021

10:30 a.m.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Love is a Many-Gendered Thing A Service of Celebration for LGBTIQ Pride

This service includes language that some might find offensive. It does so not only in an effort to shake us out of our complacency and open our eyes, ears and hearts to the new things God is doing in our midst, but also in an effort to reclaim language that has been used to harm. It strives to name identities, characters, and people often excluded from sacred words and spaces. It invites us to be challenged and to embrace discomfort as a source for transformation.

We Gather

Prelude: "A Place in the Choir" by Bill Staines – Fiddle: Angela Woods-Rhinefelder

Unison: All God's creatures got a place in the choir. Some sing low and some sing higher, some sing out loud on a telephone wire. Some just clap their hands or paws or anything they've got now.

Announcements – Passing of the Peace – Children's Time

**Call to
Worship**
Tom Macy

To

Leader: People of God, join the crowd; don't let the parade pass you by.

Assembly: We're here, we're queer; let's praise God.

Leader: Bring your whole selves; leave no part behind.

Assembly: We're here, we're queer, let's praise God.

Leader: Show the world who you are; witness to the Love that knows no bounds.

Assembly: We're here, we're queer, let's praise God.

Leader: Join together across differences; rejoice in the many colors of the rainbow.

Assembly: We're here, we're queer, let's praise God.

Leader: Worship God in the beauty of this holiness; we are the family of God!

Assembly: We're here, we're queer, let's praise God!

Gathering Music: "I Was Glad" Central American Traditional, Arr. John Bell

Time of Reconciliation

Tom Macy

One of the spiritual gifts that some queer people often have is the ability to cut through the bull and get to the heart of things, the realities too easily ignored. As a gay friend once said, "I spent too much time trying to cover up who I was to not be real and true to myself now, and to make sure that others are doing the same." It is in that spirit that we are called to confess the truths about our lives, both the truths we want to celebrate and the truths we want to hide. As followers of Christ, we are called to bring our whole selves before God and before each other, so that we might be truly reconciled with one another and with God. Trusting in God's mercy, full of pride and full of humility, let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Tom Macy

Holy One, God of many names and many identities, we praise you for the extravagant diversity of your creation. From clown fish who change gender to promote the flourishing of the school and penguins who forge same-sex bonds to care for their young, from forget-me-nots that reproduce asexually to olive trees with three genders, you teach us the many ways in which your Spirit of relational love and nurturing care manifests in our world. We confess that sometimes our understandings of gender and sexuality limit the ways in which we know each other and know you. Forgive us when we, personally and as a society, use names and definitions as weapons to oppress or as fences to exclude. Free us from the constraints of our narrow views and expand our vision so that we might recognize and enjoy the capacious creativity of bodily expressions that reveal your infinite glory. In the name of the One who is Many, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Tom Macy

Beloved ones of God, hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are a new creation. God has reconciled us to Godself and to each other through the love and grace made tangible and touchable in Christ. In the light of God's love, we are free to live fully, affirmed and accepted as beloved children of God. Joined together with our Loving Partner, let our lives bring joy, justice and compassion into the world.

We Proclaim

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37

Tom Macy

Testimonies

Diane & Sarah Mares

Song: "I Am as God Created Me" by Michael Stillwater (permission to use granted by composer)

Part 1 (2x) **I am as God created me, in the light, in the love, in the glory.**

Part 2 (2x) **In the light, in the love, in the glory. In the light, in the love, in the glory.**

In the light, in the love, in the glory, I am.

Testimony

Pastor Jay

Song: "In the Midst of New Dimensions" by Julian Rush New Century Hymnal #391

We Respond

Prayers of the People (bulletin insert)

Offering

Pastor Jay

Today we acknowledge that, for many years, Christian churches have benefitted from the gifts of bisexual, lesbian, transgender, gay, intersex and queer people, while at the same time failing to affirm that we are all beloved ones of God. So, on this Pride Sunday, we are grateful for all the gifts and talents shared by all God's children both past and present. People of God, receive God's gifts of love and care. Our morning offering will now be given.

Prayer of Dedication

Tom Macy

Holy God, we are so thankful that you are still speaking, whispering, singing and shouting to each of us with the compassionate voice of acceptance and the grace-filled challenge of affirmation. For all these gifts of love, we thank you. For all the places, people and situations in need of your justice and mercy, we implore you. For all the ways in which we are called to turn the world inside out and upside down, we ask your guidance and support. Use us so that we might use our gifts to disrupt the powers that would limit your love and keep widening the circle of your welcome. Amen

Benediction

Pastor Jay

May God bless you and keep you. May God's face wink at you from across the room, inviting you to join the party. May God's Spirit inspire you to play in the midst of fear, to laugh in the midst of hate; to dance in the midst of injustice, doing everything you do in the name of the Christ, with style and grace, until we turn the world upside down with love.

Go Forth: "Wherever You Go" by Barbara Hamm

Solo: 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: "Shine Out" by Roger P. Miller (permission to use granted by composer)

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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

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

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.**

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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