
A Message From Pastor Jay

This Sunday we have the story of blind Bartimaeus' encounter with Jesus and the restoration of his sight. (Mark 10:46-52) Mark presents Bartimaeus as a model of discipleship. Rev. Harry joins us as worship leader. Alter-Notes and Sandy provide music. JJ was blind and now he sees!

Our past worship services are now on the website! Click on the "past worship services" link on the opening page of the website and you will find all the services back to January of 2020! Thanks to Jim for letting us use his YouTube channel for easy access.

WE ARE WEARING MASKS IN THE SANCTUARY.

HOWEVER, WITH THE GOOD WEATHER NOW, WE ARE ABLE TO BE IN PERKINS HALL FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE WITHOUT MASKS AS YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE. WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE THE WINDOWS OPEN AND FANS CIRCULATING THE AIR IN PERKINS HALL.

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

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Musical Guests Oct. 24 - Alter-Notes & Sandy Znetko

NOMINATIONS for 2022

If you are interested in participating in our church management or governance here are some ways you can do so.

1. Join one of our Ministries as a worker bee
2. Offer to put your name up for nomination as "chairperson" of a Ministry and thus be that Ministry's representative to the Cabinet.
3. Offer to put your name up for nomination as Co-Moderator of the Cabinet and work with Bill to lead our church's governance.

For any of these options, please notify Pastor Jay, Melissa or Bill, giving us your name, contact info, and what it is that you'd like to do. And of course, should you have questions about the duties of the Ministries, don't hesitate to ask us.

Ministries:

- Outreach/Missions
- Call to Care
- Education
- Physical Resources
- Welcoming

A new church directory is available on our website. Please call the office for the password to access it.

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

Interfaith Climate Action Team Forming in Prescott

Our thanks to Julie Pindzola for representing us on this team. Kat Harley-Mays has also expressed interest.

“Planning for the Resilience of Our Towns, Environment, Climate and Tourism” (PROTECT)

Climate impacts are adversely affecting communities worldwide and our planet as a whole. The Southwest has been hit particularly hard with drier, hotter temperatures, wildfires, water shortages, drought and flooding affecting human health and well-being. The PROTECT campaign is a grassroots, local movement to bring the Prescott quad-cities area together and join other municipalities in Yavapai County in this effort of mitigation and adaptation.

OCTOBER MISSION NEWS

Each month throughout the year, your mission outreach team identifies particular mission projects/programs to which we might choose to donate. This month's mission emphasis is the UCC's, OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION (OCWM). Most of what is donated to OCWM remains within our Southwest Conference

(Arizona, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas). Donations support staff expenses, conference meetings, adult and youth educational curriculum/programs, summer camps, ecumenical endeavors, and new church development. Please make your check payable to the church, with the memo line note, OCWM. As always, thanks for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2.)

BOOK STUDY OPPORTUNITY

As a new member of Prescott UCC, I am inviting others to join me for a book read and discussion of *Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: A Celtic Guide to Listening to Our Souls and Saving the World*. John Philip Newell shares the long hidden tradition of Celtic Christianity, explaining how this earth – based spirituality can help us rediscover the natural rhythms of life and deepen our spiritual connection with God, with each other, and with the earth. Newell introduces some of Celtic Christianity’s leading practitioners, both saints and pioneers of faith, whose timeless wisdom is more necessary than ever. We will likely meet by zoom or in person, as conditions allow, once a month. Dates and times to be figured out with all who express an interest in this book study. Please send a note to the church office if interested in joining in this discussion.

Lisa Barnes

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 24, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Prelude: "Dawn Reverie"--David Paxton

Mark Achuff

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ

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

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gather music: "Shine Out!"

Alter-Notes

Call to Worship (from Psalm 34:1, 3-4, 8)

Rev. Harry Strong

L: I will bless the Lord at all times;

All: God’s praise shall continually be in my mouth.

L: O magnify the Lord with me;

All: And may we exalt God's name together.

L: When we seek the Lord, God answers us; God delivers us from our fears.

All: O taste and see that the Lord is good;

L: Happy are those who take refuge in God.

All: We will bless the Lord at all times. We will worship God now and in every moment.

*Hymn: "Great Is Your Faithfulness"

New Century Hymnal #423

Opening Prayer

Rev. Harry Strong

Wondrous Creator, you made a world that births new life out of destruction. Volcanoes erupt and storms break out. Earthquakes tear apart and tsunamis wash over. But in all the destruction comes restoration. Green shoots burst forth from ash-laden soil. Waves after the storm smooth the sand and restore the coastlines. The ground settles after quakes, and the world continues on. You are the God of Restoration. You are the God of Healing. Help us to heal the earth that we have damaged. Help us to mend the relationships we have broken. Help us to repent and turn back to you, seek forgiveness for where we have gone wrong, and join with you in restoring our world. Help us to remember your intention for us to be co-creators with you. In the name of Christ, who calls us to be born anew, to become a new creation, we pray.

Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:46-52

Rev. Harry Strong

Anthem: "Amazing Grace/Kum Ba Yah"

Alter Notes

Composers. Lon Beery and Sandra Allen Musser

Sermon: "From the Margin to the Way"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn: "Be Now My Vision"

New Century Hymnal #451

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jay

Solo: "A Time for All Things" by Douglas E. Wagner.

Sandy Znetko

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Pastor Jay

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Harry Strong

We bring our gifts to you, Holy One, with cheerfulness and a joyful heart. Grant that with our gifts we may also offer a ready mind and a willing spirit to show forth in our lives the truth of the gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Hymn: "Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior"

New Century Hymnal #551

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "My Rock, My Fortress"--Dennis Eliot

Mark Achuff

(Communion is Available at the Front of the Sanctuary)

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of September 30 is \$105,655.

Total expenses are \$106,330.

Expenses exceed income by \$675.

Year-to-date income is at 86% of the income budget of \$122,450.

Year-to-date expenses are at 72% of the expense budget of \$146,905.

Julie McCurdy

OCTOBER WORSHIP - THE BOOK OF JOB & MARK'S GOSPEL

The question of theodicy (God's goodness and power in view of evil and suffering) is explored in the Book of Job on October 3. The rest of the month will be spent in familiar texts in Mark's gospel.

October 3 Job 1-2; 38-42 "Why, O God?"

October 10 Mark 10:17-31 "Possessed by Possession"

October 17 Mark 10:35-45 "Radical Recentering"

October 24 Mark 10:46-52 "From the Margin to the Way"

October 31 Mark 12:28-34 "Accepting Our Acceptance"

SUPPORT THE 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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