
SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM
SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY 10:30 AM

From the Pastor

"Where do we see the Risen Christ at work today?" That is the sermon title for Sunday based on Luke 24:13-48. An early Easter has left us lots of time to ponder what difference the acclamation "Christ is Risen!" makes in our lives and the life of the church. Alter-Notes provides music; Sue is liturgist; JJ & Ziggy model what causes their hearts to burn within them.

A BRIEF MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE FORMED TO CONSIDER USES OF THE MARTI DIAL MEMORIAL FUND WILL TAKE PLACE AFTER WORSHIP SUNDAY IN PERKINS HALL

A BRIEF MEETING OF THE COLUMBARIUM COMMITTEE WILL TAKE PLACE APRIL 21 AFTER WORSHIP IN PERKINS HALL

REV. GARY GARD MEMORIAL FUND

The Mission Committee is in the process of forming the ongoing official scholarship...but in the meantime this situation arose and donations would be welcome – a student at Discovery Gardens needs the last two months of tuition at around \$800 total. Her father recently committed suicide. Donors would need to designate on their checks (or with a note) that they wish for the funds to go to the Gary A. Gard Memorial Fund.

**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON MAY 19
PENTECOST SUNDAY - THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH
SEE PASTOR JAY OR ONE OF OUR CO-MODERATORS -
SANDY OR ARON**

Come one, Come all, to our FCC COFFEE HOUSE! Last Friday of every month - April 26 - 4 to 6 pm - Perkins Hall - Serving: good conversation, light beverages and snacks, lots of games, music of all

kinds, dancing if you want it, and any other creative ideas you can come up with. Please use the Alarcon St door to enter. See you then!

VIDEO SERIES

"When Black Female Preachers Speak - Seven Important Discussions with Black Female Theologians" A part of our decentering whiteness efforts
(not to mention patriarchy)

The next gathering will be April 19 at noon in the church office conference room. Bring your own lunch / snack and drink.

When black female preachers speak, we should all listen. The insight and intention provided by black theologians illustrate their ability to bring the history of black culture and religious experience into the life of Christians and the liturgical life of the church. For centuries black mothers have passed on wisdom – in the white world, in the black community, and with men. This wisdom has illustrated how God reveals prophetic word and action for Christian living.

We have brought together some important themes coupled with visionary insights from Rev. Jacqui Lewis, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglass, Rev. Traci Blackmon, Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, and Bishop Yvette Flunder.

SCAM ALERT! THE PASTOR WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, EVER ASK YOU FOR GIFT CARDS OR MONEY OR A FAVOR IN ANY FORM!!!!!!

**SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE UCC ANNUAL MEETING –
APRIL 25-27
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS UCC – PHOENIX
IN-PERSON AND ZOOM OPTIONS
SEE CO-MODERATOR SANDY IF INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING**

MINISTRY OF PHYSICAL RESOURCES NEEDS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO HELP TAKE CARE OF OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS – SEE ED ZNETKO FOR DETAILS

CARING FOR CREATION EVENT

**INTERFAITH CLIMATE ACTION TEAM
CARING FOR CREATION EVENT – APRIL 25 – 5PM
TEMPLE BRITH SHALOM
PASTOR JAY IS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS**

PASS - PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES

PASS, our local women's shelter, serves as a place for women and children experiencing homelessness. The third Wednesday of every month (**April 18**) our church provides dinner for the guests at the shelter. Meal items are brought to the church parking lot at 5:00 pm and then taken by one of our members to the shelter. Carolyn Christians has taken over this role from Patty Gard. We need new members to sign up to help each month. The sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

**SATURDAY FAITH FORUM OPEN TO ALL
SATURDAYS AT 10AM ON ZOOM
A NEW TOPIC EACH WEEK - BIBLE, CURRENT EVENTS,
THEOLOGY, ETC.
A LIVELY DISCUSSION
LET PASTOR JAY KNOW TO BE ADDED TO THE ZOOM INVITE
TOMORROW - "THE CHURCH'S RESPONSE TO CHRISTIAN
NATIONALISM"**

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

APRIL MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of April, our highlighted program is **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**.

One Great Hour of Sharing is one of four annual special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation.

Through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, lives are literally changed daily.

If you wish to make a donation, checks may be made payable to the church with the memo: **OGHS**. Undesignated mission donations will be used at the discretion of the Mission Outreach team.

So far in 2024, our Mission Outreach ministry has delivered \$475 in contributions to Prescott Community Cupboard for January, \$440 to Prescott Area Shelter Services for February, and will shortly be sending collected March donations to Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity. We are deeply grateful to our congregation for providing the

funds to so meaningfully assist these worthy organizations!

As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2).

Mission Outreach Committee members are Patty Gard, Carolyn Christians, Roxanne Matthews, Bill Bryant, and Becky Bryant, chairperson. If you would like to serve with us, or have any other outreach matters to discuss, please contact Becky at (928) 910-2820 or beckybryant2255@gmail.com.

**ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP – SATURDAY MAY 18
9AM-4PM, INCLUDING LUNCH
REGISTRATION REQUIRED – PERKINS HALL**

**GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS
SEE A PATH TOWARD CHANGE**

We did this workshop back in 2016. Participants enjoyed getting to know themselves better and understanding others better. An Enneagram instructor will be leading the workshop. A generous donation is covering the cost of the event. Registration required to participate. Sign up in Perkins Hall.

From The Enneagram Institute:

What is the Enneagram?

Don Riso has defined the Enneagram as “a geometric figure that delineates the nine basic personality types of human nature and their complex interrelationships.” While the Enneagram suggests that there are nine basic personality types of human nature, there are, of course, many subtypes and variations within the nine fundamental categories. Nevertheless, the assertion of Enneagram theory is that these nine adequately map out the territory of “personality types.”

The Enneagram is also a symbol that maps out the ways in which the nine types are related to each other. This is the aspect of the Enneagram most people are familiar with because it offers them a framework for understanding themselves and everyone they deal with. As a psychospiritual typology, the Enneagram helps people to recognize and understand an overall pattern in human behavior. External behaviors, underlying attitudes, one’s characteristic sense of self, conscious and unconscious motivations, emotional reactions, defense mechanisms, object relations, what we pay attention to, our spiritual potentials and much more—are all parts of a complex pattern that forms each personality type. Therapists, business counselors, human resource directors, and spiritual seekers from around the world are all finding the Enneagram to be immensely useful for self-understanding and personal growth.

Always remember however, that the Enneagram does not put you in a box; it shows you the box you are in and the way out!

What use is the Enneagram? How can it help me?

The Enneagram can be extremely useful to everyone as a source of self-knowledge because it acts as a kind of “mirror” to reveal features of our personality that normally are invisible to us. Most of the time, people function habitually, as if on “automatic pilot,” according to the pattern of their basic personality type. Usually this allows people to get along well enough in their lives, but when their normal routines break down or the stresses of their lives increase too much, their normal way of coping also tends to break down or become dysfunctional. Seeing clearly what our habitual patterns are—seeing what we are doing and why we are doing it, and at what cost to ourselves and others—holds the key to our liberation. By knowing your type correctly, you are able to see yourself—to “catch yourself in the act”—as you move throughout the day. With this increased self-awareness, you are also able to avoid reacting in negative and potentially dangerous ways.

Once real balance has been restored to the personality structure, the Enneagram can help us to orient ourselves to the higher spiritual and psychological qualities that each type has in abundance. Thus, at its highest, the Enneagram invites us to look deeply into the mystery of our true identity. It reveals that we are not our personality, but something more—a spiritual being who has lost contact with his or her true nature. Living out of this realization shifts completely how we see ourselves, others, and the world, bringing liberation, freedom, and joy. (See pages 27-48 in *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* or pages 11-17 of *Understanding the Enneagram (Revised Edition)* for more about the psychological and spiritual context of the Enneagram.)

FACEBOOK UPDATE

"We have a new Facebook group, First Congregational Church Prescott FCC - which you can join. We will be posting events, and meetup information for the community, as well as exploring ways to bring back our outreach partners; the LGBTQ community youth, AA, etc. and other groups who have used the church pre-Covid for meeting spaces. Please join the group, and join in the discussion! If you have any questions, you can email Brit and Mike Flores at bafwriter@gmail.com, our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at FCCprescott@gmail.com.

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 14, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Wonderful Words of Life"--arr. W. Elmo Mercer Mark Achuff

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "There's a Spirit of Love in This Place" Alter-Notes

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy
(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

*Hymn: "Unite and Join Your Cheerful Songs" New Century Hymnal #617

Call to Worship Sue Hodge-Parker

L: The Risen One has come alongside us on our journey from the empty tomb.

P: He speaks to us with love and encouragement the word that frees us from our sorrows.

L: A guest among us, he becomes the Host.

P: He makes himself known still today in the breaking of bread.

L: Let us celebrate the promise of life, for Christ is risen.

P: Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Prayer Sue Hodge-Parker

Life-giving God, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Christ, we pray that we may be bound together in Christian love, and that our faith and fellowship may be a witness through which your spirit will bring others into your church. We humbly thank you for your many blessings you have given us. We ask that we may learn how to truly be Easter people and always remember that we are celebrating resurrection day every day, for we pray through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Luke 24:13-48 Sue Hodge-Parker

*Hymn: "Come, Let Us Join With Faithful Souls" New Century Hymnal #383

Sermon: "Where Do We See the Risen Christ at Work Today?" Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "I Go to the Rock" by Mary McDonald Alter-Notes

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts Pastor Jay

Today, we are reminded of the joy surrounding the witnesses to Jesus' resurrection! We

remember that before their resurrection joy, these witnesses experienced grief at the cross. Witnessing the Risen Christ in their midst challenges the disciples to turn their disbelief into joyful belief. Witnessing the Risen Christ challenges the disciples to turn their fear into a courageous proclamation of God's glory. God calls forth a transformative love that marks a change in the ways of repentance and forgiveness, by witnessing the Good News of salvation for everyone, everywhere. So, let us give thanks for God's steadfast love by being witnesses to those who are hungry for food, encouragement, and relationship. Let us also witness to those who are poor in spirit, by allowing God's Spirit to loosen our grip on belongings and possessions, in order to awaken every troubled heart. And lastly, let us offer ourselves in gratitude and with generosity, as witnesses to God's goodness by our joyful giving.

Offertory: "Supplication"--Rex Koury

Mark Achuff

*Easter Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth)

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death, and given life eternal breath.**

*Prayer of Dedication

Sue Hodge-Parker

Holy one, your heart abounds with gifts. Receive this offering as a sign of our trust in you and our intention to live surrounded by your mercy, inspired by your Spirit, open to the joy of your presence, hospitable to one another, and generous toward your world. Amen.

*Hymn: "God Be With You"

New Century Hymnal #81

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "Postlude on 'St. Drostane'"--Lani Smith

Mark Achuff

**AMAZON SUPPLIES TO PROVIDE FOR JENI AND AUDRA IN
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**This QR code will take you to the supplies that can be ordered and
provided:**



TREASURER REPORT

Reporting on finances as of February 29, 2024:

Income: \$32,515

Expense: \$31,634

Net income: \$881

Julie McCurdy, Treasurer



Because of You our church changes lives.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO PROVIDED ESTIMATES OF
GIVING FOR 2024!**

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 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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