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## A Message From Pastor Jay

### SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

**MASK WEARING IS NOW OPTIONAL AS WE FOLLOW THE LATEST CDC UPDATED GUIDELINES. REFRESHMENTS AND FINGER FOODS ARE BACK NOW AFTER WORSHIP IN PERKINS HALL**

### SUNDAY TOPIC:

**Sunday's text is another post-resurrection account of Jesus with the disciples. It includes the wonderful story of Jesus restoring Peter to ministry - John 21:1-19. All who need second, third, and fourth chances will love this story! Sue is liturgist. Sandy and Tom sing a duet. JJ and Ziggy show us how Jesus provided fish and a fire for the disciples. A fire extinguisher will be on hand!**

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.

**ZOOM FAITH FORUM SATURDAY 10AM**

Let us know if you want to be added to the Zoom invitation

**ZOOM SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP HAS BEEN DISCONTINUED**

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW! SPECIAL OFFERING:** The UCC national headquarters has established a special fund to provide humanitarian aid to Ukraine. Those donating should write "Ukraine Relief" on their check memo line. Our Mission Outreach Committee will accept donations for a time period still TBD, and soon after deliver a check for the total amount given by the congregation to our Southwest Conference office.

### CARING FOR CREATION

**ACTION ALERT from the Interfaith Climate Action Team(ICAT)**

ICAT, affiliated with the Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance, is a grassroots, non-partisan team, representing different faith traditions and communities in the Prescott area. Its purpose is to amplify the voice of the faith community and encourage proactive civic engagement on the climate crisis. ICAT pursues this mission through networking, sharing and education within the faith community of our region. We currently have 14 members, representing 8 different faith communities. This April 24 is Earth Care Sunday in the Quad Cities area. We encourage you to raise awareness within your faith community of the moral and spiritual response for care of the Earth in your worship services on that Sunday. It's all about stewardship of the Earth - its peoples, creatures and resources. We need to protect and restore the Earth for future generations NOW. We at ICAT are available with specific resources that your faith community may find useful. We invite you to learn more about the Interfaith Climate Action Team and consider appointing a representative to serve on ICAT. We stand ready to provide you more information on this important initiative. Let's use our faith traditions as a common bond to engage in this conversation and work. ICAT

meets on the second Wednesday at 3:30 pm via ZOOM. For further assistance on Earth Care Sunday on April 24, please contact Mary Steenhoek at [marysteenhoek@gmail.com](mailto:marysteenhoek@gmail.com) For additional information on joining the Interfaith Climate Team, please ccontact Patrick Grady at [patrickgrady70@gmail.com](mailto:patrickgrady70@gmail.com)

### **Musical Guests Sunday - Sandy and Tom**

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

### **NEEDED: Church Security Team Members**

We really would like to have one or two more people to help with church security. Of course, it would be great if you (male or female) had/have military, law enforcement or security experience but, certainly NOT necessary. If interested, please contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276, [mgates716@gmail.com](mailto:mgates716@gmail.com).

### **NEEDED: VOLUNTEER OFFICE HELP – FLEXIBLE HOURS**

Help needed to learn how to produce the Sunday bulletin, create and post the newsletter on Constant Contact, and post items to our webpage. Your service will be needed during pastor vacations and emergency situations.

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## **MAY MISSION NEWS**

**MONTHLY FOCUS:** Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of May, our featured program is Frontera de Cristo (FdC).

Frontera de Cristo is an ecumenical border ministry in Agua Prieta, Mexico —across the border from Douglas, AZ working in partnership with several Aqua Prieta churches and local social service organizations to help meet the needs of migrants arriving at the border. Frontera de Cristo provides shelter, counseling, food/clothing assistance, education classes, and job training for migrants choosing to remain in Mexico.

Frontera de Cristo works to build relationships and understanding across borders. From their website ([fronteradecristo.org](http://fronteradecristo.org)): “People often see borders as nothing more than division, but at Frontera de Cristo we see a place of encounter. Discerning God’s will for us, we serve migrants and community members on both sides of the border.” Donations can be made by making your check payable to the church with the memo: FdC.

Mission donations which do not specify a particular project will be disbursed as determined by our Mission team members. To date in 2022, mission disbursements have been made to: Prescott Community Cupboard (\$545); Prescott Area Shelter Services (\$755); and Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (\$350). Collections for One Great Hour of Sharing and the Southwest Conference's special collection for Ukraine Humanitarian Relief will be disbursed and reported shortly.

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

*Mission Outreach Committee members are Gary & Patty Gard, Carolyn Christians, 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](mailto:beckybryant2255@gmail.com).*

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## STUDY OPPORTUNITY

### ZOOM FAITH FORUM

The new faith forum will allow a variety of faith issues to be explored. Call or email the church office to be added to the weekly Zoom invitation: 928-445-4555; [fccprescott@gmail.com](mailto:fccprescott@gmail.com).

The Saturdays in May, we will study the religion of Islam

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

### THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 1, 2022

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

#### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Holy God, as you have taken what we call an absurdity and turned it into possibility, as you have coaxed us to sing springtime alleluias where once there was a gray dawn, as you have called us out of the tombs we inhabit an undreamed of tomorrow, we praise you for this day! Come, Risen Christ, in newness and hope on this Eastertide day.

Prelude: "In This Very Room" by Ron and Carol Harris Sandy Znetko & Tom Macy

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy

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

Words of Welcome – Announcements - \*Passing of the Peace

Gather Music: "Easter Alleluia" by Marty Haugen

Invitation to Worship

Sue Hodge-Parker

Friends, if you lift your net and it is empty, Come here!

**We'll cast it out again into Christ's abundance.**

If you open your eyes but do not recognize the Holy One, Come here!

**We'll find the Risen Christ in all Creation.**

If your life is filled with mourning, Come here!

**Christ is leading a dance of joy.**

Come here, sisters and brothers!

**To give blessing and honor and glory to God!**

Prayer of Invocation

Sue Hodge-

Parker

Generous God, Giver of all that is good, Creator of all that is beautiful, you have blessed us with abundance, more than enough for everyone to share. Out of this abundance you call us to care for each other: "Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." "Feed my sheep." Awaken us to the beauty and bounty of your creation. Encourage us to share generously with all those you love. In these Great Fifty Days of Eastertide in which we observe Earth Day, may we protect the beauty of all that is yours and nurture your bounty for our children and for our children's children. Amen.

\*Hymn: "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

New Century Hymnal #230

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: John 21:1-19

Sue Hodge-Parker

\*Hymn: "You Have Come down to the Lakeshore"

New Century Hymnal #173

Sermon: "Second Chances"

Pastor Jay

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "City of God" by Dan Schutte

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (Communion is open to all)

*We come to the Lord's Table. All are invited to come forward down the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. We receive communion by intinction – please take a piece of bread and dip it into the cup and partake immediately.*

Communion Music: Resucitó

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Listen to your Savior Call" French Melody, early 13<sup>th</sup> Century

\*Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; □ Praise God, all creatures here below; □ Praise God above, ye heavenly host; □ Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

\*Prayer of Dedication

Sue Hodge-Parker

Thank you, God, for the gifts and ministries of your people. Grant that this offering given in thanksgiving for all the blessings you have given us will fill empty hearts with love and will proclaim your honor and glory in the name of Christ Jesus to all people.

\*Hymn: "Listen to Your Savior Call"

New Century Hymnal #250

\*Benediction

Pastor Jay

As you go out into the world, seek the presence of the Risen Christ in each other and in all of Creation. May God give you joyful courage to follow the command of Jesus: "Feed my lambs." "Tend my sheep." "Feed my sheep."

\*Postlude: "Halle, Halle, Halle" Traditional Carribean arr. John Bell

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## TREASURER REPORT

Income for the first quarter of 2022 is at \$44,471. This is 29% of the income budget. Expenses to-date are \$39,332. This is 25% of the expense budget. Income exceeds expenses by \$5,139.

Julie McCurdy, treasurer

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## CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:30am

Nursery & Sunday School 10:30am

### CHURCH CALENDAR

**May 7 Security Team Meeting 11:15am**

**May 8 Mother's Day**

**May 22 Womansong Singing in Worship**

**May 23 Church Cabinet Meeting 5:30pm**

**May 30 Memorial Day**

**June 5 Pentecost Sunday**

**June 12 Trinity Sunday**

**June 19 Father's Day**

## The Church of Firsts

Since 1957, the United Church of Christ has been the [church of firsts](#), weaving God's message of hope and extravagant welcome with action for justice and peace. Together, we live out our faith in ways that effect change in our communities. The UCC's many "firsts" mean that we have inherited a tradition of acting upon the demands of our faith. When we read in Galatians: "There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus"—a demand is made upon us. And so we were the first historically white denomination to ordain an African-American, the first to ordain a woman, the first to ordain an openly gay man, and the first Christian church to affirm the right of same-gender couples to marry. We were in the forefront of the anti-slavery movement and the Civil Rights movement. Our response to the demands of our faith is woven into the history of our country.

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## SUPPORT THE CHURCH

Online – go to our website: [www.fccprescott.org](http://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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