

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

### From the Pastor

The Sunday after Easter is always "holy humor Sunday." Churches around the country celebrate humor as a nod to God playing a joke on the devil by raising Jesus from the dead. Bring your jokes!

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**

**MARCH 26 GATHERING IN PERKINS HALL WITH ARIZONA  
POWER AND LIGHT'S SACRED STORIES OF CREATION.  
MEMBERS OF THE BAHAI COMMUNITY AND PRESCOTT  
PEACEBUILDERS JOINED US - THANKS TO TOM AND DAVID  
FOR SET UP AND CLEAN UP!**



[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](mailto:beckybryant2255@gmail.com).*

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## **ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP COMING MAY 18**

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 will begin soon.

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.)

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#### 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](mailto:bafwriter@gmail.com), our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at [FCCprescott@gmail.com](mailto:FCCprescott@gmail.com).

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

### HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 7, 2024

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand...or sit...or do whatever you wish...or not*

#### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: “Spring Ring”

The Ringing Bells

Get Back in Your Pew! “Halle, Halle, Halle” Traditional Carribean, verse by Marty Haugen Alter-Notes

A Time for Children of All Ages

Sandy Znetko

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

Call to Worship

Aron Smith

One: "Smiling is infectious. You catch it like the flu."

**Many: "When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling, too."**

One: "I passed around the corner, and someone saw my grin."

**Many: "When she smiled I realized I'd passed it on to her."**

One: "I thought about that smile. Then I realized its worth."

**Many: "A single smile just like mine could travel the whole earth."**

One: "So if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected."

**Many: "Let's start an epidemic quick, and get the world infected!"**

\*Hymn: “Sing with All the Saints in Glory”

Tune: Hymn to Joy

**Sing with all the saints in glory, sing the resurrection song!**

**Death and sorrow, earth’s dark story, To the former days belong.**

**All around the clouds are breaking, Soon the storms of time shall cease;**

**In God’s likeness, we awaken, Knowing everlasting peace.**

**Life eternal! Heav’n rejoices: Jesus lives who once was dead;**

**Shout with joy O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!**

**God has promised, Christ prepares it, There on high our welcome waits;**

**Ev’ry humble spirit shares it, Christ has passed the eternal gates.**

Joke Break

Prayer of Confession

Aron Smith

**You know better than we do, Amused God, what important people we believe we are.**

**Believing we have to be serious all the time, we miss out on the joy of your creation.**

**Choosing to feast on the pain of the world, we skip the picnic offered in paradise.**

**Clinging to the despair which is our best friend, we ignore Jesus, who can bring us home to your heart. Forgive us, Heart of Joy, and make us open to the startling and upside-down ways in which you work. Fill us with Easter's laughter; fill us with your healing joy; fill us with the love poured into us through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

Aron Smith

The Gospels tell us of the joy which comes to us through Christ. When Jesus was

around, lives were changed, the sick were healed, the sorrowful began to laugh with joy. The good news is that this joy is now given to us. It's OK...really.

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: 1 John 1:1-2:2 Sandy Znetko

Musical Interlude: "Surprise Symphony" By Brian Óg and Hayden Alter-Notes

Joke Break

Sermon: "Living in the Light" Sandy Znetko

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Practice Makes Perfect" by Melissa Gates Alter-Notes

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer Sandy Znetko

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts Sandy Znetko

Our church is open to all denominations – but it prefers 50's and 100's  
The Lord loveth a cheerful giver...but God also accepteth from the grouch.

Offertory: "Processional Alleluia" by Howard Hughes Singers & Ringers

Examination of the Offering

Returning of the Offering Plates

\*Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth) Brian Moore

**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 Aron Smith  
**God of joy, as we stumble through this life, help us to create more laughter  
than tears, dispense more happiness than gloom, spread more cheer  
than despair. Never let us become so indifferent that we fail to  
see the wonder in the eyes of a child or the twinkle in the eyes of the  
aged. Bless our efforts to cheer people, and may these offerings do the  
same. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "This is the Day" New Century Hymnal #84

\*Benediction Sandy Znetko

\*Postlude: "Humoresque" by Anton Dvorák Thomas and Brian

**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:**



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**TREASURER REPORT**

Reporting on finances as of February 29, 2024:

Income: \$32,515

Expense: \$31,634

Net income: \$881

Julie McCurdy, Treasurer

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Because of You our church changes lives.

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

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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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