
A Message From Pastor Jay

This Sunday we continue our series on the Psalms of Ascent (Psalm 120-134) with a focus on Psalm 121. Often used at funerals and celebration of life services, it is a wonderful psalm of promise and hope - just what we need in our continued battle with the virus. Our music will be summer camp songs with Brian and Joyful Noise. Elizabeth serves as worship leader. JJ models a prayer to God for help.

PER CDC GUIDELINES, WE HAVE RETURNED TO WEARING MASKS IN THE SANCTUARY AND PERKINS HALL.

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

The "Watch Worship Services Here" tab on the front page of our website includes worship services that go back to January of 2020. During our year of shutdown, we enjoyed recorded music each week. Starting in September, We often had singers from around the world join Deana on her Smule program that allowed for that. We even had a Roman Catholic priest in Spain join her a time or two. You could use these recorded services as daily devotionals! Check them out.

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 in coming weeks: August 15: Denise Nasso;
August 22: Joell Gall**

Per CDC guidelines, we are returning to mask wearing on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary and Perkins Hall.

Video Tech Needed \$50.00 per Sunday
Let Pastor Jay know if you are interested

AUGUST MISSION NEWS

MISSION OUTREACH

Mission Outreach Update: Our Mission emphasis for the month of August is our **DACA Fund**. The Federal government has granted registered DACA enrollees legal status and the right to obtain a work permit. These rights are subject to a two year time period, which can be renewed. Donations to our DACA Fund support (1) Franceny Gardea, a DACA registrant who is pursuing her Master's Degree at Prescott College and (2) The Freedom Education Fund, a DACA scholarship program at Prescott College. Donation checks may be made payable to the church, with the memo, DACA. Checks marked simply, "mission" will be used at the discretion of our mission team.

PASS Update: Thanks to our team of volunteers, on July 21 dinner and sundries were provided to 22 guests at the PASS shelter for women and children. We do this on the third Wednesday of each month. If you would like to help, contact our PASS team captain, Patty Gard at gpgard7963@gmail.com or phone 928 460 3042.

Prescott Community Cupboard (PCC): Both Angela Imbierowicz and Lee Danaher serve on the PCC Board of Directors. The PCC provides food bags/boxes for impoverished individuals and families living in the Prescott area. On scheduled dates throughout the year, our team of volunteers sort food donations and pack food bags. You can deposit your canned food items in our donation box located in the front of the church sanctuary. If you would like to help sort and pack food bags, contact our PCC team captain, Angela Imbierowicz at angelaprescottaz@gmail.com or phone 708 712 1448.

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS AUGUST 31

GOT QUESTIONS? WE GOT ANSWERS!

Everything you've ever wanted to know about us but were afraid to ask
Two one-hour sessions are being offered, right after church in the
sanctuary:

Sunday August 15 and Sunday August 22.
Pick one session

How THIS church is governed
How we relate to the Southwest Conference of the United Church of Christ

How we relate to the General Synod of the United Church of Christ
What are our beliefs
What are our sacraments
A little about our history
What is the Foundation
Membership vs. non-membership
Opportunities to participate in THIS church

Awesome for those who want to become members Helpful for those who don't know if they want to become members Just a simple, good refresher for all others. If you want to come but you can't make either session, let Pastor Jay know.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 8, 2021

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Rejoice in the Lord Always" & "This is My Commandment" Joyful Noise

Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice. (2x)

Rejoice, rejoice! Again, I say rejoice. (2x)

This is my commandment that you love one another. That your joy may be full.

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 song: "This is the Day"

Joyful Noise

This is the day. This is the day that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice! Let us rejoice and be glad in it...and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the day! This is the day that the Lord has made.

Call to Worship

Elizabeth Spence

Watching God, we give thanks that you are not restricted to one place or time.

We come together to worship the all-seeing Creator of the heavens and the earth.

Sheltering God, we give thanks that we can rely on your strength and guidance.

We come together to give thanks that God understands our human vulnerability.

Abiding and Trustworthy God, we give thanks and celebrate your nearness, and your continuing presence with us, as we journey towards our hope and home in you. **We come together to share the knowledge that God is always with us, and that as individuals or a community, we can trust God's watching and sheltering presence. Amen.**

*Song: "His Banner over Me is Love"

Joyful Noise

PROCLAIMING GOD'S

WORD

Hebrew Scripture Reading: Psalm 121

Elizabeth Spence

Anthem: "Rise and Shine and Give God the Glory, Glory"

Joyful Noise

**(So) Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.
Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory.
Rise and shine and....tell the brand new story. Children of the Lord.**

Sermon: "Where Does My Help Come From?"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Song: "All Night, All Day" (Angels watching over me)

Joyful Noise

**All night, all day, angels watching over me my Lord.
All night, all day, angels watching over me.**

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Elizabeth Spence / Pastor Jay

Watching God, we come to worship you with faith and hope in our hearts, as we gather to worship and praise you. Unlike the ancient people of Israel who believed God was restricted to one place – the Temple in Jerusalem—we know that the Lord our God is a constant presence in our gathered, and in our individual lives. We trust in God's presence with us, and we celebrate with joy the wonders created by "*...the Lord, who made the heavens and the earth...*"; and that God watches and blesses over all that God created and continues to create. We give thanks for these blessings, and that we know to whom we can go for help and guidance - at any time - not only when trouble strikes us; and the promise that God will hold us so that we will not stumble.

Sheltering God, you are Strength to people who are weak; a Guide to people who are lost; you are Hope for people who are vulnerable and feeling exposed to life's traumas; you are Comfort to lonely people; and Reassurance to all the bewildered people who struggle to find a pathway to a full and satisfying life.

We give thanks for the promise that "*...The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade...*" - especially when the heat of living and the expectation that we will continue to act as a responsible human being - when we simply want to be quiet and still before God, and to just let the world go by, just for a little while.

Abiding and Trustworthy God, we give special thanks for the promised presence of God that is constant and protective, sheltering us from evil, and being a blessing to us because of God's watchful attention in all our comings and goings, both now and forever! This was not a one-off-for-one-

person-only promise, this promise was given to a community as it travelled through dangerous and even stressful places— where all that those people believed in was being challenged. Yet, their help and their hope came from their trust in the Lord their God, the Creator and Sustainer of the entire universe; so that nothing and no one was beyond God watchful and sheltering presence; which is so constant that it neither grows weary nor slumbers. Thank be to this Glorious God, through all the ages past, and through all that comes. Amen.

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Prayer of Dedication

Elizabeth Spence

Thank you, God, for the ministries of the people of your church. Thank you, God, for the bounty of your blessings you have poured out upon us. We have taken a portion of our abundance and given it to you in grateful thanksgiving. Consecrate this offering. May it help to support the ministries of this church that will dismantle the walls that divide us. Amen.

Song: “This Little Light of Mine”

Joyful Noise

This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine. (3x)

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: “This is My Commandment”

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of July 31 is \$88,782

Total expenses are \$81,390.

Net income is \$7,392.

Year-to-date income is at 73% of the income budget of \$122,450.

Year-to-date expenses are at 55% of the expense budget of \$146,905.

AUGUST WORSHIP - PSALMS OF ASCENT (120-134)

Many scholars believe the title indicates that these psalms were sung by worshippers as they ascended the road to Jerusalem to attend the three pilgrim festivals in Jerusalem (Deuteronomy 16:16). Others think they were sung by the Levite singers as they ascended the fifteen steps to minister at the Temple in Jerusalem. Either way, these psalms give us a glimpse of the faith of those who worshiped God in the past. As we ascend our own spiritual journey, insights may be found in these Psalms. We will look at 5 of these Psalms during August.

August 1 - Psalm 120

August 8 - Psalm 121

August 15 - Psalm 122

August 22 - Psalm 123

August 29 - Psalm 126

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Make a check out to the church and mail it to: 216 East Gurley Street, Prescott, AZ 86301

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