
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

We will gather Sunday morning to consider how we live out the freedom God has given us. Galatians 6 is the text. Christian freedom leads us to move beyond independence to interdependence; beyond autonomy to community; and beyond self-indulgence to service. Alter-Notes provides music and serves as liturgists. JJ and Ziggy celebrate July 4th.

Happy Fourth of July weekend, Jay

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

The Zoom Forum is taking a summer break - will return in September

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MURL EDWARDS PREBLE
AUGUST 8, 1934 - JUNE 28, 2022

Murl passed away on Tuesday at her residence. She and Phil are long-

time faithful members of the church. The family will let us know of any plans for her remembrance in coming weeks.

Acknowledge, we humbly beseech you, a sheep of your own fold, a lamb of your own flock, a child of your own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of your mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.

**New Members will be received soon.
Let Pastor Jay know if you are interested in joining the church**

The Southwest Conference will host

**Now What? Informing, Educating, and Mobilizing
Progressive Churches for Reproductive Rights**

Saturday, July 9, 10 AM AZ/11 AM NM/EI Paso.

Panelists include

- Frank Fox, SWC Attorney
- Rev. Dr. Cari Jackson, National Staff/Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
- Joan Lamunyon Sanford, Executive Director/NM Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
- Karen Richter, *Our Whole Lives* Educator
- Rev. Dr. Barbara Doerrer-Peacock, Associate Conference Minister

The event will be hosted on zoom. [Registration](#) is required.

Register online at <https://swcucc.app.neoncrm.com/eventReg.jsp?event=112&>

Musical Guest Sunday - Brian and Alter-Notes

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

JULY MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: **Discovery Gardens Preschool (DGP)** is our mission project for July. **Discovery Gardens Preschool** offers children a loving environment where they can prosper both academically and socially, regardless of their life's challenges.

Discovery Gardens Preschool provides child-directed, developmentally appropriate practices in a center-based early childhood environment. DGP is a licensed tuition-based preschool operated through the Prescott Unified School District.

Your kind donation will help provide a scholarship to the family of a three-year old in need. Please make your check payable to the church, with the memo **DGP**.

A memo of simply "Mission" will be disbursed at the discretion of the Mission Outreach Team.

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.

FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

AGAPE SUMMER FOOD & FELLOWSHIP WILL RETURN JULY 20TH

A group has been meeting on Wednesday nights for food and fellowship. We are in and out in an hour and fifteen minutes. Salad, bread, refreshments, and dessert is provided. Come join us!
No sign-up required.

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 3, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "A Patriotic Medley"

Brian Moore and Thomas Porter

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 Song: "Sing to God" by F. D. Martin

Alter-Notes

Call to Worship

Alter-Notes

L: The whole law is summed up in a single commandment,

All: "Love your neighbor as yourself."

L: Live by the Spirit;

All: For we are led by the Spirit into the world.

L: We belong to Jesus;

ALL: We do not belong to this world.

L: Let us love and serve one another, as led by the Spirit;

ALL: May we worship God, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and the love of Jesus Christ.

*Hymn: "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

New Century Hymnal #593

Opening Prayer

Alter-Notes

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks for all the blessings we experience—the freedom to worship you without fear, the bounty and diversity of your creation, and the precious gift of unexpected joy. As we draw near to you this hour, may we immerse ourselves in your healing presence. Refresh us and renew us that we might become faithful laborers in your harvest of peace, justice, and joy. We pray in the name of our great Healer, Jesus the Christ. Amen

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Pastor Jay

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.

As you pour out your Spirit upon this Table abundant with the gifts of the Bread and of the Cup, shed your grace upon your children gathered in this place. We often forget those who hunger for freedom. But eating the Bread of life, we can go, carrying a harvest of hope to them. We forget the injustices imposed upon those seeking freedom. But drinking from the Cup of grace, we can go where you intend to go, inviting everyone we meet to join us in your new creation of peace, mercy, and wonder. And when all that holds us back is gone, when the freedom of your eternity is given to us, we will gather and forever sing your praises, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Communion Music: "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" by Fred Kaan

Epistle Reading: Galatians 6

Alter-Notes

*Hymn: "This is My Song"

New Century Hymnal #591

Sermon: "How Do We Live in Christian Freedom?"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Let Freedom Ring!" Smith/Gray

Alter-Notes

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

Pastor Jay

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

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Offertory: "Sing Out, Earth and Skies!" by Marty Haugen

Brian and Thomas

*Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth)

Praise God the source of life and breath; Praise Christ, now born to conquer death;

Praise Holy Spirit's mystery: One God, pure grace, who sets us free. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Alter-Notes

We give thanks to you, O God, for you have blessed us with all we need to do your work. Empower and embolden us to use our gifts in your service. May our sharing be a sign of your in-breaking realm and a source of healing and hope to a world in need. We pray this in the name of the One who sends us out, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

*Hymn: "How Beautiful, Our Spacious Skies"

New Century Hymnal #594

*Benediction

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*Postlude: "Fifty Nifty United States" by Ray Charles

Brian Moore

TREASURER REPORT

As of May 31, 2022, Income is \$65,563 and Expenses are \$63,739. Net INCOME is \$1,824.

Julie McCurdy, treasurer

ROE V. WADE DECISION

'We will stand with you in protest': National officers speak out after SC overturns Roe v. Wade

by [UCC Leadership](#) | published on Jun 24, 2022

The national officers of the United Church of Christ are speaking out against the U.S. Supreme Court decision [eliminating, after almost 50 years, the constitutional right to an abortion](#).

Long before the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade, the United Church of Christ, by action of the General Synod, affirmed the right of every individual to follow their personal religious and moral convictions regarding their reproductive healthcare. We continue to stand by this conviction today. This religious and moral agency includes the autonomy of birthing people to decide whether to complete or terminate a pregnancy.

Our Synod resolutions, which represent the will of the church in light of scripture, highlight the importance of ensuring access to the full range of reproductive health care regardless of race, religion, or economic status. We do not take this stand in spite of faith, but rather because of it. Throughout sacred text humankind is tasked with care of self and others. Bodily autonomy is a human right given by God.

Today's Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, discarding nearly 50 years of precedent, will endanger the lives and well-being of birthing people who do not choose to continue pregnancy. God loves and cares for people who have abortions, and so does the United Church of Christ. We believe all people have the right to make their own decisions about their bodies and medical treatment. We believe women have an inalienable right to shape the direction of their lives as they see fit, and no institution established by humankind should supersede such freedom.

The Supreme Court's decision to vacate Roe v. Wade and return the protection of a woman's human right to states represents a continual effort to oppress women and people who can give birth. Such uniform repression targeted at one specific class of people, namely those who have a uterus, creates yet another stark division in a country that so desperately needs unity. In addition to gender bias, such a rendering also disproportionately effects birthing people of color and women in rural or low-income areas who face challenges in access to safe and medically supervised reproductive health care, including abortions. The gravity of this decision and the devastation of its impact cannot be overstated.

Through the prophet Isaiah, God offers these words of comfort to the Israelites during a challenging time: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." (Isaiah 41:10) These are not words that assuage us with easy answers and shallow promises. There is no declaration that things will be better tomorrow. They will not be. But they do promise that we are not alone in our struggles.

We, the officers of the United Church of Christ, want those feeling the pain of today's decision to know that you are not alone. God has not abandoned you and neither will we. We will do what we always do when the law loses its love. We will grieve with you and offer space for lament and mourning. We will work with you until the rights of every person are honored in this land. We will stand with you in protest. We will kneel with you in prayer. And we will maintain our commitment to educate people about abortion access and safe medically supported reproductive healthcare. Now and always, we remain firm in the knowledge that all are beloved of God, and this cause is right and holy.

The Rev. Dr. John C. Dorhauer
General Minister and President

The Rev. Traci Blackmon
The Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia A. Thompson

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.

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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