# First Congregational United Church of Christ

The Parish Caller July 15, 2022

### A Message From Pastor Jay

### SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Nursery and Sunday school at the10:30am service

# MASK WEARING IS NOW RECOMMENDED AS WE FOLLOW THE LATEST CDC UPDATED GUIDELINES. YAVAPAI COUNTY IS IN THE HIGH TRANSMISSION CATEGORY.

The story of Jesus' visit to the home of Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38-42) is a simple one but prone to misinterpretation. We will look at those misinterpretations Sunday. It is a good story for the middle of summer – a chance to ponder what distractions and worries are keeping us from the "one thing needed." The current popularity of the "mindfulness" movement is a modern application of this story. Are you like Mary? Are you like Martha? Both? Denise Nasso provides music. JJ cleans while Ziggy reads the Bible. JJ is upset!

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

#### DONATIONS ARE BEING RECEIVED TO PURCHASE AN AED FOR THE CHURCH. AED = AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR

A generous donation has already been received. If you would like to give, please note "AED" with the gift.

#### Musical Guest Sunday - Denise Nasso

The Office Will Be Closed During Times When The CDC Has Our County In The High Transmission Category - Call Pastor Jay 928-899-9066 As Needed

# 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 <u>beckybryant2255@gmail.com</u>.* 

# FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITY

#### AGAPE SUMMER FOOD & FELLOWSHIP WILL RETURN JULY 20TH AT 5:00PM

A group has been meeting on Wednesday nights for food and fellowship. We are in and out in an hour and fifteen minutes. Bring a food item to share. Come join us! No sign-up required.

### SUNDAY BULLETIN

#### SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:30 a.m.

July 17, 2022 \*Those who are able may stand

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Oh What A Beautiful Morning"

Denise Nasso

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

Call to Worship Tom Macy L: God has called us to this place. What do you see?

P: We see people who model for us - God's joyous embrace of all people.

L: God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

P: We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as our sister or brother.

L: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do? **P: We will do only one thing: welcome everyone in God's name!** 

\*Hymn: "Enter, Rejoice and Come In"

New Century Hymnal #73

Opening Prayer

Tom Macy

God of all Seasons, as things wax and wane, ebb and flow, call us to be present in the rhythm of life, to be mindful of our own seasons. We struggle as a people with anxiety,

despair, and restlessness. Help us to find the rhythm that beats in our hearts, to rest and sleep, to rise and work, to contemplate your presence among us, and to seek your way in this world. Help us to find the right rhythm to practice justice and mercy while caring for our whole being. Help us to become in tune with you, and to know our own seasons of overwork and tiredness, so that we might be gentle with ourselves, and allow your love and assurance to envelope us in those trying times. In all seasons, may we know your presence. Amen.

#### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Gospel Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Tom Macy

\*Hymn: "What a Friend We Have In Jesus"

New Century Hymnal #506

Sermon: "Both-And: Mary and Martha" Pastor Jay

#### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

Solo::"Summertime" (Instrumental)

Denise Nasso

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "If I Ruled The World"

Denise Nasso

\*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

God, we offer these gifts, tithes, and offerings for the building of your kingdom on earth. Bless the gift and the givers. Bless all who offer time, talent and treasure in your service. We offer this prayer in your holy name. Amen.

\*Closing Song: "My Eyes Have Seen The Glory" No

New Century Hymnal #610

\*Benediction

Pastor Jay

\*Postlude:

Denise Nasso

# TREASURER REPORT

As of **June 30, 2022**, Income is \$80,942 and Expenses are \$76,197. Net INCOME is \$4,745.

#### Julie McCurdy, treasurer

### ABOUT OUR CHURCH

#### The Church of Firsts

Since 1957, the United Church of Christ has been the <u>church of firsts</u>, 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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