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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 RECOMMENDED AS WE FOLLOW THE LATEST CDC UPDATED GUIDELINES. YAVAPAI COUNTY IS IN THE HIGH TRANSMISSION CATEGORY.**

This Sunday Jesus will teach us how to pray (Luke 11:1-13). Most of us are in elementary school when it comes to the subject of prayer, so any help from Jesus will be much appreciated! Maybe a childlike faith is best since prayer is such a mystery. Too much analysis leads to paralysis. I have spent hours this week researching one Greek word in this text: “anaideia.” Most of our Bible versions translate it as “persistence” or “boldness.” The Greek word occurs only here in Luke in the Bible, but every other time it is used in Greek literature it is translated “shamelessness.” Why am I in the weeds with this word? Not just to validate years spent learning New Testament Greek, but also to dispel a common misinterpretation of Jesus’ parable of the Friend at Midnight – persistent prayer will finally wear God down to give us what we ask. No, giving the Greek word the proper translation of “shamelessness” leads us to a much better view of God and ourselves. Carole Sue and harpist Anne provide music along with Brian. JJ and Ziggy model prayer for us.

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](#)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The Southwest Conference hosted:

**on Saturday, July 9.**

Panelists included:

- 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
- Brittany Fonteno, Executive Director for Planned Parenthood in Arizona
- Sandy Sorensen, Director of the UCC's Washington Office

The event was hosted on Zoom and was recorded. Unfortunately, the first 20 minutes of the event were NOT recorded but Rev. Tina Campbell took EXCELLENT notes. To view the video recording. Use passcode ++VOKwtn

To view the recording, go to:

[swcucc.org](http://swcucc.org)

### **Musical Guests Sunday - Carole Sue and Anne**

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

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## 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.

Checks were sent to the following organizations/causes in July:

- Frontera de Cristo (\$320)
- Strengthen the Church (\$127.50)
- Ukraine Relief (\$250)
- Yavapai Food Bank "Start Right" backpack program for school kids (\$402.50)

July's focus for collection has been Discovery Gardens preschool...we'll see shortly how that went, plus we still have some funds (\$250) from the FCC Foundation endowment that we've designated to add to this upcoming gift. August's giving focus will be our congregation's own DACA Fund, along with the Freedom Education Fund at Prescott College. We recently also contributed \$500 to Franceny Gardea's fall tuition at Prescott College, where she is pursuing her master's degree in Critical Psychology.

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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## DOING JUSTICE

### New webinar series focuses on how churches can embrace justice covenants

by [Staff Reports](#) | published on Jul 11, 2022

A yearlong series of United Church of Christ webinars is underway, highlighting Christian social justice programs available to local churches.

The monthly “Just World Covenants” program kicked off during Pride month with “Open and Affirming: The Power of Covenant.” A recording of it is now available [here](#), at the [UCC YouTube channel](#).

This was the first webinar in a yearlong series on the many social-justice emphases that local churches can embrace.

Coming episodes are listed below.

The very existence of the series signals how justice issues are connected, said the Rev. Brooks Berndt. He’s the UCC environmental justice minister who helped introduce [a new UCC Just World Covenants website](#) at the 2021 General Synod. That site collects, in one place, links and information to various UCC justice-related programs.

“Justice does not stay in neat, separate boxes when it comes to the lived realities of our world,” Berndt said. “Neither should our ministries. There is a lot of strength and vitality to be found in coming together.”

### Series schedule

The Just World Covenants webinars are set for the third Thursday of each month. They’re part of the UCC’s weekly Thursdays for the Soul series. Here is the schedule, with links to further information and registration:

- July 21: [Our Faith Our Vote 2022: Faithful Engagement in a Time of Increased Voter Suppression](#)
- Aug. 18: [Accessible-to-All Churches and Disabilities Justice](#)
- Sept. 15: [Just Peace Churches and the Disruptive Power of Peace](#)
- Oct. 20: [Immigrant Welcoming Congregations Working for Human Rights and Dignity for All](#)
- Nov. 17: [Becoming a Creation Justice Church](#)
- Dec. 15: [WISE \(Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, and Engaged\) for Mental Health](#)
- Jan. 19, 2023: [Our Whole Lives and Sexuality and Our Faith: Dismantling Shame and Stigma about Bodies and Relationships](#)

- Feb. 16, 2023: [Be A Global Mission Church](#)
- March 16, 2023: [Join the Movement Toward Racial Justice](#)
- April 20, 2023: [Mind the Wealth Gap: Ways the UCC Economic Justice Movement lives in Churches and Conferences](#)
- May 18, 2023: [Refugee Sponsorship, Asylum Accompaniment, and Sanctuary Church: How Can My Church Practice Responsible Hosting?](#)
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### ‘Core dimensions of faith’

Berndt said each webinar will emphasize ways that local churches can be deliberate and public about Christian social justice.

“Through General Synod resolutions and the dedicated efforts of numerous local churches, the UCC has developed over the years a number of designations that encourage and recognize specific ministries of justice,” he said.

“These designations express a core dimension of our faith. They represent our commitment to building a just world for all. Those of us involved in these programs realized it made a lot of sense to bring them together through an online hub and through collaborative endeavors like this webinar series.”

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

### SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 24, 2022

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: Anne Pursell, harpist and Carole Sue Linson, piano

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: "No Matter" by Roger P. Miller

\*Hymn: Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

New Century Hymnal #282

Call to Worship  
Dahlberg

Henry

L: Christ has said to us:

**All: "Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us."**

L: Christ has said to us:

**All: "Pray for the kingdom to come, on earth as it is in heaven."**

L: Christ is calling us today:

**All: Pray for God's will to be done in us, by serving one another, and sharing the love of Christ in all we do.**

L: Christ is calling us in this moment to worship:

**All: We join our hearts together, serving God by serving one another, lifting up our hearts in prayer and praise to our Almighty God.**

Opening Prayer  
Dahlberg

Henry

Mystery beyond our knowing, close to us as our breathing, in humble awe we pray.  
We pray for your vision of justice and mercy to be made real in our world even now.  
We pray for your vision of enough; enough sustenance, enough warmth, enough healing  
for all of your children. We pray for the grace to let go of revenge and hate as it is  
harmful to us. May we embrace your vision for life, that we might follow you safely  
through this obstacle course.

We give thanks for your presence that is with us in this life and beyond. Amen.

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

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

Henry Dahlberg

\*Hymn: "O God, My God"

New Century Hymnal #515

Sermon: "What Kind of Listener is God?"

Pastor Jay

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

Anthem: "My Soul is Thirsting" by Steve Angrisano

Brian Moore

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you my God.**

**My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord, thirsting for you my God,**

**Thirsting for you, My God.**

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

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Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Pastor Jay

Offertory: Anne Pursell, harpist and Carole Sue Linson, piano

\*Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth)

Brian Moore

**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  
Dahlberg

Henry

**As you have done with us, may we do for others, holding nothing back, but offering our treasures and lives that hope may be restored, that healing might touch the broken, that the suffering might be revived, and that all might know of your steadfast love in their lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Sweet Hour of Prayer"

New Century Hymnal #505

\*Benediction

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\*Postlude: "I was Glad" by John L. Bell

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## TREASURER REPORT

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

**Julie McCurdy, treasurer**

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## ABOUT THE CHURCH

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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