First Congregational United Church of Christ

The Parish Caller
June 10, 2022

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

SUNDAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY

The annual focus on the Trinity - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - or, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, could be a dry doctrinal lecture removed from everyday life. But what if our view of God is incorrect? How can people think God is ok with gun violence and the tragic killing of children and so many others? And that there is nothing we can do about it when so many other countries can show us the way? How can people take Jesus with them to a violent insurrection on January 6? How can someone think God wants them to come to our church to let us know we are going to hell for our rainbow banner? Countless people have entered our sanctuary with a view of God as judge and critic, and discovered a God of grace for the first time. Our view of God matters. Trinity Sunday is our chance to check our view of God - is it true?

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEEDED: CHURCH SECURITY TEAM MEMBERS

We really would like to have one or two more people to help with church security. Of course, it would be great if you (male or female) had/have military, law enforcement or security experience but, certainly NOT necessary. If interested, please contact Melissa Gates, 207-391-3276, mgates716@gmail.com.

NEEDED: VOLUNTEER OFFICE HELP – FLEXIBLE HOURS

Help needed to learn how to produce the Sunday bulletin, create and post the newsletter on Constant Contact, and post items to our webpage. Your service will be needed during pastor vacations and emergency situations.

NEEDED: GREETERS AND HOSPITALITY HOSTS

A new schedule of dates and 'empty' spaces are ready for all of you who would enjoy serving as a GREETER or HOSPITALITY HOST. The sign up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Lions Club will have a pancake breakfast in our parking lot tomorrow morning from 7:00-11:00am. Cost is \$8.00. Proceeds benefit local charities.

New Members will be received soon.

Let Pastor Jay know if you are interested in joining the church

Musical Guests Sunday - Alter-Notes; Flute - Evelyn Parker

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

JUNE MISSION NEWS

JUNE MISSION PROJECT

Our June outreach emphasis will help fund two programs: our

denomination's **Strengthen the Church (STC)** offering and the **Yavapai Food Bank (YFB)**.

Strengthen the Church (STC) is an annual UCC special offering with donations supporting new church development, creative ministries directed to youth and young adults, spiritual development ministries, and misc. projects addressing today's challenging issues.

The Yavapai Food Bank (YFB) provides food boxes for approximately 400 families weekly. Additionally, donations support "Start Right," a program to assist impoverished families needing assistance with back-to-school supplies and backpacks for K-12 children and youth.

If you would like to donate to either project, please make your check payable to the church, with the memo of **STC** or **YFB**. Mission donations which do not specify a particular project will be disbursed as determined by our Mission team members.

To date in 2022, mission disbursements have been made to: Prescott Community Cupboard (\$545); Prescott Area Shelter Services (\$755); Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (\$350); and UCC's One Great Hour of Sharing (\$335).

Our special collection for the Southwest Conference's Ukraine Humanitarian Relief fund collected \$3,735 (thank you for your generosity!) and a check was recently sent to help aid the struggling people of Ukraine.

May's mission focus was Frontera de Christo and will be disbursed and reported shortly.

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 SOUP FELLOWSHIP WEDNESDAY NIGHTS – JUNE 15, 22, 29 – 5:00PM

In past years, we gathered for a soup fellowship meal during the week. Many are feeling the need to restore this meal so that we can get to know each other better– many have started attending since post-COVID lockdown. So, several people will sign-up to bring soup to share each week. Bread, crackers, refreshments, and dessert will be provided as well. Come join us!

SUNDAY BULLETIN

TRINITY SUNDAY

June 12, 2022

10:30 a.m.

*Those who are able may stand

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Holy, Holy, Holy"--arr. Robert J. Hughes

Mark Achuff

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

Gathering Music: "Welcome to this House"

Alter-Notes

Call to Worship

Leader: Praise to God our Creator, source of our being and wellspring of life. People: Praise to God our liberator, who sets us free and gives us hope

Praise to God the Word, love made flesh to dwell among us

Praise to Jesus the Christ, who feeds the hungry and shows us the Way.

Praise to God the Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind

Praise to the Holy Spirit, who inspires, challenges, comforts, and sustains us.

Come let us worship the Earth-maker, the Pain-bearer, and the Life-giver.*

All: Let us worship God!

Opening Prayer

O God our Sovereign, how wonderful are the many ways we experience your presence! Help us to draw near to you, that we may receive all that you have to offer us in this time and place. Open our ears so that we can hear wisdom's call. Set our hearts ablaze wit your healing fire. Nourish us with the gift of community. Empower us to follow and to serve you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

*Hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy"

New Century Hymnal #277

*Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver are names for the Trinity taken from an adaptation of the Lord's Prayer in **A New Zealand Prayer Book**, Anglican Church of New Zealand, 1989.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

New Testament Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Gospel Reading: John 16:12-15

Pastor Jay

*Hymn: "Come Now, Almighty God"

New Century Hymnal #275

Sermon: "The Dance of the Trinity"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "You Are Mine" arr. Mark Hayes; Flute - Evelyn Parker Alter-Notes

Prayer of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Spirit of God, Descend"--arr. David Paxton Mark Achuff

*Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; □ Praise God, all creatures here below; □ Praise God above, ye heavenly host; □ Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

We give thanks, O God, for all that you have given us. Pour out your blessing on thes offerings, that they might be a source of blessing in our church, in our community, and in our world. We offer this prayer in the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*Hymn: "Praise with Joy the World's Creator" New Century Hymnal #273

*Benediction Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "A Trumpet Call"--Domenico Scarlatti Mark Achuff

TREASURER REPORT

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

Julie McCurdy, treasurer

CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday Worship 10:30am Nursery & Sunday School 10:30am

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June 12 Trinity Sunday June 19 Father's Day

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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