

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM SUNDAY SCHOOL & NURSERY 10:30 AM

From the Pastor

Easter Sunday is here! We will consider Mark's account of the resurrection - or lack thereof. As someone noted, Jesus is too busy to hang around and show himself. He is off to Galilee to wait for the disciples there. Easter is a good time to look at possibilities! Brian, Thomas, and Alter-Notes provide music; Lanette plays the flute; Melissa is liturgist; and JJ & Ziggy welcome the annual visit of our caterpillar and butterfly. Considering Easter possibilities, look at these examples that will be in the sermon Sunday:

EASTER SERMON BY ANNA STRONG ABOUT THE AMAZING APPEARANCE OF HER TWENTY-ONE YEAR OLD DAUGHTER AFTER SHE HAD PASSED AWAY - ON OUR WEBSITE: FCCPRESCOTT.ORG, UNDER THE MENU - SERMONS, AND SCROLL DOWN TO APRIL 21, 2019 FOR THE AUDIO FILE

GOOGLE TAYLOR SWIFT'S SONG ABOUT HER GRANDMOTHER MARJORIE

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE NOON TODAY
TAIZE MUSIC AND SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS

GOOD FRIDAY RECORDED PLAY BY MICKEY SHELTON
GO TO PAST WORSHIP SERVICES TAB AT FCCPRESCOTT.ORG
SCROLL TO GOOD FRIDAY 4-2-21

Come one, Come all, to our FCC COFFEE HOUSE! Last Friday of every month - **TODAY** - 4 to 6 pm - Perkins Hall - Serving: good conversation, light beverages and snacks, lots of games, music of all kinds, dancing if you want it, and any other creative ideas you can come up with. Please use the Alarcon St door to enter. See you then!

VIDEO SERIES

"When Black Female Preachers Speak - Seven Important Discussions with Black Female Theologians" A part of our decentering whiteness efforts (not to mention patriarchy)

The next gathering will be April 19 at noon in the church office conference room. Bring your own lunch / snack and drink.

When black female preachers speak, we should all listen. The insight and intention provided by black theologians illustrate their ability to bring the history of black culture and religious experience into the life of Christians and the liturgical life of the church. For centuries black mothers have passed on wisdom – in the white world, in the black community, and with men. This wisdom has illustrated how God reveals prophetic word and action for Christian living.

We have brought together some important themes coupled with visionary insights from Rev. Jacqui Lewis, Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson, Rev. Dr. Kelle Brown, Rev. Dr. Kelly Brown Douglass, Rev. Traci Blackmon, Rev. Canon Stephanie Spellers, and Bishop Yvette Flunder.

SCAM ALERT! THE PASTOR WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, EVER ASK YOU FOR GIFT CARDS OR MONEY OR A FAVOR IN ANY FORM!!!!!!

**SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE UCC ANNUAL MEETING –
APRIL 25-27
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS UCC – PHOENIX
IN-PERSON AND ZOOM OPTIONS
SEE CO-MODERATOR SANDY IF INTERESTED IN
ATTENDING**

**MINISTRY OF PHYSICAL RESOURCES NEEDS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO HELP TAKE
CARE OF OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS – SEE ED ZNETKO FOR DETAILS**

CARINGFOR CREATION EVENT

**INTERFAITH CLIMATE ACTION TEAM
CARING FOR CREATION EVENT – APRIL 25 – 5PM
TEMPLE BRITH SHALOM
PASTOR JAY IS ONE OF THE SPEAKERS**

PASS - PRESCOTT AREA SHELTER SERVICES

PASS, our local women's shelter, serves as a place for women and children experiencing homelessness. The third Wednesday of every month (**April 18**) our church provides dinner for the guests at the shelter. Meal items are brought to the church parking lot at 5:00 pm and then taken by one of our members to the shelter. Carolyn Christians has taken over this role from Patty Gard. We need new members to sign up to help each month. The sign-up sheet is in Perkins Hall.

**SATURDAY FAITH FORUM OPEN TO ALL
SATURDAYS AT 10AM ON ZOOM
A NEW TOPIC EACH WEEK - BIBLE, CURRENT EVENTS,
THEOLOGY, ETC.
A LIVELY DISCUSSION
LET PASTOR JAY KNOW TO BE ADDED TO THE ZOOM INVITE**

**TUESDAY NIGHT GATHERING IN PERKINS HALL WITH
ARIZONA POWER AND LIGHT'S SACRED STORIES OF
CREATION. MEMBERS OF THE BAHAI COMMUNITY AND
PRESCOTT PEACEBUILDERS JOINED US - THANKS TO TOM
AND DAVID FOR SET UP AND CLEAN UP!**



[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

MARCH MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project. For the month of March, we're supporting **Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity**. Seeking to put God's love into action, **Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity** brings people together to build houses, communities, and hope. Every donation helps a family build a safe and affordable home and fosters strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter.

Your contributions are so helpful for these families in need! If your own family has the ability and desire to provide a donation, checks can be made payable to the church with the memo: **PAHFH**.

Mission donations which do not specify a particular project will be disbursed as determined by our Mission team members.

In February, due to your generous support, the Mission Outreach team distributed \$475 to Prescott Community Cupboard from our January collection focus. Thank you! As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2).

Mission Outreach Committee members for 2024 are Patty Gard, Carolyn Christians, Roxanne Matthews, Bill Bryant, 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.

ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP COMING MAY 18

We did this workshop back in 2016. Participants enjoyed getting to know themselves better and understanding others better. An Enneagram instructor will be leading the workshop. There will be a fee for attending – scholarships will be available if needed.

From The Enneagram Institute:

What is the Enneagram?

Don Riso has defined the Enneagram as “a geometric figure that delineates the nine basic personality types of human nature and their complex interrelationships.” While the Enneagram suggests that there are nine basic personality types of human nature, there are, of course, many subtypes and variations within the nine fundamental categories. Nevertheless, the assertion of Enneagram theory is that these nine adequately map out the territory of “personality types.”

The Enneagram is also a symbol that maps out the ways in which the nine types are related to each other. This is the aspect of the Enneagram most people are familiar with because it offers them a framework for understanding themselves and everyone they deal with. As a psychospiritual typology, the Enneagram helps people to recognize and understand an overall pattern in human behavior. External behaviors, underlying attitudes, one's characteristic sense of self, conscious and unconscious motivations, emotional reactions, defense mechanisms, object relations, what we

pay attention to, our spiritual potentials and much more—are all parts of a complex pattern that forms each personality type. Therapists, business counselors, human resource directors, and spiritual seekers from around the world are all finding the Enneagram to be immensely useful for self-understanding and personal growth. Always remember however, that the Enneagram does not put you in a box; it shows you the box you are in and the way out!

What use is the Enneagram? How can it help me?

The Enneagram can be extremely useful to everyone as a source of self-knowledge because it acts as a kind of “mirror” to reveal features of our personality that normally are invisible to us. Most of the time, people function habitually, as if on “automatic pilot,” according to the pattern of their basic personality type. Usually this allows people to get along well enough in their lives, but when their normal routines break down or the stresses of their lives increase too much, their normal way of coping also tends to break down or become dysfunctional. Seeing clearly what our habitual patterns are—seeing what we are doing and why we are doing it, and at what cost to ourselves and others—holds the key to our liberation. By knowing your type correctly, you are able to see yourself—to “catch yourself in the act”—as you move throughout the day. With this increased self-awareness, you are also able to avoid reacting in negative and potentially dangerous ways.

Once real balance has been restored to the personality structure, the Enneagram can help us to orient ourselves to the higher spiritual and psychological qualities that each type has in abundance. Thus, at its highest, the Enneagram invites us to look deeply into the mystery of our true identity. It reveals that we are not our personality, but something more—a spiritual being who has lost contact with his or her true nature. Living out of this realization shifts completely how we see ourselves, others, and the world, bringing liberation, freedom, and joy. (See pages 27-48 in *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* or pages 11-17 of *Understanding the Enneagram (Revised Edition)* for more about the psychological and spiritual context of the Enneagram.)

FACEBOOK UPDATE

"We have a new Facebook group, First Congregational Church Prescott FCC - which you can join. We will be posting events, and meetup information for the community, as well as exploring ways to bring back our outreach partners; the LGBTQ community youth, AA, etc. and other groups who have used the church pre-Covid for meeting spaces. Please join the group, and join in the discussion! If you have any questions, you can email Brit and Mike Flores at bafwriter@gmail.com, our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at FCCprescott@gmail.com.

SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

EASTER SUNDAY

March 31, 2024

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Collect

Gracious God, we bow in gratitude for all the ways we have met you in the week that is past. We pause in this quiet moment to remember with gratitude: a word of encouragement, an insight of truth, an answer to prayer, calm in the midst of stress, the people you have sent to us who support or challenge us; the work you have given us to do; moments of rest and relaxation. Thank you loving God for all these signs that you love us, understand us and come to us.

Prelude: "A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité!" by G. F. Handel Brian Moore and Thomas Porter

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "Halle, Halle, Halle" Traditional Carribean, verse by Marty Haugen Alter-Notes

*Hymn: "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" New Century Hymnal #233

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy
(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

Prayer of Invocation Melissa
Gates

Good News God, your angels appeared to the faithful women of Jesus' company, bringing them news more wonderful and awe-inspiring than they could imagine – Christ is Risen! Surely your angels can interrupt our lives, too, breaking into our losses and sorrows, and offering a message of tremendous joy to change our lives! Come this Easter morning, we pray, and fill us with joy, that our lives may be renewed in hope and glory. Let us roll back the stone of fear and doubt and experience the resurrected Christ once again! In Christ we pray, Amen.

Easter Acclamation L: Christ is risen! Alleluia!
 All: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Mark 16:1-8 Melissa Gates

"I Come to the Garden Alone" New Century Hymnal #237

Sermon: "Easter Possibilities" Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "A Gaelic Easter Celebration" by Patti Drennan Alter-Notes, Lanette Hanna, flute

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

Risen One, teach us that your resurrection brings new life to all creation. Today of all days empower us with vision and courage; let us work for your realm in which there is justice for all; where everyone has enough, sharing your abundant life. Save us, God, from our mistakes. Teach us to be a resurrection people, rising from the ashes of our errors to live in a new way on this Earth. (Pastoral Prayer continues...)

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Sing to the Mountains" by Bob Dufford Brian Moore and Thomas Porter

*Easter Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth) Brian Moore

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all on earth their praises bring!
For Christ has conquered sin and death, and given life eternal breath.**

*Prayer of Dedication Melissa Gates

God of seekers and doubters, bless these gifts so that the world may know that you are always appearing. Bless our lives so that your love might appear in the work we share. Amen.

"This is the Day" New Century Hymnal #84

*Benediction Pastor Jay

Go forth to live boldly, as if death has no power over you. Live as if your lives count for something--because they do. God calls us in abundant love to serve something greater than our own finite lives, a greater cause for which we would even lay down our lives, as Jesus did. For just as death on a tree could not stop the Christ, so our lives in service to God become larger than ourselves, part of the ever in-breaking realm of God. Go in peace, to love, to serve, and to proclaim:

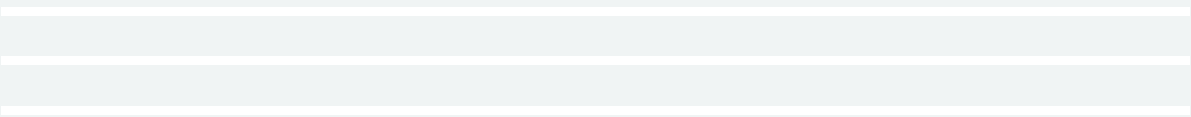
One: Christ is risen! Alleluia!

Many: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

*Postlude: "Honduras Alleluia" by Robert Glover Brian Moore and Thomas Porter

**AMAZON SUPPLIES TO PROVIDE FOR JENI AND AUDRA IN
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**This QR code will take you to the supplies that can be ordered and
provided:**



TREASURER REPORT

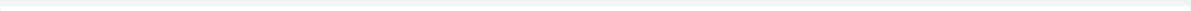
Reporting on finances as of February 29, 2024:

Income: \$32,515

Expense: \$31,634

Net income: \$881

Julie McCurdy, Treasurer



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THANKS TO ALL WHO PROVIDED ESTIMATES OF GIVING FOR 2024!

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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