
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 TOPIC:

As Jesus is about to go to the cross, he shares his final instruction to the disciples - "love one another as I have loved you." Simple enough for a child to understand, yet difficult to practice for even the most mature Christian. Why has the church failed to follow Jesus' command? What does loving one another look like? Lots to explore this Sunday! Joyful Noise provides music. Ann is liturgist. JJ and Ziggy model Jesus' command to love one another.

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

Let us know if you want to be added to the Zoom invitation

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

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 through May is still in Perkins Hall and we only have two couples who have signed up for May dates (the Greenwalds and Znekos). So check your schedules and see if you can squeeze a date in convenient for you. The new sign up sheet will be there on Sunday. Thank you.

BACK AGAIN !

**Join a small group viewing and discussing more sessions in the
LIVING THE QUESTIONS series.**

Starting Sunday May 8.

When : 9:30 a.m.

Where: the Maggie Room downstairs.

Topics: various new ones.

No previous experience required

CARING FOR CREATION

ACTION ALERT from the Interfaith Climate Action Team(ICAT)

ICAT, affiliated with the Northern Arizona Climate Change Alliance, is a grassroots, non-partisan team, representing different faith traditions and communities in the Prescott area. Its purpose is to amplify the voice of the faith community and encourage proactive civic engagement on the climate crisis. ICAT pursues this mission through networking, sharing and education within the faith community of our region. We currently have 14 members, representing 8 different faith communities. This April 24 is Earth Care Sunday in the Quad Cities area. We encourage you to raise awareness

within your faith community of the moral and spiritual response for care of the Earth in your worship services on that Sunday. It's all about stewardship of the Earth - its peoples, creatures and resources. We need to protect and restore the Earth for future generations NOW. We at ICAT are available with specific resources that your faith community may find useful. We invite you to learn more about the Interfaith Climate Action Team and consider appointing a representative to serve on ICAT. We stand ready to provide you more information on this important initiative. Let's use our faith traditions as a common bond to engage in this conversation and work. ICAT meets on the second Wednesday at 3:30 pm via ZOOM. For further assistance on Earth Care Sunday on April 24, please contact Mary Steenhoek at marysteehoek@gmail.com For additional information on joining the Interfaith Climate Team, please ccontact Patrick Grady at patrickgrady70@gmail.com

Musical Guests Sunday - Joyful Noise

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

MAY MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of May, our featured program is Frontera de Cristo (FdC).

Frontera de Cristo is an ecumenical border ministry in Agua Prieta, Mexico —across the border from Douglas, AZ working in partnership with several Aqua Prieta churches and local social service organizations to help meet the needs of migrants arriving at the border. Frontera de Cristo provides shelter, counseling, food/clothing assistance, education classes, and job training for migrants choosing to remain in Mexico.

Frontera de Cristo works to build relationships and understanding across borders. From their website (fronteradecristo.org): “People often see borders as nothing more than division, but at Frontera de Cristo we see a place of encounter. Discerning God’s will for us, we serve migrants and community members on both sides of the border.” Donations can be made by making your check payable to the church with the memo: FdC.

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); and Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity (\$350). Collections for One Great Hour of Sharing and the Southwest Conference's special collection for Ukraine Humanitarian Relief 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.

STUDY OPPORTUNITY

ZOOM FAITH FORUM

The new faith forum will allow a variety of faith issues to be explored. Call or email the church office to be added to the weekly Zoom invitation: 928-445-4555; fccprescott@gmail.com.

The Saturdays in May, we will study the religion of Islam

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 15, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "The Love Round" (congregation to participate)

Brian Moore

**Love, love, love, love. Christians, this is your call:
Love your neighbor as yourself, for God loves us all.**

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: "This is My Commandment" (...that you love one another) Joyful Noise

Call to Worship

Ann Flanagan

L: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

P: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

L: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

P: That we may share God's love and life.

L: The living Jesus is with us.

P: Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Invocation

Ann Flanagan

Loving God, as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, we pray that we may be bound together in Christian love and that our faith and fellowship may be a witness through which your spirit will bring others into your church. We humbly thank you for your many blessings you have given us. We ask that we may learn how to truly be Easter people and always remember that we are celebrating resurrection day every day, for we pray through Jesus our Christ. Amen.

*Hymn: "O for a World"

New Century Hymnal #575

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Introduction to Psalm 148

Ann Flanagan

We come to praise our God, to celebrate all things that God saw was "good" and all that God continues to see as "good" in creation and in people. We offer our praises to God for all that we see each day and night as being "good", even though we do not have the same powers of wisdom, generosity, or discernment as does God. We offer God our praises for the commands God gave that brought into being so many wonderful things in our world; for the beauty we see around and above us every moment in which we have the discernment to see them; for the many variations in species, all of which delight our eyes, ears and our minds; and for the grandeur and power of the various forces in nature that add variety to our experiences of life - the mighty oceans and rivers, the mountains and valleys, and the tiny and fragile creatures and things that add wonder and awe to our lives. "...Let every created thing give praise to the Lord, for he issued his command.."

We come to praise our God, in response to God's gloriously creative activities and to give thanks for the ways we discover new evidences of God's amazing capacities in creation; for the many new scientific discoveries that assist in the health and well-being of our world and all its creatures; and we continue to be amazed at the new discoveries made about outer space of new galaxies and stars—all because our Great Creating God shares with us insights into God's-Own-Self. "...He set them in place forever and ever. His decree will never be revoked..."

We come to praise our God, as we share together in the joyful self-abandonment of being able to praise our God, and for the spontaneous responses we have to such wonders and awe-inspiring miracles in God's great and continuing creation. In this moment in our worship of God, we seek to focus entirely and only on our God because even now, we are "...lost in wonder, love and praise" of our God. "...Let them all praise the name of the Lord. For his name is very great; his glory towers over the earth and heaven! ...Praise the Lord! ...Praise the Lord!" Amen.

The Psalter: Psalm 148

New Century Hymnal, Page 721

Gospel Reading: John 13:31-35

Pastor Jay

*Hymn: “Won’t You Let Me Be Your Servant”

New Century Hymnal #539

Sermon: “Love One Another”

Pastor Jay

Anthem: “Testify to Love”

Joyful Noise

RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: “Children of God” by James F. D. Martin

*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

Ann Flanagan

Loving God, we glorify you by sharing our gifts of love with this community. We celebrate your presence by caring for your creation. May these offerings today nourish a world craving more love, peace, justice, and hope. Amen.

*Hymn: “Children of God”

Sing! Prayer and Praise #195

*Postlude: “All You Need is Love” by John Lennon and Paul McCartney Joyful Noise

TREASURER REPORT

Income as of the end of April is \$56,896. This is 38% of the income budget. Expenses to-date are \$50,084. This is 32% of the expense budget. Income exceeds expenses by \$6,812.

Julie McCurdy, treasurer

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 19 Church Foundation Meeting 5:15pm
May 22 Womansong Singing in Worship
May 23 Church Cabinet Meeting 5:30pm
May 30 Memorial Day
June 5 Pentecost Sunday
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,
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