
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:

The fourth Sunday of Easter is always "Good Shepherd Sunday." Psalm 23 is always used along with a portion of John 10. This year's passage is John 10: 22-30. While most of us are far removed from shepherds and sheep, the words of Jesus that his sheep listen to his voice are easily applied. On this Mother's Day, we will consider how Sophia - feminine wisdom - is so needed today! As my Father used to say to me in my childhood: "Listen to your mother!" Alter-Notes along with Carole Sue and Brian are musical guests; Patty is liturgist; and JJ & Ziggy are in the sheep pen.

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 - Alter-Notes

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER MOTHER’S DAY

May 8, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Lord, on this day set aside to honor and remember mothers, we give you thanks for our mothers. We thank you for the women who raised us; who were our mothers in childhood. Whether birth mom, adopted mom, older sister, aunt, grandmother, stepmother or someone else, we thank you for those women and men who held us and fed us, who cared for us and kissed away our pain. We pray that our lives may reflect the love they showed us, and that they would be pleased to be called our moms.

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: "Easter Alleluia"

Alter-Notes

*Hymn: "Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth" (Alternate Tune)
New Century Hymnal #467

Call to Worship

Patty Lantrip

One: All who gather here are children.

All: We praise God for the women who gave us life.

One: For mothers - brave, strong, compassionate, full of wisdom and grace,

All: We give God thanks and praise.

One: For mothers vulnerable, worried, frustrated, and hurried,

All: We pray for peace.

One: For relationships that are strained and no longer a source of joy,

All: We pray for healing.

One: For mothers who have died,

All: We pray for those that mourn and give God thanks for life eternal.

One: For mothers who grieve, who have lost children born or unborn,

All: We weep with those with broken hearts.

One: For those who are struggling to raise children, who are tired and weary,

All: We pray that we may be their village, offering real help in hard times.

One: For stepmothers, navigating the pitfalls and joys of creating a new family,

All: We pray for wisdom and patience.

One: For grandmothers who are doing the hard work of raising children again,

All: We pray the caregivers have those who care for the

One: For those who are waiting and sometimes struggling with the biological process to bring new life, and for those who are waiting for an adoptive process to be fulfilled.

All: We wait eagerly with you and offer you our hand to hold in the trial.

One: For women who do not have children, but instead teach, lead, care for, and guide the children of others,

All: We give you thanks, O God.

One: For the variety of moms in modern relationships,

All: We pray for their acceptance in our nation and world.

Prayer of Invocation

Patty Lantrip

Lord Jesus, who wishes to gather your people as a mother hen gathers together her chicks, we offer to you our worship. Accept our gratitude for all who mother, bless all who mother, and give all mothers your comfort and strength. For the mothers, sisters, daughters in our midst and around the world; for the women who, created in the image of God, give not just life, but abundant life; for women fighting, struggling, and sweating for the sake of others; for women caring,

compassionate, and crying with the heart of Christ; for the caregivers, teachers, leaders, shepherds, healers; for moms, in their wide variety and many forms. And help all of us to be your family on earth, as we shall be in heaven. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

"Psalm 23: Shepherd Me, O God" by Marty Haugen

Alter-Notes

Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life.

Gospel Reading: John 10:22-30

Patty Lantrip

*Hymn: My Shepherd is the Living God"

New Century Hymnal #247

Sermon: "Sophia Shepherd"

Pastor Jay

Anthem: "The Beginning of Love" by Greg Gilpin Alter-Notes; Bill Bryant, Narrator

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: Easter Fantasy by Clarence Kohlmann
Carole Sue, Piano; Brian, Organ

*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

Patty Lantrip

O God, receive these gifts, bless them and multiply them, that they may strengthen and unify the work of your Church here and around the Earth you love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

New Century Hymnal #252

*Postlude: "In the Garden" by C. Austin
Miles

Brian Moore

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

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

CHURCH CALENDAR

May 7 Security Team Meeting 11:15am
May 8 Mother's Day
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,
Prescott, AZ 86301

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