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## A Message From Pastor Jay

This Sunday we explore the story of Job in the Book of Job and the theodicy question - God's love and power and the reality of suffering and evil. We come back to this subject every so often to see if we can gain any new insight into the question: "Why, O God?" Carole Sue and a cellist provide music. Rev. Bill is worship leader. JJ celebrates World Communion Sunday with the kids.

**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.**

WE ARE WEARING MASKS IN THE SANCTUARY.

HOWEVER, WITH THE GOOD WEATHER NOW, WE ARE ABLE TO BE IN PERKINS HALL FOR FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE WORSHIP SERVICE WITHOUT MASKS AS YOU FEEL COMFORTABLE. WE ARE ABLE TO HAVE THE WINDOWS OPEN AND FANS CIRCULATING THE AIR IN PERKINS HALL.

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY SATURDAY 10AM

ZOOM SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP 2:00 PM

Let us know if you want to be added to these Zoom invitations

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Musical Guests Oct. 3 - Carole Sue on piano and organ; Brenda on Cello**

A celebration of life service for Laramie Jarvi will be held in the sanctuary Friday, October 1 at 10:00 am

A new church directory is available on our website. Please

call the office for the password to access it.

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

There is a newly formed Interfaith Climate Action Team in Prescott. If anyone would like to represent our church on the team, please let Pastor Jay know.

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## SEPTEMBER MISSION NEWS

Our September Mission Outreach will be directed to two Special UCC offerings. [1] Ida Hurricane Relief (IHF) and [2] Neighbors in Need (NIN). With the devastation left by Ida, there will continue to be on-going rebuilding, repairs and infrastructure work needing to be done well into the future. If you choose this project, please mark your check's memo line, IHF. Our second offering, Neighbor's In Need, supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. Through a network of justice advocates, work is accomplished to address such issues as; voting rights, hate crimes, health care, immigration and environmental pollution. If you choose this option, please mark your check's memo line, NIN.

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## BOOK STUDY OPPORTUNITY

**As a new member of Prescott UCC, I am inviting others to join me for a book read and discussion of Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: A Celtic Guide to Listening to Our Souls and Saving the World. John Philip Newell shares the long hidden tradition of Celtic Christianity, explaining how this earth – based spirituality can help us rediscover the natural rhythms of life and deepen our spiritual connection with God, with each other, and with the earth. Newell introduces some of Celtic Christianity's leading practitioners, both saints and pioneers of faith, whose timeless wisdom is more necessary than ever. We will likely meet by zoom or in person, as conditions allow, once a month. Dates and times to be figured out with all who express an interest in this book study. Please send a note to the church office if interested in joining in this discussion.**

**Lisa Barnes**

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY**

October 3, 2021

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

## GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Angel Serenade" by James Michael Stevens

Cello and Piano

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ

(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

Rev. Bill Linson

L: Around the world, in all nations, the faithful have gathered for worship.

**P: We gather in this space to worship you, O God.**

L: Around the world, speaking in all languages, the faithful come to pray together.

**P: We lift up our prayers to you, O God.**

L: Around the world, using tortillas and pita crackers and bread, the faithful remember your body that was given to us.

**P: We share in the meal of remembrance, O Christ our Savior.**

L: Around the world, we remember our brothers and sisters this World Communion Sunday.

**P: We worship, we pray, we remember, and we celebrate our diversity and our unity in Christ.**

\*Hymn: "God of Our Life"

New Century Hymnal #366

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Bill Linson

**Holy God, we thank you that you are with us. Forgive us when we forget that you dwell with people of other colors, nations, and cultures. As we approach your sacred table this morning, open our eyes to those occasions when we look down on those who are different from us. Give us the strength to repent and to receive the signs of your forgiveness, acceptance, and constant presence in the bread and the cup; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon (Psalm 103:8-12)

Rev. Bill Linson

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear God; as far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

## PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Job 1:1-3; 2:1-13 Rev. Bill Linson

Sermon: "Why, O God?"

Pastor Jay

Special Music: "Come Home" by James Michael Stevens

Cello and Piano

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jay

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Pastor Jay

Prayer of Dedication

Rev. Bill Linson

\*Hymn: "Dear God, Embracing Humankind"

New Century Hymnal #502

\*Benediction

Pastor Jay

\*Postlude: Voluntary on "Come Down, O Love Divine by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Carole Sue Linson, organist

(Communion is Available at the Front of the Sanctuary)

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## TREASURER REPORT

Income as of August 31 is \$99,248.

Total expenses are \$93,198.

Net income is \$6,050.

Year-to-date income is at 81% of the income budget of \$122,450.

Year-to-date expenses are at 63% of the expense budget of \$146,905.

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## OCTOBER WORSHIP - THE BOOK OF JOB & MARK'S GOSPEL

The question of theodicy (God's goodness and power in view of evil and suffering) is explored in the Book of Job on October 3. The rest of the month will be spent in familiar texts in Mark's gospel.

October 3 Job 1-2; 38-42 "Why, O God?"

October 10 Mark 10:17-31 "Possessed by Possession"

October 17 Mark 10:35-45 "Radical Recentering"

October 24 Mark 10:46-52 "From the Margin to the Way"

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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 mail 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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