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## A Message From Pastor Jay

This Sunday we hear Jesus give a call to self-denial and service that requires a radical recentering over against our culture (Mark 35-45). Walter Wink describes our culture as a domination system - power over others; control of others; rankings; hierarchies; winners and losers; insiders and outsiders; honor and shame. Followers of the way of Jesus are called to a way of love and service...and joy!

*"I slept and dreamt that life was Joy;  
Then I awoke and realized that life was Service.  
And then I went to work - and, lo, and behold  
I discovered that Service is Joy."*Rabindanath Tagore

Joyful Noise provides music. Henry is worship leader. JJ is a model of service above self.

**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. 17 - JOYFUL NOISE

### NOMINATIONS for 2022

If you are interested in participating in our church management or governance here are some ways you can do so.

1. Join one of our Ministries as a worker bee
2. Offer to put your name up for nomination as "chairperson" of a Ministry and thus be that Ministry's representative to the Cabinet.
3. Offer to put your name up for nomination as Co-Moderator of the Cabinet and work with Bill to lead our church's governance.

For any of these options, please notify Pastor Jay, Melissa or Bill, giving us your name, contact info, and what it is that you'd like to do. And of course, should you have questions about the duties of the Ministries, don't hesitate to ask us.

#### Ministries:

- Outreach/Missions
- Call to Care
- Education
- Physical Resources
- Welcoming

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.

## OCTOBER MISSION NEWS

Each month throughout the year, your mission outreach team identifies particular mission projects/programs to which we might choose to donate. This month's mission emphasis is the UCC's, OUR CHURCH'S WIDER MISSION (OCWM). Most of what is donated to OCWM remains within our Southwest Conference (Arizona, New Mexico, El Paso, Texas). Donations support staff expenses, conference meetings, adult and youth educational curriculum/programs, summer camps, ecumenical endeavors, and new church development. Please make your check payable to the church, with the memo line note, OCWM. As always, thanks for remembering that we have been blessed to be a blessing. (Genesis 12:2.)

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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

Time: Oct 22, at 1:00 PM via Zoom

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## SUNDAY BULLETIN

### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 17, 2021

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: “O For a Thousand Years to Sing” arr. for Choir Chimes by Martha Thompson and “Prayer for Bells” arr. Weber

*Today we play our pieces of chime and bell music in memory of a former Bell Ringer for years - CINDY FEUERRIEGEL - a member who was a great contributor and purchaser of the Choir Chimes for our church. She passed away this past winter. Carole Sue Linson*

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

Gather: “Here in this Place” by Ann Flanagan

Call to Worship Henry Dahlberg

Welcome! There are many places you could be this morning, but you have chosen to be here:

**where we learn how to live in God's Kingdom.**

Welcome to this place - full of music, of words, of prayer – yet also filled with danger:

**where we encounter a Wisdom we cannot always understand.**

Welcome to God's House, the most dangerous place in town:

**where we talk about and with God, and are reduced to silence so we may hear the call to discipleship.**

Hymn: “You are Salt for the Earth, O People”

New Century Hymnal #181

Opening Prayer  
Dahlberg

Henry

We give you all thanks and praise, O God, for you alone know the secrets of the universe and you alone know who is to be honored in glory. You set the earth on its foundations and filled it with wonderful creatures. Your creative power is beyond our comprehension and your purposes in the world can only be glimpsed. Yet you have come among us in your Son, Jesus Christ. He came as a servant of all and labored and prayed with us for the release of all who are held hostage to sin and death. When tyrants rose against him, he drank the cup of suffering and was plunged into the baptism of death, but you raised him to new life and designated him a high priest forever, making him the source of eternal salvation for us and all who respond to your gracious call. Therefore, with our hearts lifted high, we offer you our thanks and praise at all times; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## PROCLAIMING GOD'S

### WORD

Gospel Reading: Mark 10:35-45  
Dahlberg

Henry

Anthem: “Just Like a Mustard Seed” by Ray Repp

**Just like a mustard seed, that's one day small and then a tree.  
Just like a mustard seed, we're growin' into people of love.**

Sermon: “Radical Recentering”  
Jay

Pastor

Responsorial Psalm 91: "On Eagle's Wings" by Michael Joncas

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hands.**

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

\*Hymn: "Won't You Let Me Be Your Servant?" by Richard Gillard  
New Century Hymnal #539

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer Pastor Jay

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts Pastor  
Jay

Prayer of Dedication Henry Dahlberg  
Bless these offerings, O God, as welcome all God's children, making the last, first, and becoming servants to all. Help us to serve our community as Jesus has commanded by offering welcome, justice and compassion to all persons and to the "least of these." Amen.

\*Hymn: "Children of God" by James F.D. Martin Sing! Prayer and Praise #195

\*Benediction Pastor Jay

\*Postlude: "Children of God" by James F. D. Martin

(Communion is Available at the Front of the Sanctuary)

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## TREASURER REPORT

Income as of September 30 is \$105,655.  
Total expenses are \$106,330.  
Expenses exceed income by \$675.

Year-to-date income is at 86% of the income budget of \$122,450.  
Year-to-date expenses are at 72% of the expense budget of

\$146,905.

Julie McCurdy

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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"

October 31 Mark 12:28-34 "Accepting Our Acceptance"

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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,  
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