

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

### From the Pastor

Monday, October 9, is Indigenous Peoples' Day. This Sunday we will welcome **Manuel Lucero IV, Executive Director, Museum of Indigenous People, Prescott.**

The text is the ten commandments in Exodus 20, and we will focus on the command not to steal. Sadly, we will recall how lands were stolen from indigenous peoples. **Joyful Noise provides music; Linda Moore is liturgist; and JJ & Ziggy learn what a 45 record is and a song from 1965 from Dick and Deedee - "Thou Shalt Not Steal."**

### **CALLING FOR THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST TO REPUDIATE THE DOCTRINE OF DISCOVERY WHICH AUTHORIZED THE GENOCIDE OF NATIVE PEOPLES AND THE THEFT OF NATIVE LANDS**

Whereas from the Crusades through the 16th century the Roman Catholic Church promulgated several Papal Bulls which authorized and justified the destruction, killing and appropriating lands of indigenous peoples. These Papal Bulls formulated the theological base for what became the tragic genocide of American Indians; and Whereas Protestant churches beginning as early as 1609 when English clergy in Jamestown developed a coherent narrative that brought together a legal rationalization for invading America, debasing American Indians and made a Christian commitment to convert Indians – a commitment which they never delivered; and Whereas the Supreme Court in 1823 in Johnson v. McIntosh incorporated into American law the Doctrine by claiming the United States inherited the American conquest from the English; and Whereas 1845 was the first time the phrase Manifest Destiny was used to affirm the USA was called by Providence to dominate the continent for the free development of America's inevitable growth. Manifest Destiny grew out of, and was based on, the Doctrine of Discovery; and Whereas the United Nations adopted a resolution entitled United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples in 2007 requesting nations to affirm, it took the United States four years before it signed it; and Whereas the World Council of Churches called upon its member churches to adopt its Statement on the Doctrine of Discovery Impact on Indigenous Peoples... **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Twenty-ninth General Synod of the United Church of Christ repudiates the Doctrine of Discovery. **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Twenty-ninth General Synod of the United Church of Christ declares and confesses that the doctrine has been and continues to be a shameful part of United States and our Church's history.

In 2013, at its 29th [General Synod](#), the [United Church of Christ](#) repudiated the doctrine in a near-unanimous vote.

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE  
FOR JANE OSBORN - SATURDAY AT 3PM IN THE SANCTUARY  
August 12, 1960 – October 4, 2023**

**(Church members - please bring a food item for the after service time in Perkins Hall)**



Jane Ellen Osborn, 63, passed away peacefully in her sleep surrounded by family on the morning of October 4 after a long-fought battle with cancer.

Born August 12, 1960, in Dayton, Ohio, she came to Prescott, Arizona, in 1984 where she started her family and began cultivating numerous friendships throughout the community. Music was her passion, and she was actively involved in various singing groups, the Central Arizona Concert Band, and the Prescott Fine Arts. Chances are you had the pleasure of hearing her beautiful soprano voice at some point over the years. Her favorite movie was White Christmas, and her lifelong dream was to sing show tunes and be a performer. She got to realize that dream time and again through the many groups she was involved in. Jane's other passion was traveling, with some of her fondest memories being the road trips that her family took during the summers of her childhood. She continued that tradition and instilled that love in her own children. She was also an amazing cook and was always interested in trying out a new recipe. Her elegant Sunday dinners will be deeply missed by her family and all her children's friends.

Jane received a B.A. in Music Education from Moorhead State University in Kentucky. After moving to Arizona, she worked a variety of jobs including the financial firm A.G. Edwards and most recently the V.A. Hospital. She was also the music director at the United Methodist Church, and later the First Congregational Church.

She was one of the most open-minded and welcoming individuals you could have met. Her devotion to and love of God guided her to love all, and welcome anyone regardless of race, religion, or creed. She truly embodied the teachings in Matthew 22:37-39 and took to heart the commandment to love thy neighbor.

Jane is survived by her loving husband Alexander Osborn, whom she married in 2011. She is also survived by her sons David Boggs and Daniel Damiano-Boggs; stepson Dillan Osborn; sister Elizabeth Jacoby; and parents Maurice and Vonna Cole. She also leaves behind her four grandchildren, Christopher, William, Alden, and Avery.

All are welcome to join Jane's celebration of life at the First Congregational Church on Gurley Street on Saturday, October 7 at 3:00 PM MST. In lieu of flowers, we humbly suggest a donation in Jane's name to the Cancer Research Institute at [cancerresearch.org](http://cancerresearch.org).

## **Church Security**

**It has come to our attention that some people have concerns for their safety while at worship service here, on Sundays. Rest easy. Not all are aware but WE DO HAVE A SECURITY TEAM IN PLACE EVERY SUNDAY. Every Sunday we have a complete team consisting of highly trained current and retired law enforcement in addition to a retired emergency room medical care giver. Not only do we come to serve this church already trained but we continue to have current training sessions specific to responses in this particular church. Our intention is to carry out our function as low key as possible so as not to detract from your purpose of being here, to worship in peace, comfort and safety. (Melissa)**

### **ZOOM FAITH FORUM SATURDAY, OCT. 7 AT 10AM**

Let Pastor Jay know if you would like to be added to the Zoom invite each week. A lively discussion each week – no requirements to speak. The group includes attendees from Florida, New York, and Wisconsin. Topics range from the Bible, spirituality, history, theology, and current events. Future subjects include the Dead Sea Scrolls, understanding Trans issues, and the prosperity gospel.

### **VIDEO SERIES**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27 AT NOON  
CHURCH OFFICE CONFERENCE ROOM**

**"When Black Female Preachers Speak - Seven Important Discussions with Black Female Theologians"** A part of our de-centering whiteness efforts (de-centering patriarchy also). The next gathering will be Friday, October 27 at noon

in the church office conference room. Bring your own lunch / snack and drink. The video is 26 minutes long with Karen Georgia Thompson, General Minister and President of the United Church of Christ. Discussion will follow. All are welcome.



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## CHURCH CALENDAR

OCTOBER 15 - WOMANSONG MUSICAL GUESTS

OCTOBER 18 - PASS MEAL 5PM

OCTOBER 19 – HALLOWEEN OPEN HOUSE – WILCHER'S – 2-4PM

OCTOBER 27 - BLACK FEMALE THEOLOGIAN'S VIDEO – NOON –  
CHURCH OFFICE

OCTOBER 27 – COFFEE HOUSE, 4-6PM PERKINS HALL

OCT. 28 - PRESCOTT COMMUNITY CUPBOARD 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATION – PERKINS HALL 1:00-4:00 PM

OCTOBER 29 – NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED

## LAUNCH PAD TREK FOR TEENS

Andrew Greenwald is participating in the Launch Pad's Trek for Teens fund raising campaign. The Launch Pad is an all-inclusive teen center in Prescott that provides space and opportunity for Prescott youth. The youth are very involved in every aspect of its operation, and it is an excellent organization that promotes community development, youth entrepreneurship, and guidance.

**Andrew has committed to hike the Grand Canyon rim to rim, 24 miles, on October 7th** in an effort to support the youth by raising money for The Launch Pad. If you would like to contribute to support this event and this important local resource for teens, please visit Andrew's team's website using this link or <https://give.thelaunchpadteencenter.org/fundraiser/4795850>

## RADIO PLAY RETURNS AFTER FOUR YEARS

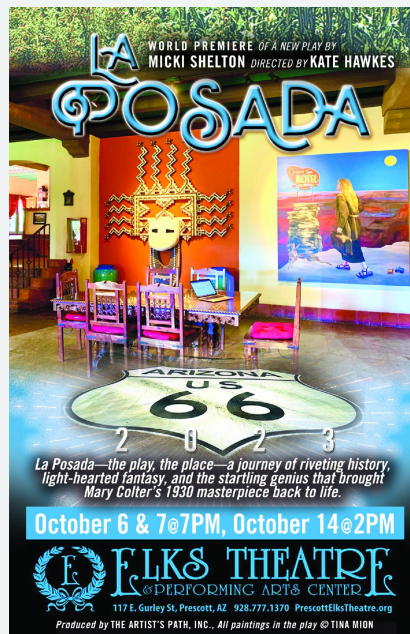
**A RADIO DRAMA!** Are you an aspiring actor, or have you sometimes thought of being in a play but the thought of memorizing lines scares you half to death? Can you read well in front of an audience? This is your big opportunity!

**On Monday, November 20, at 7:00 p.m.**, First Congregational Church will perform the Radio Drama version of Frank Capra's "**It's a Wonderful Life**". This is a fun and easy way to put on a play because *nobody needs to memorize any lines!* There are 33 roles, both large and small. We also need people to do live sound effects and play additional recorded sound effects and music on a computer.

**AUDITIONS** will be Friday, October 27 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, October 28, from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon in Perkins Hall. If interested, please pick up a list of roles on the table in Perkins Hall. If you have questions, see Brian Moore after church or email him at [brianm9943@yahoo.com](mailto:brianm9943@yahoo.com).



[Watch Worship Services Here](#)



## LA POSADA PLAY BY MICKY SHELTON

*La Posada*—the play, the place—a journey of riveting history, light-hearted fantasy, and the startling genius that brought Mary Colter's 1930 masterpiece back to life. Written by Micki Shelton and directed by Kate Hawkes, this new play blends Arizona history and fantasy to tell a glorious story of renewal. La Posada Hotel and Gardens in Winslow, Arizona, designed by groundbreaking architect Mary Jane Colter, opened in 1929, but closed a mere 27 years later and fell into neglect. In the 1990s, an unlikely couple—peace activist Allan Affeldt and artist Tina Mion—brought it back to life. This is their story. Come enjoy this timely, uplifting theatre experience brought to life by actors, projection, staging, and costumes.

*La Posada* plays October 6 & 7 at 7PM and October 14 at 2PM. Tickets and information at [www.prescottelksth theatre.org](http://www.prescottelksth theatre.org) or call (928) 777-1370. Tickets \$25—\$27. Groups of 5 or more \$20 and \$30 at the door.

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**“SUP WITH SEVEN” IS PLANNING ANOTHER ROUND OF DINNERS  
IN HOMES.  
A SIGN UP SHEET IS IN PERKINS HALL**

## EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

### A SMALL GROUP EXPERIENCE

Beginning Sunday, October 1: 9:15-10:15, in the meeting room downstairs, join us to view and discuss the popular and valuable “Embracing an Adult Faith” series (featuring contemporary Christian scholar and speaker Marcus Borg) followed by selections from the “Living the Questions” video series.

Topics:

#### **Borg**

October 1 - - God

8 - - Jesus

15 - -Salvation

22 - -Practice

#### **Living the Questions**

October 29 - - an invitation to journey

November 5 - - taking the bible seriously

12 - - stories of creation

19 - - lives of Jesus

26 - - a passion for Christ: Paul

**Each session is self-contained, come for one, a few, or all of them!**

Questions? and child care needs: Pete Norum at [handle32pan@gmail.com](mailto:handle32pan@gmail.com).

MEDITATION OPPORTUNITY

Beginning Friday, October 20 from 3:00-4:00, we will be starting a 4-week series on Meditation Mindfulness. We will meet in the Youth Room. We will meet once weekly for four weeks and we will be using the book Real Happiness: The Power of Meditation by Sharon Salzberg as the text. <https://www.sharonsalzberg.com/real-happiness-book/>

If you are interested in joining this study, RSVP by October 7 to [morgan.greenwald@gmail.com](mailto:morgan.greenwald@gmail.com) or contact the church office. Please plan to get your own copy of the book before October 20. If you are unable to get your own copy, just let Morgan or the church office know by 10/7/23 so that we can coordinate.

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**Come one, Come all, to our FCC  
COFFEE HOUSE!**

**Last Friday of every month**

**October 27 - 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!**

**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](mailto:bafwriter@gmail.com), our current group admins. All event questions and suggestions should be directed to the church email at [FCCprescott@gmail.com](mailto:FCCprescott@gmail.com).

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**OCTOBER MISSION NEWS**

**MONTHLY FOCUS:** Each month throughout the year, our mission outreach team identifies particular mission projects/programs to which we might choose to donate. This month's mission emphasis is an annual UCC special offering, **Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)**.

**Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM)** funds the work the UCC does in its Associations and Conferences, and in the national and global church. OCWM funds are invested in programs, resources, and tools needed to keep local UCC churches strong, effective, and growing. Most of what is donated to OCWM remains within our own Southwest Conference. Your donations make it possible to live out the vision of the

United Church of Christ: United in Christ's love, **a just world for all.**

Your check may be made payable to the church, with the memo line note **OCWM**. Checks marked simply "Mission" will be used at the discretion of our mission team.

As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a blessing (Genesis 12:2).

*Mission Outreach Committee members are 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](mailto:beckybryant2255@gmail.com).*

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

### **NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY (MONDAY)**

October 8, 2023

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

#### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude: "Zuni Sunrise" Traditional

Brian Moore

Words of Welcome – Announcements - \*Passing of the Peace

Gathering Song: "Come, All You People" by Alexander Gondo

Joyful Noise

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy

(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

Call to Worship:

Linda Moore

Leader: We begin this time of worship by acknowledging that we are meeting on the land of Indigenous peoples from the beginning. We thank all the generations of Indigenous people who have taken care of this land and been its stewards for thousands of years.

Leader: The Spirit of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Creator with hearts open to all peoples, where pride and prejudice once dwelt.

**ALL: Let us worship Creator with minds open to the wisdom of Native peoples, where listening and respect once had no place.**

Leader: Let us honor the One who freely gives by showing honor to those who were



once and still remain oppressed. Let us worship the God of diversity, who made the world in colors, in seasons, in endless variety; Who created the diversity of the earth's peoples in His image.

**ALL: We were created to honor one another and in so doing, we honor the Creator. Let us honor the Creator today, by reflecting in our worship and in life, the Creator's image -- love. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "For the Healing of the Nations" (Tune: CWM Rhondda)  
New Century Hymnal #576

### **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

Linda Moore

Welcome: Manuel Lucero IV, Executive Director, Museum of Indigenous People,  
Prescott

Sermon: "Wisdom for the Way"

Pastor Jay

Special Music: "Native American Blessing" Traditional, arr. Brian Moore Joyful Noise

#### **Refrain (sung):**

**May the sun bring you energy by day, May the moon softly restore you by night,  
May the rain wash away your worries, May the breeze blow new strength,  
May you walk gently through the world and know its beauty all the days of your life.**

#### Verse 1 (spoken):

Creator, open our hearts to peace and healing between all people.  
Creator, open our hearts to protect all children of the earth.  
Creator, open our hearts to respect the earth and all the gifts it gives us.  
Creator, open our hearts to end exclusion, violence, and fear among all.  
Thank you for the gifts of this day and Every day. **(Refrain)**

#### Verse 2 (spoken):

Let us walk softly on the Earth with all living beings great and small,  
remembering as we go that our kind and wise God created all. **(Refrain)**

#### Verse 3 (spoken):

May Mother Earth guide your feet. May Father sky keep his arms around you.  
May Grandfather Sun warm your cold days.  
May Grandmother Moon keep the glow in in your heart.  
May the star of Nations light the way to the next destination,  
And the great spirit always keep you shielded from pain.  
Blessing to you! **(Refrain)**

### **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

Prayers of the People / The Lord's Prayer

Pastor Jay

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Pastor Jay

Offertory: "The Offering" by Mary Youngblood

Brian Moore

\*Doxology

Brian Moore

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; □ Praise God, all creatures here below; □ Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\*Prayer of Dedication Linda Moore

**Holy and Gracious God, pour out your Spirit upon us and the gifts we bring so that we might do deeds of love, in your name, and for your sake, Amen.**

Hymn: "How Great Thou Art"

Joyful Noise & Congregation

1) O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder, consider all the worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!

**Refrain:**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee; How great Thou art, How great Thou art!**

2) When thru the woods and forest glades I wander, and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. (*Refrain*)

\*Benediction

Pastor Jay

\*Postlude: "Sing Out, Earth and Skies" by Marty Haugen  
Brian Moore

Thomas Porter &

## 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 (October 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.

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# TREASURER REPORT FOR AUGUST 2023

## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER – JULIE MCCURDY

Financial activity, year-to-date as of September 30, 2023

Income: \$143,334

Expense: \$147,907

Net shortfall: \$4,573



### Because of You our church changes lives.

It is a statement that is both bold and simple. It boldly expresses the truth about the ultimate nature and the purpose of the church: to engage in acts of transformation. It boldly asserts that we see our mission as one that gives assurance to every individual that their life matters, not because we say so, but because the gospel says so. It boldly challenges us to engage in the work of breaking down barriers and dismantling systems which deny the fundamental truth that God loves the world. This radically inclusive belief leaves no living thing out of the Divine embrace or allows anyone to be separated from the hope of that promise. We can be bold because we know it is true. Our own life stories bear witness that being a part of the beloved community in some way has either made us different; or causes us to fervently believe that it will. It gives us hope, reminds us of our value, calls us to discover and claim our purpose, clarifies the moral Right and Wrong, motivates us to be a part of something larger than ourselves all for the sake of change! Change that can more closely align us and our world

with the values of the Realm of God. Our church matters because of you. Our theme Because of You, Our Church Changes Lives is also simple. It recognizes that each of us, by our gifts and the decisions we make to employ them, power this sacred work. Our resources make ministry happen. The arithmetic is not complex. Our choice to grow in our generosity enables the church to increase the impact of the difference it makes. By choosing to give, even a little bit more, we will expand our shared quest to change lives – even our own. Be bold! Take a step forward in your generosity. It's simple! The choice is **YOURS**.

## STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER! BECAUSE OF YOU, OUR CHURCH CHANGES LIVES

We are in the process of developing our church budget for 2024. If you are new to church, or this church, our stewardship Sunday is November 19. The Sundays in late October and early November give us the opportunity to present our budget needs for 2024 and begin to ask for estimates of giving for the next year. We try to live within our means, so having an idea of how much income to expect helps us plan accordingly. As you can see from the year-to-date income and expenses listed above, we are doing a good job!  
More details to come...

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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 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

Use the QR Code below:



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