
A Message From Pastor Jay

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

The theme for this Sunday is gratitude. Remember the story where Jesus heals 10 lepers and only one returns to offer thanks? Here is a quote to get us thinking for Sunday: "The tenth leper's faithful, untainted gratitude for God's mercy is humbling to see. He realizes that life is a gift, that 'just to get up each day is windfall' (John Claypool). Life can make you feel as if you have lead in your shoes. It can leave you lost, wandering and wondering. But gratitude brings buoyancy. It is the antidote for fear. Gratitude flips despair on its back and says, "You're not robbing me of today!" (Barbara Sholis)

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.

[Watch Worship Services Here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision 2023: Share your ideas for our Congregation
Conversations will take place two times:
Church Pot-Luck October 30th after church
Friday brown-bag lunch (BYO) November 18 at Noon

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. GARY GARD
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22, AT 11AM
OUR SANCTUARY

The family requests those who wish to express their sympathy to consider donating to Maggie's Hospice in the name of Gary Gard.

Donations can be made online at Maggieshospice.com or by check sent to: Maggie's Hospice 801 Miller Valley Road Prescott, AZ 86301. The service will be recorded and available on our website a few hours later on the 22nd.

THE FAMILY REQUESTS THAT MEMORIAL GIFTS FOR MURL PREBLE BE SENT TO OUR CHURCH

ZOOM FAITH FORUM - SATURDAYS 10AM
October Zoom forums focus on feminist theology

Let Pastor Jay know if you would like to be added to the Zoom invitation

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 11

SHARING TOGETHER WITH THE DEWEY CHURCH AND PASTOR KENDRA

In support of our black brothers and sisters at St. Luke Ebony Christian Church in Dewey, we are planning two opportunities to join together:

Wednesday, November 9 at 6:30pm – join them at their church for study and fellowship.

Tuesday, January 17 at 5:30pm – welcome their members here as we watch “The Color of Fear.” This will take place during the activities offered during MLK, Jr. week.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2023
PATTY LANTRIP WILL BE LEADING THIS COMMITTEE
PLEASE LET HER KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP HER IN THIS EFFORT**

**REV. LLOYD EVANS NEW ADDRESS
2889 SAN PASQUAL STREET
PASADENA, CA 91107**

**Musical Guests Sunday - Sandy Znetko & Brian Moore, vocal
Evelyn Parker & Melissa Gates, flute; Thomas Porter, percussion**

The Office Is Open Most Mornings and By Appointment. Call Prior To Visiting for Confirmation: Pastor Jay 928-899-9066

OCTOBER MISSION NEWS

OCTOBER MISSION – OUR CHURCH’S WIDER MISSION

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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).

A quick recap of latest activity: We collected for our DACA fund and Prescott College's Freedom Education Fund in August, and September's monthly focus has been UCC's Neighbors in Need program. In October we'll ask for congregational donations to support UCC's Our Church's Wider Mission. We've recently sent contributions to: St Luke Ebony Christian Church (\$1,700) and Ukraine Relief (\$2,020) We're heartbroken for the news of the passing of our longtime committee chairperson, Rev. Gary Gard, but hope to continue and expand our good works in his memory.

—Becky, Carolyn, Patty

CHURCH FOUNDATION

The Foundation was formed as a separate non-profit Corporation by the Church

back in 1993 as a way to focus management of large donations and gifts for the benefit of the Church. Currently the Foundation manages financial assets and owns the building leased by our new tenant, Red, White and Brew. The majority of the financial assets are invested with United Church Funds in Balanced Mutual Funds. The funds are a result of Endowments and Memorial Gifts to the Foundation from past members of our Church or their families. The restaurant building was also a gift to the Foundation. In many cases the gifts list how the donors wanted the monies to be used. Some examples are Christian education needs of the children, the youth, and young families of the Congregation and for capital needs of the Church. The Foundation By-Laws explain how the Foundation Board is to act in managing the funds for the benefit of the Church. When a need arises, typically the Church Cabinet will make a written request for funds and the Foundation Board will act on that request. The Board does not look to micro-manage Church finances, but it needs to determine which fund may be the most appropriate fund to provide the funding request. The Board also is responsible for taking a long-term view of the use and sustainability of the endowments for the future benefits of the Church. Substantial donations to the Foundation can be complex financial transactions involving donor taxes, restrictions on the use of the donations by the Foundation and may take several different legal forms. The United Church Funds has several very good brochures and videos on their web site that give good explanations of the process and choices that can be used to donate to the Foundation – ucfunds.org

SUNDAY BULLETIN

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 9, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Make a Joyful Noise" by Carey Landry

Brian Moore

Words of Welcome – Announcements - *Passing of the Peace

Gather Song: "No Matter" by Roger P. Miller

Brian Moore & Sandy Znetko

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy

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

Responsive Call to Worship (Psalms 66:1-2,5,8)

Sandy Znetko

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth;

sing the glory of his name; give to God glorious praise .

All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you,

sing praises to your name.

Come and see what God has done:

God is awesome in deeds among us.

Bless our God, O peoples,

let the sound of God's praise be heard this morning!

Let us worship God.

*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

New Century Hymnal #4

Opening Prayer

Sandy Znetko

Almighty God, the journey of faith is not easy. Our world groans and cries with the weight of injustice and oppression. Faith seems foolish, even insulting to express to others who have suffered so much. But faith is what gives us hope. Strengthen our faith, O God, and give us the courage to express that faith in the midst of suffering and pain. Grant us wisdom to share our faith in ways that encourage and build up others rather than make ourselves feel good. Most of all, call us into ways of living out hope in our lives: to do justice, to practice kindness, and to walk humbly with you. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

Sandy Znetko

*Hymn: " For the Beauty of the Earth"

New Century Hymnal #28

Sermon: "Happy Thanksgiving Day!...in Canada...Tomorrow"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Eye Has Not Seen" by Marty Haugen Sandy Znetko & Brian Moore, vocal
Evelyn Parker & Melissa Gates, flute; Thomas Porter, percussion

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Early One Morning" Traditional English Song

Brian Moore

*Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth)

Brian Moore

Let earth and heaven's saints proclaim

The pow'r and might of God's great Name;

Let us exalt on bended knee Now and throughout eternity. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

Sandy Znetko

Most Gracious God, you provide for us in ways that we do not always recognize. In this moment, we pause to express our gratitude for your provisions. We accept this invitation to offer our gifts as an opportunity to say thank you for your many blessings. Amen.

*Hymn: “To You, O God, All Creatures Sing” New Century Hymnal #17, Verses 1-4

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: “Autumn” from The Four Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi Brian Moore

TREASURER REPORT

UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

Financial Activity as of **August 31, 2022**
Contributions and other revenue: \$109,340
Expenses: \$100,307
Contributions exceed expenses by \$9,003

Julie McCurdy, treasurer

ABOUT THE CHURCH

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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