
A Message From Pastor Jay

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

We will look at the small letter of Philemon this Sunday. The story of a slave (Onesimus) that runs away from his owner (Philemon), and how the Apostle Paul gets involved from his prison cell. An obscure 25 verse letter buried in the New Testament between the letters of Titus and Hebrews (also rather unknown), we will consider what lessons it may have for us. Linda serves as liturgist; Brian, Carole Sue, Thomas, and Melissa provide music; and JJ and Ziggy celebrate all workers on this Labor Day weekend.

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

HOSPITALITY / WELCOMING TEAM

Wonderful and happy news!! We now have co-chairs for this Cabinet position. Mary Davidson and new member, Helen Barnard, came forward to ask what they could do to be involved at church. My prayers were answered and they assumed their leading roles for this committee! They did not know I had given my 'notice' at a recent Cabinet meeting after being in the Cabinet in some capacity since I joined FCCUCC in 2015. So, please welcome them and thank them! If you would like to participate in the duties for this important team, kindly let them know OR sign up on a new TEAM PARTICIPATION ROSTER that will be available shortly in Perkins Hall where we have our fellowship time. You will become a willing volunteer, for not only Greeting and Fellowship, but also for events that may be scheduled to take place at our church. This will include set up, clean up and/or baking or making your favorite recipe food etc. A sign up sheet

will always be out for special events so you can choose what you feel called to do.
WELCOME TO MARY AND HELEN !! Thank you, Patty Lantrip Retiring as
Cabinet Member Hospitality/Welcoming

**NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON SEPTEMBER 25
AS WE CELEBRATE OUR 142ND ANNIVERSARY!
IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE 10 JOINING SO FAR
JOIN THE PARTY!
LET PASTOR JAY KNOW OF YOUR INTEREST
WE WILL HAVE A POT LUCK MEAL AFTER THE SERVICE ON THE 25TH**

FAITH FORUM RETURNS SEPTEMBER 10TH - SATURDAYS 10AM
September Zoom forums focus on Native American Spirituality
October's focus will be feminist theology

ZOOM SERMON PREP FRIDAYS 10AM-BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 9
Join Pastor Jay for a discussion of Sunday's sermon text/topic

**BOTH ARE ONE HOUR ZOOM MEETINGS
AN INITIAL ZOOM INVITE WILL GO OUT THIS WEEKEND FOR NEXT FRIDAY
AND SATURDAY MEETINGS**

**PRESCOTT – CABORCA SISTER CITIES ASSOCIATION
SISTER CITIES 50TH ANNIVERSARY GALA BALL
SEPTEMBER 17, 5:30 HAPPY HOUR; 6:30 DINNER
ROWLE B. SIMMONS COMMUNITY CENTER
INDIVIDUAL SEATS \$60 – TABLE OF 8 \$400**

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

**Musical Guests Sunday - The Ringing Bells, Carole Sue, Thomas Porter,
Melissa Gates**

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

SEPTEMBER MISSION NEWS

MONTHLY FOCUS: Our September Mission Outreach will be directed toward **Neighbors in Need (NIN)**. This is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that 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.

Neighbors in Need (NIN) grants are awarded to UCC churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice.

Donation checks may be made to the church with the memo **NIN**. Checks marked simply "Mission" will be used at the discretion of our mission team.

Last month, thanks to your generous giving, the Mission Outreach team was grateful to send out the following donations to these organizations:

- Discovery Gardens Preschool (\$535)
- Habitat for Humanity (\$1,700)
- Prescott Community Cupboard (\$1,750)

We also bought and delivered \$145 worth of back-to-school supplies for our amazing Sunday School teachers, Ms. Jeni and Ms. Audra, who work at Discovery Gardens themselves.

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.

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

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 4, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "When Morning Gilds the Skies" arr. By Frances Calahan

The Ringing Bells

Words of Welcome – Announcements -*Passing of the Peace

A Time for Children of All Ages (JJ & Ziggy

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

Gather Song: "Gather Your People" by Bob Hurd

Brian Moore

Responsive Call to Worship (from Psalm 139)

Linda Foote

O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your

presence? **I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made.**
Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting.

*Hymn: "We Sing to You, O God" (Alternate Tune) New Century Hymnal #558

Opening Prayer (unison)

Linda Foote

O God, you know us as intimately as a potter knows the clay within her hands. See our paths, behind and before us. Know our hearts; hear the prayers that are within us. We ache for peace. We yearn for vision and certainty amidst so much mystery, amidst so much chaos. We want someone to hold this life together. Make us vessels full of love, receptive to your wisdom, trusting of your grace so that our formation – our transformation – in your hands will take shape to your glory. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading: Philemon 1-21

Linda Foote

Sermon: "The Mysteries of Life"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn: "Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts"

New Century Hymnal #329

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Pastor Jay

We come to the Lord's Table. All are invited to come forward down the middle aisle and return to your seat by the side aisle. Please meditate in your seat as you hold both elements until all are served. We will commune together as directed.

Communion Music: "God is so Good" by Carey Landry

Thomas Porter and Brian Moore

God is so good, God is so good, God is so good, oh, so good to us.

Anthem: "O God, You Search Me and You Know Me" by Bernadette Farrell

Brian Moore and Melissa Gates

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

Loving, Working God, on this Sunday we ask your special blessing on all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers, in jobs or at school, in the workplace or at home, in the U.S. and around the world. We especially pray for your blessings on workers who do not have jobs and for those whose inadequate pay does not allow them to live a full life. Creator God, help us to build a new world in the midst of the old. A world where all workers are valued. A world where those who clean houses are also able to buy houses to live in. A world where those who grow food can also afford to eat their fill. We pray for the coming of a world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us. We ask these things knowing that you give us the courage and strength to live out our

faith in the workplace and the marketplace, as well as in the sanctuary. Amen.

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "In This Very Room" by Ron & Carol Harris
Carole Sue, piano; Brian Moore, oboe

*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

Linda Foote

Gracious God, we thank you for the opportunity to give our time, talent, and treasure for the building of your Reign on earth. Bless every gift, tithe, and offering that's deposited into your church today. Amen.

*Song: "Go, Make a Difference"

Sing! Prayer and Praise #199

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: "Sing of the Lord's Goodness" by Ernest Sands
Thomas Porter & Brian Moore

TREASURER REPORT

UPDATE FROM THE TREASURER

Contributions and other revenue are \$96,896 as of July 31.

Expenses are \$89,305.

Contributions exceed expenses by \$7,591.

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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