
A Message From Pastor Jay

SUNDAY WORSHIP 10:30 AM

Nursery and Sunday school at the 10:30am service

This Sunday Jesus responds to those critical of his hanging out with the "sinners" by telling the parables of the lost coin and the lost sheep. We learn God is like a shepherd and a sweeper woman. Music is provided by Alter-Notes with Denise; liturgist is Randy; and the children try to find JJ, Ziggy, and a sheep who are lost.

TEENS FROM THE LAUNCHPAD TEEN CENTER WILL BRING SURVEYS FOR US TO FILL OUT NEXT SUNDAY, THE 18TH, AND SPEAK BRIEFLY ABOUT THEIR "BETTER TOGETHER" INITIATIVE

BLESSING OF STUFFED ANIMALS WILL TAKE PLACE DURING THE CHILDREN'S TIME ON SEPTEMBER 18

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

**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 SATURDAYS 10AM

September Zoom forums focus on Native American Spirituality
October's focus will be feminist theology

ZOOM SERMON PREP FRIDAYS 10AM

Join Pastor Jay for a discussion of Sunday's sermon text/topic

Let Pastor Jay know if you would like to receive the weekly Zoom invite

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

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT DECEMBER 18

Time to plan for the brief pageant during worship on December 18. See Melissa if interested. Roles Needed: costume/actor manager, angel, Mary, Joseph, 3 kings, 2 shepherds

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR 2023

PATTY LANTRIP WILL BE LEADING THIS COMMITTEE

PLEASE LET HER KNOW IF YOU CAN HELP HER IN THIS EFFORT

PRESCOTT POWPOW IS SEPTEMBER 16-18 AT WATSON LAKE

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 - Alter-Notes with Denise Nasso

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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

September 11, 2022

10:30 a.m.

**Those who are able may stand*

A Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11 by the Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon

O God, our hope and refuge, in our distress we come quickly to you. Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided, replaced now with an emptiness, a longing for an innocence lost. We come remembering those who lost their lives in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania. We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants who demonstrated the greatest love of all by laying down their lives for friends. We come remembering and we come in hope, not in ourselves, but in you. As foundations we once thought secure have been shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security. In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks for your presence in our time of need and we seek to worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our guardian. Amen.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "Lean On Me" Arr Denise Nasso

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: "Come On In!"

Brian Moore and Alter-Notes

Responsive Call to Worship (Luke 15:1-10) Randy Cook

L: You have found me, O God:

C: A coin of little worth to others, but much to you;

L: a single sheep from a large fold, but enough for you.

C: You have found me, O God, and rejoiced.

L: You have fed me, O God:

C: A child of many appetites, but one hunger--to know you even as I am known.

L: You have fed me, O God, with your Word.

C: You have quenched my thirst, O God:

L: Thirst of body, mind, and spirit,

C: thirst no amount of things could quench.

L: You have quenched my thirst, O God, with your love.

*Hymn: "Amazing Grace"

New Century Hymnal #547

Opening Prayer (unison)

Randy Cook

Thank you, O Holy One, for this opportunity to meet you in this place of worship. We come to this new day after a long week, carrying all kinds of feelings, emotions and expectations. But here, in your presence let your Holy Spirit move us to a place of rejoicing in which new hopes abound; through Jesus Christ. Amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Luke 15:1-10

Randy Cook

*Hymn: "O Mighty God, When I Survey in Wonder"

New Century Hymnal #35

Sermon: "God's Crazy Love"

Pastor Jay

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Love Can Build a Bridge" arr. Kirby Shaw

Alter-Notes

soloists: Morgan Greenwald, Elizabeth Gates, Carole Sue Linson, Denise Nasso

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "What the World Needs Now" arr. Denise Nasso

*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

Randy Cook

You are the Great Provider, the Giver of all gifts; your love the only true currency. Thank you for putting money into our hands, and so we freely offer it back to you, for use in your service. We do this in the name of Jesus, Amen.

*Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

New Century Hymnal #252

*Benediction

Pastor Jay

*Postlude: Hymn Medley, arr. Denise Nasso

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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