

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

### From the Pastor

Womansong will be our musical guests Sunday. The texts are John 15:1-8 and 1 John 4:7-21. Jesus tells us to abide in him. The word "abide" has left our vocabulary, and some have noted what it means has left our experience as well. "I am the vine and you are the branches," Jesus tells us. It might be useful to look at some branches and think about what they do! Our reading from first John highlights the essential practice of love for the Christian. Maybe one day Christians will finally live this out!

**COFFEE HOUSE CANCELLED TONIGHT DUE TO WEDDING IN THE CHURCH THIS WEEKEND**

Come one, Come all, to our FCC COFFEE HOUSE! Last Friday of every month - May 31 - 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!

### **REV. GARY GARD MEMORIAL FUND**

**The Mission Committee is in the process of forming the ongoing official scholarship...but in the meantime this situation arose and donations would be welcome – a student at Discovery Gardens needs the last two months of tuition at around \$800 total. Her father recently committed suicide. Donors would need to designate on their checks (or with a note) that they wish for the funds to go to the Gary A. Gard Memorial Fund.**

NEW MEMBERS WILL BE RECEIVED ON MAY 19  
PENTECOST SUNDAY - THE BIRTHDAY OF THE CHURCH  
SEE PASTOR JAY OR ONE OF OUR CO-MODERATORS -  
SANDY OR ARON

**SCAM ALERT! THE PASTOR WILL NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, EVER ASK YOU FOR GIFT CARDS OR MONEY OR A FAVOR IN ANY FORM!!!!!!**

**SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE UCC ANNUAL MEETING –  
APRIL 25-27  
SHEPHERD OF THE HILLS UCC – PHOENIX  
IN-PERSON AND ZOOM OPTIONS  
SEE CO-MODERATOR SANDY IF INTERESTED IN  
ATTENDING**

**MINISTRY OF PHYSICAL RESOURCES NEEDS ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO HELP TAKE  
CARE OF OUR CHURCH BUILDINGS – SEE ED ZNETKO FOR DETAILS**

**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 (**May 15**) 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.

**SATURDAY FAITH FORUM OPEN TO ALL  
SATURDAYS AT 10AM ON ZOOM  
A NEW TOPIC EACH WEEK - BIBLE, CURRENT EVENTS,  
THEOLOGY, ETC.  
A LIVELY DISCUSSION  
LET PASTOR JAY KNOW TO BE ADDED TO THE ZOOM INVITE**

Help Keep Underserved Community Members

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## Spring Diaper Drive



April 28 to May 12, 2024

First Congregational Church/UCC

216 E Gurley St, Prescott, AZ 86301 Phone: 928-445-4555

**Needs Include:** Large sized diapers 5-7, pull-ups, and wipes.  
Feminine hygiene products, incontinence supplies, and adult wipes.

**All contributions will be distributed in Yavapai County.**

BECAUSE BASIC NEEDS AREN'T BASIC. *They're Essential*



You can also make a donation, big or small, by mail, online, or on our Amazon Wishlist, by using this QR code, or by going to our website. If you have questions, please call us at 928-848-2023



Link to Amazon Wishlist

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[www.wrappedinloved diaperbank.org](http://www.wrappedinloved diaperbank.org)  
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Watch Worship Services Here

## APRIL MISSION NEWS

**MONTHLY FOCUS:** Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of April, our highlighted program is **One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS)**.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is one of four annual special mission offerings of the United Church of Christ. This Lenten Offering carries God's message of love and hope to people in crisis. The UCC works with international partners to provide sources of clean water, food, education and health care, small business micro-credit, advocacy and resettlement for refugees and displaced persons, and emergency relief and rehabilitation.

Through **One Great Hour of Sharing**, lives are literally changed daily.

If you wish to make a donation, checks may be made payable to the church with the memo: **OGHS**. Undesignated mission donations will be used at the discretion of the Mission Outreach team.

So far in 2024, our Mission Outreach ministry has delivered \$475 in contributions to Prescott Community Cupboard for January, \$440 to Prescott Area Shelter Services for February, and will shortly be sending collected March donations to Prescott Area Habitat for Humanity. We are deeply grateful to our congregation for providing the funds to so meaningfully assist these worthy organizations!

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, Roxanne*

*Matthews, Bill Bryant, 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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**ENNEAGRAM WORKSHOP – SATURDAY MAY 18  
9AM-4PM, INCLUDING LUNCH - IN PERKINS HALL  
REGISTRATION REQUIRED – SIGN UP IN PERKINS HALL  
OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE TO REGISTER: 928-445-4555  
DEADLINE APRIL 30**

**GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOURSELF AND OTHERS  
SEE A PATH TOWARD CHANGE**

**An Enneagram instructor will be leading the workshop. A generous donation is covering the cost of the event.**

From The Enneagram Institute:

What is the Enneagram?

Don Riso has defined the Enneagram as “a geometric figure that delineates the nine basic personality types of human nature and their complex interrelationships.” While the Enneagram suggests that there are nine basic personality types of human nature, there are, of course, many subtypes and variations within the nine fundamental categories. Nevertheless, the assertion of Enneagram theory is that these nine adequately map out the territory of “personality types.”

The Enneagram is also a symbol that maps out the ways in which the nine types are related to each other. This is the aspect of the Enneagram most people are familiar with because it offers them a framework for understanding themselves and everyone they deal with. As a psychospiritual typology, the Enneagram helps people to recognize and understand an overall pattern in human behavior. External behaviors, underlying attitudes, one’s characteristic sense of self, conscious and unconscious motivations, emotional reactions, defense mechanisms, object relations, what we pay attention to, our spiritual potentials and much more—are all parts of a complex pattern that forms each personality type. Therapists, business counselors, human resource directors, and spiritual seekers from around the world are all finding the Enneagram to be immensely useful for self-understanding and personal growth. Always remember however, that the Enneagram does not put you in a box; it shows you the box you are in and the way out!

What use is the Enneagram? How can it help me?

The Enneagram can be extremely useful to everyone as a source of self-knowledge because it acts as a kind of “mirror” to reveal features of our personality that normally are invisible to us. Most of the time, people function habitually, as if on “automatic pilot,” according to the pattern of their basic personality type. Usually this allows people to get along well enough in their lives, but when their normal routines break down or the stresses of their lives increase too much, their normal way of coping also tends to break down or become dysfunctional. Seeing clearly what our habitual patterns are—seeing what we are doing and why we are doing it, and at what cost to ourselves and others—holds the key to our liberation. By knowing your type correctly, you are able to see yourself—to “catch yourself in the act”—as you move throughout the day. With this increased self-awareness, you are also able to avoid reacting in negative and potentially dangerous ways.

Once real balance has been restored to the personality structure, the Enneagram can help us to orient ourselves to the higher spiritual and psychological qualities that each type has in abundance. Thus, at its highest, the Enneagram invites us to look deeply into the mystery of our true identity. It reveals that we are not our personality, but something more—a spiritual being who has lost contact with his or her true nature. Living out of this realization shifts completely how we see ourselves, others, and the world, bringing liberation, freedom, and joy. (See pages 27-48 in *The Wisdom of the Enneagram* or pages 11-17 of *Understanding the Enneagram (Revised Edition)* for more about the psychological and spiritual context of the Enneagram.)

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#### 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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## SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

### FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

**GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD**

Prelude: "How Can I Keep From Singing" Arr. Judith Herrington Womansong

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

Gather Song: "The Flame" Arr. Beth Neilson Chapman Womansong

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy  
(Children are welcome to go downstairs for Sunday school after the children's time)

\*Hymn: "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" New Century Hymnal #4

Opening Prayer (The Church of Scotland) Michele McFadden

God, who has created us in different ways, with diverse abilities, may we know your presence in worship. God of all people and all time, we take this time to worship you. May we abide with you in your love, that we may share and live your love with one another. The road we have travelled to get here today is different for each one of us, but we meet together in this place to praise you. Help us be open to your transforming love, that we may become your disciples and follow you on your way. Amen.

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8 Michele McFadden

\*Hymn: "Constantly Abiding" by Anne S. Murphy

There's a peace in my heart that the world never gave, a peace it cannot take away;  
Though the trials of life may surround like a cloud, I've a peace that has come here to stay!

#### **Refrain:**

**Constantly abiding, Jesus is mine; Constantly abiding, rapture divine;  
He never leaves me lonely, whispers, oh, so kind: "I will never leave thee"—Jesus is mine.**

All the world seemed to sing of a Savior and King, when peace sweetly came to my heart;

Troubles all fled away and my night turned to day, Blessed Jesus, how glorious Thou art!

This treasure I have in a temple of clay, while here on His footstool I roam;  
But He's coming to take me some glorious day, over there to my heavenly home!

Epistle Reading: 1 John 4:7-21 Michele McFadden

Sermon: "Abiding in Love" Pastor Jay

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "Warrior" Kim Baryluk with chant by Stacey Howse . Womansong

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "Perfect Light" Music by Haydn Womansong

\*Easter Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth) Brian Moore

**Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all on earth their praises bring!  
For Christ has conquered sin and death, and given life eternal breath.**

Prayer of Dedication Michele McFadden

**May we offer our thanks and praise for the love that we have received and  
the love that we do receive, knowing that you are the source. And may we  
go out into this world sharing Your perfect love, so that all may experience  
what it means to abide with you. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Guide Me, O My Great Redeemer" New Century Hymnal #18

\*Benediction Pastor Jay

\*Postlude: "Blessings of Love" Sufi Chant Womansong

**AMAZON SUPPLIES TO PROVIDE FOR JENI AND AUDRA IN  
SUNDAY SCHOOL**

**This QR code will take you to the supplies that can be ordered and  
provided:**



## TREASURER REPORT

The total income as of March 31 is \$57,013  
and the total expenses are \$44,512.  
The net income is \$12,501.

Julie McCurdy, Treasurer

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Because of You our church changes lives.

**THANKS TO ALL WHO PROVIDED ESTIMATES OF  
GIVING FOR 2024!**

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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

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