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

### From the Pastor

So many events as we begin May! May 5 is Rural Life Sunday and Orthodox Easter. May 6 is Holocaust Remembrance Day. May 9 is Ascension Day. Sunday's text is John 15:9-17: a continuation of the farewell discourse of Jesus as he prepares his disciples for his return to heaven. Love and joy are the themes. Alter-Notes provides music; Anna is liturgist; and the children share communion.

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!!!!!!**

Help Keep Underserved Community Members

Clean, Dry, and Healthy

by supporting the  
Wrapped in Love Diaper Bank



## 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*



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Watch Worship Services Here

## MAY MISSION NEWS

**MONTHLY FOCUS:** Each month we highlight a different mission outreach project/program. For the month of May, our highlighted program is the newly created **Rev. Gary Gard Memorial Scholarship** for Discovery Gardens preschool families.

The **Rev. Gary Gard Memorial Scholarship** supports Discovery Gardens preschoolers whose families have fallen behind in tuition payments due to unforeseen life circumstances. In April, funds supported a young girl who had recently lost her father to suicide, allowing her to continue to attend preschool through the end of the school year and providing her with a safe, secure environment during this difficult time—exactly the kind of situation Rev. Gary Gard would have stepped in to do all he could for.

The goal of future scholarship offerings is to likewise provide a helping hand to families at Discovery Gardens temporarily struggling to cover preschool costs for their child. Your donations assist such families for 1-2 months so that their preschooler's education is not interrupted due to unexpected financial pressures.

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

As always, thank you for remembering that we are blessed to be a

blessing (Genesis 12:2).

*Mission Outreach Committee members are 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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**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!**

**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**

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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).

## SUNDAY WORSHIP BULLETIN

### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 5, 2024

10:30 a.m.

*\*Those who are able may stand*

*The American Protestant custom of observing Rural Life Sunday on the Sixth Sunday of Easter has its roots in the ancient custom of "Rogation Days"—from the Latin word **rogare** "to ask" (In modern day English we find the root in the word "interrogation"). In the days between Easter 6 and Ascension Thursday, Christians in farming communities would "ask a blessing" on their fields, their seeds, their farm animals and their own labor, that their planting would flourish, and result in a good harvest. It was a joyful, hopeful time of community prayer for the land.*

### GATHERING TO WORSHIP GOD

Prelude: "You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

Mark Achuff

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

Gather Song: "Come to the Table of Grace"

Alter-Notes

A Time for Children of All Ages – JJ & Ziggy

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

Hymn: "Hail the Day That Sees Christ Rise" (alt. tune- Llanfair)  
Hymnal #260

New Century

The Call to Worship Anna Siegfried

One: Outside the city gate a farmer rises early so that there will be eggs and bacon and cereal and milk on our tables. As we gather today to give you thanks,

**Many: We ask a blessing on the farmer.**

One: Outside the city gate a hotel worker throws open the windows and a housekeeper changes the bed so that we might rest. As we gather today to give you thanks,

**Many: We ask a blessing on the housekeeper.**

One: Outside the city gate a road crew patches over the wear of winter so that we will be safe as we travel. As we gather today to give you thanks,

**Many: We ask a blessing on the road crew.**

One: Outside the city gate a migrant worker bends over a field so that our bodies will be nourished with nutrient rich food from the soil of the earth. As we gather today to give you thanks,

**Many: We ask a blessing on the migrant worker.**

One: On this Sabbath day we honor those outside the gate by river, field, mountain, forest and ocean. In this place of prayer we give thanks, O God of All Creation.

**Many: And ask a blessing on all who care for your Creation**

### PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

Anna Siegfried

\*Hymn: "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

New Century Hymnal #173

Sermon: "Love Revisited"

Pastor Jay

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

Anthem: "One at the Feast" Craig Courtney

Alter-Notes; Flute - Lanette Hanna

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*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. We receive communion immediately as served.*

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

Offering of Ourselves and our Gifts

Offertory: "More About Jesus, Calypso"--Charity Book Putnam

Mark Achuff

\*Easter Doxology (tune: Old Hundredth)

Mark Achuff

**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

Anna Siegfried

**We come before you again to ask a blessing, God of Grace, not only on seed and soil but on our offerings. Bless and multiply these gifts that your abundance might be recognized in this place and beyond its gate. May the fruits of our labors strengthen your church and truly be for the healing of the nations. Amen.**

\*Hymn: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

New Century Hymnal #43

\*Benediction

Pastor Jay

\*Postlude: "March"--G. F. Handel

Mark Achuff

**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



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

Use the QR Code below:





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