

THE CHURCH OF THE RED ROCKS  
Rev. Cindy Parker, Pastor  
A Stephen Ministry Congregation  
An Open and Affirming Congregation



April 16, 2017

8:30 & 10:30 am

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*Peace to all who enter God's house.*

Prelude "In the Garden" arr. Joel Raney

A visit from Mary Magdalene

An invitation to Proclamation (turn to your neighbor and proclaim the Good News, "Jesus Christ is risen today!")

Hand Bell Processional

\*Hymn "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" Insert

Pastor: No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,

**People: You are welcome here.**

Pastor: Christ is Risen!

**People: He is risen indeed!**

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**People: You are welcome here!**

Prayer of Confession

One: As we reflect on the events we have commemorated this past week, different words and images come to mind. We imagine Peter's feelings when he realized he had let Jesus down and we say,

**All: we are so very sorry.**

One: We think of Judas realizing his plan has gone horribly wrong, and the guilt he must have felt, and we say,

**All: we are so very sorry.**

One: We think of Pontus Pilate, wishing he had an easy way out of a difficult situation, but not wanting to rock the boat and we say,

**All: we are so very sorry.**

One: We remember the disciples who had promised to stick by Jesus no matter what, but who fled at the first sign of real trouble, and we say,

**All: we are so very sorry.**

Time for silent confession

## Words of Affirmation

One: On this day of days we celebrate that, no matter what we may have said to God from time to time, God proclaims to us words of hope and forgiveness. No matter what we have done, know that God forgives you, and loves you, and invites you to celebrate new life.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning; is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Special Music

"Easter Bells"

Michael Ryan

First Reading: Acts 10:34-43 (The Message translation)

Hymn

"Thine Is the Glory"

Insert

Pastoral Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

Choral Response

Two-fold Amen

Offertory

"Christ Arose"

Robert Lowry

Doxology & Prayer of Dedication

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise Him, all creatures here below;**

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Choral Anthem

"Christ Is Alive"  
NAU Brass Quintet

Allen Pote

Gospel Reading: John 20:1-18

Message to All God's Children

Message

"Called by Name"

Hymn

"The Day of Resurrection"

Insert

Benediction

Choral Response

"He Lives!"

A.H. Ackley

Postlude

"Alleluia!"

Franklin Ritter

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, APRIL 17.**

**Our Narthex Easter Banners** - A gift that is much appreciated! Thanks to Artist Norma Gibson, Master Quilter, Eunice Hill, and the late Phil Chamberlain. We will enjoy them again this year, and many years to come!

**"Gospel Sing-Along"** will be during a single 10:00 AM service on April 23.

**Song Study** with Margaret Gramley will begin again on April 20 at 10:00AM.

**The EDGE** is now discussing ***The Powers That Be: Theology for a New Millennium*** (1999) by Walter Wink. We meet each Friday at 10:15 AM in Classroom A. If you have any questions please call Lora or Sergio Mazza at 313-410-6029.

**"Sedona Faith Traditions: Welcoming the Other"** Tuesday, April 25 at 5:00 PM in Painted Cliffs Hall. Six northern Arizona residents will gather to explore different religions and faith practices. The panel will answer a prepared question before taking questions from attendees. More information is in the April ***Canyon Echo*** newsletter. Please join us!

**A New Member Gathering** will be held on Sunday April 30 at 9:30AM. All are welcome to attend. This informal session is NOT only for those who are interested in joining the church, but for anyone with questions about what it means to be a member of the church and/or UCC. Please join us!

**The Tucson Girls' Choir** will perform a mini concert on April 30 between services at 9:45 AM. They will also join our 10:30 AM worship. They are recognized as an outstanding choral education program benefiting over 200 girls with ten different choruses.

**It's not too early** to start collecting items for your Operation Christmas Boxes! Pairs of tiny flip flop sandals would be appreciated by children in tropical countries. A small stuffed animal you'll find on sale after Easter would make a nice addition.

**CRR Book Club** will meet on April 21 at 1:00 PM. We are reading ***Behind Closed Doors*** by B. A. Paris.

**Welcome to The Church of the Red Rocks** – We extend a warm greeting to our members, friends and visitors.

**Large Print Bulletins** and **Head Sets** (for amplified sound of our worship services) are available from any of our ushers.

<b><u>Director of Music</u></b>		Dr. Ryan Holder
<b><u>Organist/Pianist</u></b>		Suzanne Moore
<b><u>Hand Bell Director</u></b>		Mary Rubel
<b><u>Office Administration</u></b>		Ginger Willetts and Cate Wyckoff
<b><u>Sunday School Teachers</u></b>		Mary Bloomfield
<b><u>Nursery School Teachers</u></b>		Shandra Ryan
<b><u>Head Ushers</u></b>	( 8:30)	Jim Tanis
	(10:30)	Susan Pilakowski
<b><u>Ushers</u></b>	( 8:30)	Jan Anderson and Pat Murphy
		Jan Tanis and Nancy True
	(10:30)	John and Gail Heyer
		Dave and Ann Magetteri
<b><u>Greeters</u></b>	( 8:30)	Joanne Beard
	(10:30)	Chuck and Betty Lougheed
<b><u>P. A. Operator</u></b>	( 8:30)	Don Beard
	(10:30)	Dave Draves
<b><u>Video Tech</u></b>		Gary Stouder
<b><u>Van Driver</u></b>		Paul Sipos
<b><u>Tellers</u></b>		Bob Wych and Chuck Lougheed
<b><u>Website and Social Media</u></b>		Cate Wyckoff

**Sympathy is Extended** to Betty Morgan and Rob Schotland on the death of Betty's sister and sympathy is extended to Nancy Prestwick, Marnye Herrick, Jasper Herrick and family on the death of Rowland, (Nancy's husband, Marnye's father and Jasper's grandfather) this past week. Sympathy is also extended to Mike and Christine Schroeder on the death of Mike's father and to the family of John Ritenour who died on April 10. No services are planned at this time.

**Circle of Concern** – Please keep in your prayers Marlene Auburn at home, Julia Fanning at Verde Valley Medical. Ruth Wheaton will be at FMC on Monday. Please let the church know about any concerns for members, family or friends.

**Happy Birthday** to Tom Doeller who will be 95 today.

**As a Matter of Hospitality** please remember to wear your name tag.

**There will be no coffee hour today, Easter.**

**THIS WEEK: April 16 – April 23**

**Sunday – April 16 EASTER**

- 6:30 am Sunrise Worship Service
- 8:30 am Worship Service
- 10:30 am Sunday School and Nursery Care
- 10:30 am Worship Service

**Monday – April 17 OFFICE CLOSED**

- 7:45 am Tai Chi & Prayer – Classroom B
- 9:00 am Hand Bell Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary
- 11:30 am Installation Committee – Classroom A

**Tuesday – April 18**

- 10:00 am Family Support Group – Classroom A

**Wednesday – April 19**

- 10:00 am Endowment Management Commission – Conference Room
- 1:00 pm Finance Commission – Conference Room
- 1:30 pm Grief Support Group – Classroom A

**Thursday – April 20**

- 10:00 am Adult Ed. with Margaret Gramley – Painted Cliffs Hall
- 1:30 pm Knitting into the Mystery – Classroom A
- 3:30 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal – Choir Room

**Friday – April 21**

- 7:45 am Tai Chi & Prayer – Classroom B
- 10:15 am The EDGE – Classroom A
- 1:00 am CRR Book Club – Classroom A

**Sunday – April 23 Gospel Sing Along**

- 10:00 am Worship Service – One service only
- 10:00 am Sunday School and Nursery Care



# Christ the Lord is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia!  
Mortal tongues and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia!  
Sing, glad heavens, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Let the Victor's people sing, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!  
Dying once, Christ lives to save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Christ rise, Alleluia!  
God has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!  
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Christ, like Christ we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

*He is  
Risen!*

# Thine Is the Glory

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory thou o'er death has won.  
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone a way,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son;  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, Risen from the tomb;  
Lovingly he greets thee, Scatters fear and gloom;  
Let his church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son,  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, Glorious Prince of life!  
Life is naught without thee; Aid us in our strife;  
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;  
Bring us safe through Jordan  
To thy home above.

Thine is the glory, Risen, conquering Son  
Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.



# The Day of Resurrection!

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad;  
The Passover of gladness, The Passover of God.  
From Death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky,  
Our Christ hath brought us over with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright  
The Lord in rays eternal of, resurrection light;  
And, listening to his accents, may hear so calm and plain  
His own "All hail" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin.  
The round world keep high triumph, And all that is therein;  
Let all things seen and unseen their notes of gladness blend,  
For Christ the Lord is risen, our joy that hath no end.

Amen

