September 20, 2020

“Prayin’ Like Your Life Depends On It”

Mission Statement
Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by Welcoming all people, Worshipping God joyfully, Caring for each person, Discovering Christ’s transforming love, and Serving God’s world.

Vision Statement
To share the happiness that is Christianity for all people.
Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost

Gathering

Prelude
“Lord, Listen to Your Children”
Words & Music by Ken Medema  Arr. by Jack Schrader
Pre-Recorded by our Chancel Choir

Welcoming & Announcements

Centering Prayer & Peace of Christ

Call to Worship
Rev. Fred Mast

Come and Praise God! In the company of God's people, let us give thanks to the Lord our God praising the great works of God, full of glory and majesty. Our God is gracious and compassionate, our God is merciful and forgiving, our God is faithful and trustworthy, our God is just and good. So come, let us worship God together. God’s praise will last forever!

*Song of Invitation
“O Lord, Hear My Prayer”
TFWS #2200

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns
Pastoral Prayer ~ 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  For thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory forever.  Amen.

Please continue in prayer this week: Beverly Robbins, Jason Holder, Jim Pryke, Mary Luttrell, for a quick relief and destruction of the COVID19 virus, for all those inflicted with the virus, for the safety of those on the front lines, for those affected by wildfires and the hurricane, and for peace and unity throughout our nation.

Word & Response

Scripture
Acts 4: 23-31
For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, For the Word of God within us, thanks be to God!

Message
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Rev. Fred Mast

Prayer of Response
“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”
#526
Thanksgiving

Invitation to the Offering for the Kingdom of God  & Offering Prayer
We came to join our voices in praise, we have joined our hearts in prayer, we blend our gifts of various kinds of Christian Service, and now we come to blend our offerings as a mutual expression of faith. Use these gifts to achieve great things, for when we come together in your name, we come together in love and in power.

*Doxology

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

Sent to Serve

*Song of Sending Forth

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

*Dismissal with Blessing

*Postlude

SUMC now has a “Joy Hotline” where you can submit your joys to our church office. Go to the website at www.sedonaumc.org and click on the icon. Then complete the spaces to submit your joy!

SAGAP continues to collect items for those in need to be disbursed at the Sedona Food Bank. Paper goods, cleaning products, & hygiene products are needed and can be dropped off at two new locations: Oak Creek Storage in VOC and The Church of the Red Rocks. You can always drop items off at SUMC during office hours.

In partnership with the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Sedona, Verde Valley Mental Health Coalition and the I Am Worthy Project, Emerson Theater Collaborative presents The i’Mpossible Project: Kicking My Blue Genes in the Butt, written and performed by Joshua Rivedal. Show dates are September 24, 25 and 26. All shows are at 7 p.m. The live show will be presented at the newly opened Sedona Arts Academy at The Collective Sedona in the Village of Oak Creek with limited seating. It will also be live-streamed for those who prefer to attend online. Tickets are $20 at the door and are available online at https://bit.ly/kmbj2020 Streaming price is $15 for individuals and $25 for a family. For more information, visit go2etc.org or call Camilla Ross at 860-705-9711.

Next Opportunity is Oct 2nd!
“If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14).

Saturday September 26, 2020 - 9:00 am
Vino Di Sedona

PraySedona2020 invites you to join with others in our community to pray for the healing of our nation.

This is a pivotal time in our nation’s history and the power of prayer creates a new world to come. This is not a political event but a time to come together to pray to God for renewed humility, repentance, forgiveness, wisdom and healing!

PraySedona2020 walks in solidarity with those who are participating in the National Day of Prayer on the mall in Washington, D.C. and The Return on September 26.

Everyone—individuals, families and all faith communities are invited!
- All social distancing measures and masks required
- Prayer Service begins 9:00 am at Vino Di Sedona 2575 89A parking lot
- Please find parking outside Vino Di Sedona and walk in (Thank you!)
- Prayer Service 9:00 am Walk begins at 9:15 am down 89A (1.5 mile)
- Team leaders will guide you in the prayer walk and you can stop at any time

PASTOR FRED WILL BE THERE AS A TEAM LEADER FOR OUR SEDONA UMC FOLKS.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE.