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Office Hours

8:30am-3:00pm Tuesdays/Thursdays
8:30am-Noon Wednesdays
Closed Mondays and Fridays

WEEK-AT-A-GLANCE

Today, September 20th	9:30am Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30am Fellowship (Swain Hall)
Monday, September 21st	9:00am Exercise Class (Swain Hall) 9:30pm Prayer Shawls (Annex 2)
Tuesday, September 22nd	3:00pm Bell Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Wednesday, September 23rd	9:00am Exercise Class (Swain Hall) 9:00am AA Serenity Meeting (Annex 1) (Go to www.aa.org for more information or to register) 4:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Westminster Room)
Friday, September 25th	9:00am Exercise Class (Swain Hall) 9:30am Joy of Learning Class (Fireside Room) (Terry Olthoff facilitates this group, encouraging discussion and reflection. Invite a friend.)
Saturday, September 26th	Presbytery Women Fall Gathering, Leupp, AZ



Worship 9:30am Sunday, September 20th

MUSIC FOR GATHERING WELCOME AND CHURCH NOTICES

Dr. Moyi Liu, Piano
Stewart Porter

Hearing Assistance is available! Please ask a sound technician.



PRELUDE

UNISON responses are in **CAPITAL BOLD** text
*indicates to please stand, in body or in spirit

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mark Bakker, Liturgist

Leader: Seek the Lord! Seek God in the wilderness.
PEOPLE: SEEK GOD IN THE SANCTUARY.
Leader: Seek God in the burning bush.
PEOPLE: SEEK GOD IN THE BURNING HEART.
Leader: The places where we meet God beckon us:
PEOPLE: WE ARE STANDING ON HOLY GROUND, LET US WORSHIP THE LORD!



*OPENING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

No. 339 (vs. 1-3)

- V.1 Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- V.2 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
- V.3 Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.



PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Pastor Ann Utke

GOD OF WONDERS, WE CONFESS THAT WE DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU CALL US TO SERVICE WHEN WE ARE BUSY, DOUBTFUL, OR UNCERTAIN. LEND US YOUR FIRE AND YOUR STRENGTH, WHICH EXTENDS FAR BEYOND OUR OWN. HELP US FIND THE COURAGE TO TEND TO THE PLACES OF OUR WORLD WHICH ARE IN NEED OF GRACE. . . . (SILENT PRAYER)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Sin casts us out into the cold, but the warmth of God's forgiveness restores and welcomes us back to abundant life. Alleluia!



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mark Bakker, Liturgist

Divine Light, shine on these pages,
that this Word may speak again to us today. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:9-21 p. 197

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: THANKS BE TO GOD.



MUSICAL MEDITATION

Dr. Moyi Liu

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-6 p. 62

SERMON

Rev. Ann Utke

SUNG RESPONSE

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying (repeat twice)

Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (UNISON)

Remember in your prayers the congregation of First (Navajo), Tuba City (PCUSA);
Eve’s Place; and St. Joachim & St. Anne Catholic Church.

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.



Have a prayer request? Fill out the **green** pew card and place
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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(adapted from *The Confession of 1967*)

GOD’S SOVEREIGN LOVE IS A MYSTERY BEYOND THE REACH OF OUR MINDS.
WE BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CREATED THE WORLD, IN ALL OF ITS MAJESTY AND
MYSTERY; AND THAT GOD'S SPIRIT IS STILL SPEAKING TO US IN THE SPHERES OF
SPACE AND TIME. WE BELIEVE THAT GOD HAS CREATED LIFE AS A GIFT TO BE
RECEIVED WITH GRATITUDE AND A TASK TO BE PURSUED WITH COURAGE, LOVE,
AND JOY. THIS WE BELIEVE!

*CLOSING HYMN

Here I Am Lord

No. 525 (vs. 1 & 2)

V.1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if You lead me.
I will hold Your people in my heart.



V.2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak My word to them. Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you for your offerings for the ministry of Christ’s church.
Donations may be placed in the JOASH BOX, which is located in
the front of the Sanctuary (on the wall near the piano).

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