

...engaging
secular people
with life's
greatest
possibilities.

October 6, 2024

Welcome Home!

No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome at Shadow Rock United Church of Christ.

Gathering Music and Prelude

Shared by Christine Kyhn

Autumn Leaves

by Joseph Kosma, arr. Sangeh Noona

Welcome and Announcements

(Necessary Housekeeping by Rev. Ken Heintzelman)

One: Who are we and what are we called to do?

All: We are the sensitive and responsive ones called to create a world where every person is radically affirmed and barriers between people become bridges of inclusion, justice, and spirituality.

Call to Worship and Singing Our Faith

Led by Roy Zaborowski (Please stand in body, mind or spirit)

One: We were created for relationship.

All: We are created for community!

One: God knew it was not right for us to be alone.

All: We are created for community!

One: Through Jesus Christ, God entered into human relationship with us.

All: We are created for community!

One: We rejoice in our unity with all humanity.

All: We are created for community!

Singing Our Faith

Gather Us In

By Marty Haugen

1. Here in this place a new light is streaming,
Now is the darkness vanished away,
See in this space our fears and our dreamings
Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Gather us in, the lost and forsaken,
Gather us in, the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken;
We shall arise at the sound of our name.

2. We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry,
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
Called to be light to the whole human race.
Gather us in, the rich and the haughty.
Gather us in, the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
Give us the courage to enter the song.

3. Here we will take the wine and the water,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
Call us anew to be salt for the earth.
Give us to drink the wine of compassion.
Give us to eat the bread that is yours,
Nourish us well, and teach us to fashion,
Lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

4. Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away,
But here in this place, the new light is shining,
Now is the Kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever.
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bones.

Welcoming Prayer

Offered by Pastor Ken

Celebrations

Led by Pastor Ken

At this time, we share moments from our lives: birthdays, anniversaries, and words of peace and justice. We celebrate joys, sorrows, and grief as part of our comprehensive view of life. This is our time to give voice to goodness!

Special Music for Thinking of You Cards

shared by Christine Kyhn

The Gift of Love

arr. Marianne Kim

In the pew racks are cards with the title “Thinking Of You”. Please use these cards to write a note to someone so they know they are remembered and cared for. Put the card in the offering plate when it comes by and the church office will forward the cards to the person addressed in the card. This was one of the elements of our time together you lifted up as important for all of us. Thank you!

Video Invitation to Communion

Three Campfires

Our One Table Celebration

Bread, Wine and Invitation to Share

Led by Roy Zaborowski

One: It is our custom to have an open table where all people are invited to share bread and wine. We believe this is a continuation of the radical table hospitality of Jesus.

All: His invitation proclaimed the vision of love, justice and peace of God for all people.

One: The larger story of table fellowship includes the reversal of social roles so as to make known the height, depth and inclusiveness of God's love.

All: We show our gratitude for all of life by inviting all people to the Table of Life!

One: And now let the weak say, 'I am strong!'

All: I AM STRONG!

One: Let the poor say, 'I am rich!'

All: I AM RICH!

One: The bread and wine are not for us alone, but are symbols of a universal message of hope that challenges the worldviews of violence that feed oppression and separation.

All: May our sisters and brothers in all lands join us in lifting the bread of life and the cup of passion.

One: Today we ritualize and celebrate the inclusive table practices of Jesus.

All: May this holy meal empower each of us to become partners in the Great Work of healing all people, all nations and all the planet.

Communion Prayer

Shared by Rev. Ken Heintzleman

Be present with us now, Enfolding God, as we share this sacrament. Let your Holy Spirit brood among us... and upon and through this bread and wine.

Bless us with a desire to praise in song and story and poetry.

Bless us with a sharpened awareness of your presence.

Bless us with deep compassion.

Bless us with the patience and daring of the mystics.

All: Abide with us always.

Abide with us in our daily work.

Abide with us when we rest.

Abide with us in our journeying.

Abide with us at all times and through eternity.

(Everyone is invited to the Table of Love to share the bread and cup. Take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and eat it. Come up by way of the center aisle and return by way of the side aisles. Our communion offering goes to the Pastor's Charitable Fund.)

Communion Song Let There Be Peace on Earth (2 times)

by Sy Miller and Jill Jackson

Let there be peace on earth,
and let it begin with me.

Let there be peace on earth,
the peace that was meant to
be.

With God, our Creator, family
all are we,

Let us walk with each other in
perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me,
let this be the moment now.

With every step I take,
let this be my joyous vow:

To take each moment and live each moment
in peace eternally!

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.



Invitation to Rededicate Ourselves to The More of Life

Shared by Roy Zaborowski

We prepare ourselves for experiencing the act of giving of our offerings and ourselves. Let us connect our giving with current reality.

Reflection

Shared by Roy Zaborowski

"Love All Creation"
from Brothers Karamazov
By Dostoyevsky

Love all Creation.

The whole and every grain of sand in it.

Love every leaf, and every ray of light.

Love the plants.

Love the animals. Love everything.

If you love everything

you will perceive the Divine Mystery in all things.

Once you perceive it

you will comprehend it better every day.

And you will come, at last, to love the whole world with an all embracing love.

Offerings and Offertory

Shared by Christine Kyhn

"Autumn" from the
Seasons by Antonio Vivaldi

Dedication of Our Offerings

Led by Roy Zaborowski

One: We are grateful for our life and the courage we are given to live it.

All: **Let our gratitude for life be expressed in our generosity.**

One: Let our faith be expressed in good causes.

All: **Let our belief in the future find full expression in our daily attitude of mind.**

Word About Life with Jeanne Casteen

JEANNE CASTEEN has a bachelor's degree in human communication and history from the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at ASU and a master's in education, also from ASU. Jeanne has over 11 years of experience teaching in Maricopa County's public schools. In 2011, Jeanne completed the Emerge Arizona program and in 2012 became a school board member of the Creighton School District. She served as Board President from 2016 through 2020. In 2020, Ms. Casteen ran for Maricopa County School Superintendent, and came within 12,000 votes of winning. She has been awarded the Arizona School Public Relations Association Award for Excellence in Advocacy and Political Contributions to Education as well as the Arizona School Board Association's All-Arizona School Board Member Award.

Words For Mission

Led by Roy Zaborowski

One: And now may the blessings of life be upon us, and upon all people.

May the stories and people we gather here give us hope for the future.

May the love that we share bring strength and joy to our hearts, and the peace of this community be with us until we meet again. These are the times!

All: We are the people!

One: All of Creation is blessed!

All: May we love all and serve all!

One: God be with you

All: And also with you.

One: Amen

All: Amen!

Sending Forth Song

Those Who Wait on the Lord

by Stuart Hamblen

1. Those who wait on the Lord
Shall renew their strength,
They shall mount up on wings as eagles.
They shall run and not be weary,
They shall walk and not faint,
Help us Lord, help us Lord, in thy way.
2. Those who love the mystery.....
3. Those who live the risen life.....
4. Those who serve the suff'ring world.....
5. Those who die on the march.....
6. Those who wait on the Lord.....

