

RESPONDING: CREATIVITY

This part of the service helps us to “wonder” in a different way. We invite a state of awe at the abundance of our lives by noticing the “rich” beauty around us, the presence of “treasured” people, and new and unexpected “gems” that cross our paths. We commit to engage our creativity to multiply good in the world.

THE WONDER OF IT ALL: PRAYERS

PRAYER SONG: “Thank You, Lord” #84

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING:

OFFERING WITNESS

OUR COMMITMENT LOOKING FORWARD (See insert)

*DOXOLOGY: “Be Thou My Vision”
**Thanks to the Father and Jesus the Son,
Thanks to the Spirit who makes us all one,
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of Heaven, my treasure thou art. Amen.**

PRAYER

SENDING FORTH: COMMITMENT

Having walked with God in “looking” into our heart’s relationship to money, we commit to take the practices out into the world and our daily lives with renewed compassion, curiosity and creativity.

*CLOSING HYMN: “This Is a Day of New Beginnings” #383, v. 1-4

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE:

November 21, 2021

9:30AM

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

A Wonder-Full Life: Looking Forward



Scottsdale United Methodist Church

...becoming a Christ-led community.

**Infant and child care available during worship service.
Children's Sunday School at 9:30 am in Room 1.
Please feel free to ask one of the greeters for more information.**

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ORDER OF SERVICE

GATHERING: COMPASSION

As we open our eyes and come out of any avoidance we have regarding our feelings about money, we illumine a candle and ask God to be with us on this journey, giving us fresh perspectives that can shift any “disease” that holds us back from a courageous vision about our money paths. We have compassion for ourselves and each other because the systems of money we live in are not easy to navigate.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THRESHOLD MOMENT:

*MUSIC: Be Thou My Vision #451, v. 1

*CALL TO WORSHIP: ¹

Liturgist: We light this flame to affirm that where there is light,

People: there is understanding;

Liturgist: where there is understanding,

People: there is compassion;

Liturgist: where there is compassion,

People: there is possibility;

Liturgist: where there is possibility,

People: there is transformation.

Liturgist: Holy and Living God,
transform our fears into awe-inspired wonder.

**People: Open us to this light,
and to the rich possibilities that it brings us
for a “wonder-full” Life.**

*OPENING HYMN: “Rejoice the Lord Is King” #715

*PEACE

All are invited to greet those around you with smiles, waves, etc.

(*Please rise in spirit or in body.)

CHILDREN’S TIME OF WONDER: A Wonder Full Life Song

Verse 1

Verse 2

**To be full of love,
To be full of grace,
To be full of peace
Is a wonder full life!**

**Giving others love
Giving others grace
Giving others peace
Is a wonder full life!**

PROCLAIMING: CURIOSITY

We become curious—full of “wonder-ing”—further transforming our tendencies of avoiding money issues into a desire to learn more, know more, about the systems of money and our own relationship to it. We explore what our faith story invites us to do about the systems of money in which we find ourselves.

THE WORD IN MUSIC: “Praise You” Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE: John 18:33-37

Musical Intro to Scripture: Be Thou My Vision # 451

**Be thou my vision, 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**

Liturgist: This is a Word of God for the people of God.

Response: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE: Looking Forward Rev. Ann Lyter

Pastor: May the words of my mouth,

**People: And the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable to you,
O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.**

Announcements

Wiggle Wednesdays: The idea is we gather at the church on Wednesdays at 10 am in Burgess Hall. We will have easy and fun things to do, like yoga or chair yoga, walking, or simple stretches. We will keep it simple enough for beginners with modifications for those who want to take it a step up or take a step back. We will try different things until we find something we want to focus on. When the weather suits, we may meet outside. Wear comfortable, supportive shoes, comfortable clothes you can move in. Please bring a water bottle, preferably a refillable one. Vaccinations are required.

HELP DECORATE FOR ADVENT/CHRISTMAS:



We are looking for people to help us prepare our campus for the coming holidays. Help us transform our worship space into a place to focus on how we are “Housing the Holy,” and our campus to be a welcoming space for our community during the holidays. We will be decorating on Saturday, December 4, from 9:00 am to 11:30 am.

CHURCH OPEN HOUSE: Throughout our Advent/Christmas series, our church will be open to welcome the weary, the cold, and those who simply wish to pray. An attendant will be present, should you want someone to pray with you. Beginning Nov. 29, Mondays and Wednesdays from 12-3 pm and Wednesday evenings from 5-7 pm (5-6:15 on 12/22).

Pastor	Rev. Ann Lyter pastorann@scottsdaleumc.org
Lay Leader	Bucky Bethancourt
Music Director/Pianist	Jeanette Young
Liturgist	Barbara Marinoff

Announcements

JUSTA CENTER REVERSE ADVENT CALENDAR 2021

For the second year in a row, SUMC will be supporting this important work with a Reverse Advent Calendar. The way the Reverse Advent Calendar works is, place the calendar someplace you will see it, such as on your refrigerator, and then you gather the items each day that are listed on the calendar. There is something on every day from the first day of Advent, November 28th through Christmas Eve. After you have gathered everything, bring your donations to the church up until January 9, 2022. We will deliver all the donations the second week of January. A copy of the Reverse Advent Calendar was in the Prospector, or scan this QR code:



COAT DRIVE: Do you have winter coats and sweaters you don't use? Are your closets bursting? Bring your coats and sweaters to the church now through 12/6.



IT'S TURKEY TIME: We are once again preparing meals for the East Valley Men's Center of a New Leaf in Mesa beginning in January but NOW is the time for turkeys. Please bring your turkey donations to the church so we can continue this ministry and continue to feed the hungry.

CHOIR: The choir is always looking for new voices. Join us on Wednesdays at 7 pm in Activity Center 1. Must be vaccinated.



OUR COMMITMENT LOOKING FORWARD

Liturgist: O Lord, open our eyes to your vision for the future. Open our ears to the cries of those in need. Open our hearts to what you make possible so that we can be instruments of your grace, builders of your kingdom, and a community truly led by Christ.

People: Let us not be timid in following where you lead.

Instead, give us a boldness born out of faith. Help us see the riches and the resources you have given us and help us to understand that we are enough. Show us how we can be the difference that makes the world a better place.

HYMN: "Gloria, Gloria" #72

Liturgist: If we fail to hear the cry for justice from the oppressed, we are deaf.

People: If we withhold our resources from reaching out to the hungry and the starving, we are heartless.

Liturgist: If we fail to see the uprooted masses of refugees, the migrant, the homeless, we are blind.

People: If we fail to speak out on behalf of the voiceless, powerless, and penniless, we are mute.

Liturgist: If we fail to stand up for truth, peace and reconciliation, we are infirm.

People: Although we claim ourselves to be wholesome, we fall short and ought to cry out, "O Son of God, have mercy on us."

HYMN: "Gloria, Gloria" #72

Pastor: Let us make our pledge together:

All: As a part of the community that is Scottsdale United Methodist Church,⁺ I celebrate and commit to supporting the ministry and mission of this congregation.

BRING YOUR PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2022 TO THE ALTAR

⁺For those who are visiting Scottsdale UMC, there is no expectation that you would pledge to support SUMC. You may simply serve as witnesses to our commitments, or make whatever commitment to God you feel led to make.