



"Where God's Love Transforms Lives"

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Worship at CITD

Covid-19 Update: Our reopening plan was approved by our Annual Conference. We are slowly reopening. Groups may start to meet again if they follow the CDC guidelines (e.g., physical distancing and masks). Contact the church office with any questions and to restart your group. Worshipping together in person will start on May 2 at 10:00 a.m. The service will also be on-line. [Click here](#) to view the current worship service. Together, WE ARE THE CHURCH!

This week Pastor Galene's sermon is "Beyond the Horizon." The scriptures will be Acts 8:26-40 and John 15:11-8.

Meetings This Week (if they are Zoom there will be a (click to join) after Meeting Title)

May 2 - Sunday School Class, "The Psalms: An Expression of Life", 2:00 p.m.

May 2 - Venturing Crew 2619, 7:00 p.m.

May 3 - Troops 619, 108 and 3226, 6:45 p.m.

May 3 - Men's Bible Study, 7:00 p.m. May 3 - Bells of Joy Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

May 4 - Tuesday Women's Bible Study, 11:00 a.m.

May 4 - Trustees Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

May 5 - CITD Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

May 5 - One Flock Choir Rehearsal, 7:00 p.m.

May 6 - UMW Leadership Team Meeting, 4:00 p.m.

In-Person Worship Services - Restart May 2, 10:00 a.m.

The leadership of Cross in the Desert UMC have announced we will begin holding in-person worship again as of May 2nd. We will also continue with online worship. Reservations will be required, but there will be plenty of space for all to attend. However, as part of our safety protocol, we must be able to contact all attendees if we receive a report of exposure to COVID-19. All attendees must wear masks and maintain physical distancing. Worship will not be the same as before we closed down. It is important to note that singing is still considered a high spreader of COVID-19. Any small group or outside group who wish to return to in person meetings should contact the church office. If you do not agree with this, please join us online until we fully reopen our campus.

How to Make Reservations for In-Person Worship Services

To make a reservation for our May 2 In-Person Worship Service and/or for childcare (2 years and under), click on the URL below or use the QR Code below to access the URL. Contact the church office if you have any problems getting reservations made.

<https://giving.ncsservices.org/App/Form/4aa4aa71-8956-497b-978c-c81ae6f8b215>

QR Code:



The Psalms: An Expression of Life

CITD's Sunday afternoon Zoom Bible Study is a study of Psalms. Pastor Galene will lead this study and supply notes to participants.

The Psalms are considered a reflection of our lives: our joys and sorrows, our doubts, fear, complaints and celebrations. They are needful expressions of our community's faith, as well as speaking to individuals.

Bring your Bible, start a notebook of your own reflections on the Psalms, and join us on Zoom at 2:00 p.m. on Sundays. If you want to receive study notes, contact the church office with an email address where the notes can be sent. Also, please state if you need a PDF, or if Word format will work.

Easter Food Drive

Kudos to everyone who participated in the drive-through food collection for Easter! Thank you! We collected 334 pounds of food and goods, and donated \$450 in support of the Paradise Valley Emergency Food Bank!

A challenge for the future: As we return to in-person worship on May 2, I challenge everyone to contribute to the grocery donation cart in the narthex! Shop the sales! When buying groceries buy at least one item to donate to the food bank! The need continues, as many are affected by the financial strains of the pandemic. We can reach out and help our neighbors. You can also contribute financially through the church by marking your contribution Missions-Food Bank. You will receive tax credit through the church, and help CITD reach "Top Donor" status.



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