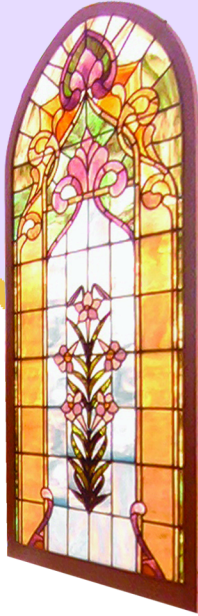


## Phoenix Community Church...

- ❖ is part of the United Church of Christ.
- ❖ began in 1988 specifically as a church that welcomes the LGBT community and all who desire to find the Holy in their lives.
- ❖ continues to grow in our walk with God. If you knew us in the past, you might find us in a different place today.
- ❖ continues to be a place of welcome that believes in the importance of community and God's love in our lives.
- ❖ recognizes the value of ritual in our lives. Communion is celebrated the first Sunday of each month.
- ❖ recognizes and values the inter-relatedness of all people with each other and with God's amazing creation.



## Phoenix Community Church United Church of Christ



**We Worship Sundays at 6 pm**

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## Phoenix Community Church United Church of Christ

Like the mythic Phoenix bird, the people of Phoenix rise together in God's fabulous love out of the ashes of life's struggles, re-making ourselves anew in God's hope, peace, love and justice.

**God is Still Calling...**

**God is Still Speaking...**

**Are You Listening?**



Phoenix Community Church UCC's purpose is to embody God's all-encompassing love, as exemplified by Jesus, in the way we interact with each other, our neighbors, and all creation.

## We offer a Progressive Christian Experience

All are welcomed and loved regardless of what they believe or who they are. We welcome and affirm the LGBT community.

We honor and learn from other spiritual paths even as we find God through the life and teachings of Jesus.

Questions and the spiritual journey are more important than believing the "right" things.

Beliefs and practices should make sense to one's "head" as well as speak to one's "heart." Science and spirituality are compatible.

**No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey, you're welcome.**



## If you...

- ✓ value the power of prayer
- ✓ value being part of a community
- ✓ wish to journey with others as you seek to live in God's love and help bring love and justice to the world
- ✓ enjoy an intimate, authentic worship experience as we worship in the round and offer a small church atmosphere

**...then Phoenix is the place for you.  
Join us as we walk life's road together!**

## Our Mission Statement

Phoenix is a church community that encourages spiritual growth. Questions are taken seriously, and the people of Phoenix share the struggles and joys of being alive.

All are welcomed at Phoenix, regardless of age, abilities, sex, race or sexual orientation. We wish to rejoice in our differences while we affirm our similarities.

At Phoenix, we encourage and celebrate the whole person - mind, body, spirit and imagination. We use new forms of worship that speak to a church community with a variety of beliefs. We attempt to avoid language that is hurtful or exclusive.

The people of Phoenix share good times together and try to support one another during hard times. We do not want to become self-satisfied and complacent, but seek instead to be a life-giving church community that reaches out and welcomes in.

We believe that the spiritual life cannot be divorced from an active concern for the world. Individually and collectively, we seek to challenge oppression and injustice, and work for peace and the preservation of the environment.

To fulfill our mission, we need the presence of the spirit and the support of one another. We seek to forgive ourselves and each other when we fail, and accept the responsibility to begin anew.