



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

February 20, 2022

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mission Month 2022

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Helen Griffin

Welcome!

*We're glad you are here to worship with us,
whether in-person or virtually on Zoom or YouTube.*

Gathering the People of God

WELCOME

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

Please register your attendance with your mobile device by scanning the QR code to the right or by going to www.upctempe.org/fellowship, and completing the form.



If you are new, please include contact information to be added to our mailing list, including The Weekly Update, our weekly email of announcements and information.

If you are present in-person, you may also use the fellowship pads in each pew. Please ask your neighbor for it or if they would like to use it.

The peace of Christ be with you, my friends.

✠ **And also with you.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

(480) 256-8216

*Prayers may be texted to the above number,
or call and leave a message.*

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

CENTERING TIME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

Ted Gibson

Pianist

"Sisters, We Have Met to Worship"

BY WILLIAM MOORE

We use this time to center our spirits, bring our attention to God within our breath, and remember that we are connected to all things through the Body of Christ.

We light candles to remind us of the light of God's love that exists within each human being and every created thing. The candles on the communion table represent the light of

community. The single candle near the pulpit is the paschal candle, the light of Christ that shines on and in the world, and the darkness cannot overcome it.

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

From Proverbs 8.32-35

And now, my children, listen to me:
happy are those who keep my ways.

‡ **Hear instruction and be wise,
and do not neglect it.**

Happy is the one who listens to me,
watching daily at my gates,
waiting beside my doors.

‡ **For whoever finds me finds life
and obtains favor from GOD.**

***HYMN**

"Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom"

#174

*Come and seek the ways of Wisdom,
She who danced when earth was new.
Follow closely what she teaches,
For her words are right and true.
Wisdom clears the path to justice,
Showing us what love must do.*

*Listen to the voice of Wisdom,
Crying in the marketplace.
Hear the Word made flesh among us,
Full of glory, truth, and grace.
When the word takes root and ripens,
Peace and righteousness embrace.*

*Sister Wisdom, come, assist us;
Nurture all who seek rebirth.
Spirit guide and close companion,
Bring to light our sacred worth.
Free us to become your people,
Holy friends of God and earth.*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

‡ **O God of wonder and wisdom,
we gather in your name.**

**We come to remind ourselves of your wisdom,
but too often out it aside
seeking our own power and gain.**

We set aside responsibility for the earth entrusted to our care.

**By both carelessness and design,
we pollute air, land, and waters.
In our greed,
we use more resources than we need,
and do not fully comprehend the damage we have done.
Forgive us, we pray,
for our neglect of your ways of grace, harmony, and mutual care.
May your grace fill our senses,
calling us back to your ways.
May your wisdom fill our hearts
so that we might change our ways.
Hear our prayers, O God of wisdom and hope.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE²

Friends, we are still standing in the grace of God
revealed to us in and through Jesus, our Christ.
⌘ **Because God's love has been poured into our hearts,
we are being set free to love God and neighbor,
and work for the reconciliation of the world.**
We have the peace of God within us,
breathed into us since the beginning.
⌘ **Let us live into the wisdom of God
each and every day!**

ANTHEM

"Faith of Our Mothers"
SALLY ANN MORRIS

Women of the Choir
Ainsley Pudenz, *Oboe*

*Faith of our mothers, living still,
through gifts derided, calls denied,
striving undaunted through the years,
tell bolted doors have opened wide:
Faith of our mothers, firm and strong,
voices long silenced rise in song!*

*Faith of our sisters, serving still,
with towel and basin, cup and bread,
tending earth's needs with patient care,
till hurts are healed and hungers fed:
Faith of our sisters' art and skill,
loving with heart and mind and will.*

*Faith of our daughters, hoping still,
venturing pathways yet untrod,*

*partners in witness to the world,
seeking a living, moving God:
Faith of our daughters, bold and true,
restless till Christ makes all things new.*

*Faith of our families, growing still,
varied in gender, class, and race,
patchwork of patterns, shapes, and hues,
vast as the mantle of God's grace:
Faith of our families, growing faith,
we honor you in life and death.*

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

Helen Griffin

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING²

SCRIPTURE READING

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-36

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Rev. Cheri Harper
*Mission Associate for Presbyterian Women
Louisville, Kentucky*

"Faith in Action - Wisdom at Work!"

Responding to God's Word

***RESPONSE**

"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

#452
Chancel Choir

A time of reflection and meditation.

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord.
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you;
I want to see you;*

*To see you high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love as we sing
"Holy, holy, holy"
Holy, holy, holy
Holy, holy, holy
I want to see you.*

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Tempe Empty Bowls

Dan Abbott

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE²

Send prayer requests by texting or leaving a message at (480) 256-8216.

PRAYER OF JESUS (Modern)

⌘ **Our Creator in Heaven, blessed be your name.
Your kin-dom come, your will be done on earth
as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Keep us from temptation, and deliver us from evil.
For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory,
are yours now and forever. Amen.**

LITANY OF THANKS FOR WISE WOMEN¹

We give thanks for the lessons taught to us by women
who show us the way of wisdom.

⌘ **Happy are those who keep her ways.**

We rejoice in the instructions given by Woman Wisdom
who shows us how to proclaim God's goodness
at home and out at the gates.

⌘ **Happy are those who keep her ways.**

We rejoice in the faithfulness demonstrated by Sarah
who shows us how to trust that God will fulfill promises
given to all.

⌘ **Happy are those who keep her ways.**

We rejoice in the prophetic word spoken by Anna
who shows us that a Savior is near who will redeem
the world.

⌘ **Happy are those who keep her ways.**

We rejoice in the strength of Prisca
who shows us how to lead the church through service
to others.

⌘ **Happy are those who keep her ways.**

We rejoice in the generosity of Mary
who shows us that giving an expensive gift of perfume
can demonstrate hospitality and devotion.

⌘ **Happy are those who keep her ways.**

We rejoice in the commitment, bold witness, and grace
shown to us by women we find in scripture.

May we listen, learn, and be made wise through them.

⌘ **Happy are those who keep her ways.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"
ARR. ALBERT TRAVIS

Jon Sywassink,
Organist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

*HYMN

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"
(Verses 1, 3, 4)

New Century Hymnal
United Church of Christ
#173

*You have come to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise or the wealthy;
But only asking for me to follow.*

Refrain

***Jesus, you have looked in to my eyes;
Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
Now with you I will seek other seas.***

*You need my hands, my exhaustion,
Working love for the rest of the weary
A love that's willing to go on loving. [Refrain]*

You who have fished other waters;

*you , the longing of souls that are yearning:
As loving Friend, you have come to call me. [Refrain]*

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Grant Us Wisdom”
ARR. PAUL MANZ

Jon Sywassink
Organist

***The postlude is a time of reflection on how God has been
present to us during worship,
and is present to us in our daily lives.***

*Remember you are the light of the world!
Let your light shine!*

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Today’s Worship Leaders

Elder in Charge

Ushers

Worship Techs

Trustee on Duty

Deacon of the Month

Sanctuary Readiness

Jim Hershauer

Jim Hershauer & team

Chris Trella, Bianca Osorio

Ryan Kemp

Andrea White

Larry Seubert

MEMORIAL PLANT: *Given this day by Kathy Wagner, dedicated to her daughter, Sarah’s birthday.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *Opened to the Page: A memorial perpetuated the Piano presented by UPW Mr. & Mrs. Lester Brunnenmeyer, directed to the Fellowship Hall. September 1979”*

¹ Adapted from the 2021 Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Dedication Service, provided to UPC by Rev. Cheri Harper.

² Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 2* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013), Kindle edition, Loc. 195ff.



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