



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

February 27, 2022

Transfiguration Sunday

Mission Month 2022

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Suzanne Niemann

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

"We Walk by Faith"
ARR. JAMES BIERY

Jon Sywassink,
Organist

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 WORSHIP

By God's grace in Christ
we are being transformed
into "doers" of God's holy and eternal word.

⌘ **We proclaim the love of God
when we are hearers and then doers
of God's teachings.**

Come, let us proclaim the glory of our Creator
and tune our hearts
to the beating of God's heart throughout the universe.

⌘ **Let us follow in the footsteps
of all the faithful who paved this path before us.
Let us walk in the footsteps of
Miriam, Martha, Mary, Dorcas, Naomi, and Ruth.**
Let us follow in the footsteps of all God's faithful!

*HYMN

"For All the Faithful Women"

#324

For all the faithful women
who served in days of old,
to you shall thanks be given;
to all, their story told.
They served with strength and gladness
in tasks your wisdom gave.
To you their lives bore witness,
proclaimed your power to save.

We praise your name for Miriam,
Who sang triumphantly while Pharaoh's
vaunted army lay drowned beneath the sea;
For Ruth, who left her homeland
And ventured forth in faith,
Who pledged to serve and worship
Naomi's God till death.

We sing of busy Martha, who toiled
With pot and pan while Mary sat in silence
To hear the word again.
We praise the other Mary,
Who hastened to the tomb
And found her Lord arisen,
Dispelling doubt and gloom.

Lord, hear our praise of Dorcas,

Who served the sick and poor.
Her hands were cups of kindness
Her heart an open door.
O God for saints and servants,
Our fervent prayer we raise,
That, faithful in your service,
Our lives may sing your praise.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

⌘ **Merciful and gracious God,
we humble ourselves before your unending compassion,
recognizing the measure of our falling short of your glory.
We have not loved as you command.
We have not spoken truly.
We have not cared for creation,
including ourselves,
according to your will.
What we intend, we have not pursued;
what we mean to avoid, we embrace.
Help us to know the mind of Christ,
that in all thoughts, words, and deeds,
our lives might come to honor you.
Hear our prayers, O God,
and may our deepest desires flow from yours.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

When one turns to God,
the veil of not knowing is removed.
Our sins are forgiven by the grace of God.
⌘ **May we see with God's eyes
and seek the good in and for this world.**
Live as renewed people.
Live as loved people.
Live as people whose eyes have been opened.

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

Chris Casanova

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

"Open the Eyes of My Heart Lord"

#452

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.

SCRIPTURE READING

James 1.19-25
Luke 9.29-43a

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.
⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

“Faith in Action - Be doers of the word!”

Responding to God’s Word

*RESPONSE

“Rise”

BY ARIANNE ABELA

Chancel Choir

A time of reflection and meditation.

I will rise with all my daughters, I will rise against my foes
I will rise with all the mothers, I will carry all their woes
I will rise to fight for freedom, I will rise though faced with fears
I will rise against all hatred while my eyes are veiled with tears

I will rise for religious freedom, for a rich diversity
I will rise for all the weary, for each lonely refugee
I will work for all our women who deserve equal pay
I will work for all our children who await a better day

Sisters oh, stand with me
Rise up hand in hand

Oh, stand with me
We will rise to spread love across this bitter land

I will rise for love and justice that we may see a better day
I will rise in peace and service for our world in disarray
I will rise with all my brothers for all those who cannot stand
I will rise with all our fathers who have lost a home & land

I will rise to build up bridges for this broken world we see
I will tear down walls between us that divide you and me

Brothers oh, stand with me
Rise up hand in hand
Oh, stand with me
We will rise to spread love across this bitter land
I will rise.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING¹

OFFERTORY

"We've Come This Far by Faith"
ALBERT GOODSON

Jon Sywassink,
Organist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

"O God in Whom All Life Begins"

#308

O God in whom all life begins,
who births the seed to fruit,
bestow your blessing on our lives;
here let your love find root.
Bring forth in us the Spirit's gifts
of patience, joy, and peace;
deliver us from numbing fear,
and grant our faith increase.

Unite in mutual ministry
our minds and hands and hearts
that we may have the grace to seek
the power your peace imparts.
So let our varied gifts combine
to glorify your Name
that in all things by word and deed
we may your love proclaim.

Through tears and laughter, grief and joy,
enlarge our trust and care;
so bind us in community
that we may risk and dare.
Be with us when we gather here
to worship, sing, and pray,
then send us forth in power and faith
to live the words we say.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

Reprise of "Rise"
BY ARIANNE ABELA

Chancel Choir

***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	Lawn Griffiths
Ushers	Larry Seubert and team
Worship Techs	Chris Trella, Sada Reed, Jim Niemann
Trustee on Duty	Ryan Kemp
Deacon of the Month	Andrea White
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

¹ Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year C, Volume 1* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2012), p. 93ff, Kindle edition loc. 2037ff.

MEMORIAL PLANT: *Given this day by Sandy & Joe Simmons in celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *Opened to the Page: A Special gift of Extruda Curbing presented by Wilma & Marion Niemeir directed to Facilities, June 22, 1980.*



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