



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 16, 2022

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Sabbath

9:30 a.m.

Liturgists: UPC Youth and Children

*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

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

Ted Gibson



God is good!

⌘ All the time!

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### 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

*"When the Sun Rises"*  
NANCY AND RANDELL FABER

Josie Silcox

*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.*

*Candles 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**

Power and might and majesty  
belong to God who created and is creating.

⌘ **Thanks be to God for God's mighty wonders.**

Like the image of the powerful wind,  
and heavens as a garment,  
God's majesty is revealed in all creation.

⌘ **We look around us at the wonders and marvel,  
and the infinite variety and beauty  
which God has created.**

Who are we, that God should pay attention to us?

⌘ **We are God's beloved children,  
the stewards whom God has selected  
to care for the world.**

God's word lives within us,  
for it is written on our hearts.

⌘ **Living Word, Great Teacher,  
lead us and guide us! Amen!**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN**

*"We Are One in the Spirit"*

#300

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

⌘ **From the least of us, to the greatest, God,  
we want to know you;  
we yearn to follow where you lead us;  
we need your guidance.  
But even as we listen for your direction,  
other voices compete for our attention  
with teachings that suit our desires.  
Our thoughts drift so far from your truth,  
that fables and fancies begin to seem real.  
Holy One,  
open our hearts and minds.  
By your Spirit,  
convince, rebuke, and encourage us  
as only you can;**

teach, correct, and inspire us  
in the ways of your salvation. Amen.

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE<sup>1</sup>**

God hears the cries of our hearts,  
sees our actions,  
knows our attitudes.

⌘ **In the midst of our sinfulness,**

**God reaches out to heal and forgive us.**

Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you.

Live in God's love.

⌘ **Thanks be to the God of our salvation.**

### **\*RESPONSE TO GRACE**    *"Rejoice in the Lord Always"*

Traditional

1.  
Re - joyce in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re -

2.  
joyce in the Lord al - ways, a - gain I say, re-joyce! Re-joyce! Re-joyce! A -

*Last time*  
gain I say, re-joyce! Re - joyce! Re-joyce! A - gain I say, re-joyce!

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The first staff begins with a first ending bracket. The second staff begins with a second ending bracket. The third staff concludes with a final double bar line and a fermata over the final note.

## **Listening for God's Word**

### **MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN**

Suzanne Niemann and

Vicki Jacobs

*Children are always welcome in worship. We know they'll make some noise during the service—we understand and welcome their participation in their own way.*

*Parents, if needed, at any time during the service you may take your children into the narthex to stretch their legs or to our special children's corner in the rear of the sanctuary.*

*We do offer childcare upon request—please speak to the Elder in Charge in the Narthex.*

**ANTHEM**

*“Prayer of the Children”*  
KURT BESTOR, ARRANGED BY ANDREA S. KLOUSE

Chancel Choir

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 119:97-104  
Jeremiah 31:31-34  
2 Timothy 3:14-17

Good News Translation  
OT pg. 735  
NT pg. 213

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

**SERMON**

*“Written on Our Hearts”*

Ted Gibson, Josie Silcox,  
Emily Youngs, Sofie Youngs

# Responding to God’s Word

**\*RESPONSE**

*“Thy Word is a Lamp unto My Feet”*

#458

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

*“Intergenerational Event”*

Bianca Osorio, Lawn Griffiths

**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 OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Traditional Persian Dulcimer Song*

Ramtin

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

## **Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNITY**

**\*HYMN**

*"Seek Ye First"*

#175

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

ARR. JASON PAYNE

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**

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TBD

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B. Osorio, D. Watkins

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**MEMORIAL PLANT:** *None given in the month of October. Please contact Deacons Kathy Wagner or Jan Felton to sign up!*

**MEMORIAL BOOK:** *Gift of Christmas Greenery in remembrance of George Maynard & Mildred Hardy Lemon, presented by Carol Brookes, 1980.*

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