



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

September 3, 2023

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Labor Day Weekend Hymn Sing

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Nancy Martin

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.



Christ be with you!

⌘ **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

"The Gift of Love"

ARR. JOSEPH MARTIN

Jon Sywassink,

Pianist

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

The God of our ancestors calls us to worship!

⌘ **Praise be to God!**

Let the hearts of those who seek the Holy One rejoice!

**⌘ Let us worship our Creator
and celebrate one another!**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ And also be with you.

***HYMN**

"Amazing Grace"

#649

HYMN SING I

664 - Morning Has Broken (vv. 1, 2)

20 - All Things Bright and Beautiful (vv. 1, 4)

408 - There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit (vv. 1, 2)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

**⌘ God of mercy,
we confess that, like the disciples,
we set our minds not on divine things
but on human things.
Doubting your loving care,
we grab for more than we need.
Doubting your loving purposes,
we shrink from living as your followers.
Doubting your loving compassion,
we become stumbling blocks in your creation.
Forgive us that we may gain new life in you.
Hear our confessions, O God,
and make right and new spirits within us.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

Jesus took up his cross for the sake of the world,
revealing a different way of being:

⌘ A way of peace, hope, and love.

In Jesus, God has shown us a new life of grace.

Trust in the good news of your forgiveness.

⌘ Praise be to God! Alleluia!

***RESPONSE TO GRACE**

"Alleluia!"
(Celtic Alleluia)

#587

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

HYMN SING II

- 37 - Let All Things Now Living (vv. 1, 2)
- 66 - Every Time I Feel the Spirit (vv. 1, 2)
- 291 - Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness (vv. 1, 4)

Listening for God's Word

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 105.1-6, 23-26, 45c
Romans 12.9-21

OT pg. 556
NT pg. 162

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

ANTHEM

"Love is Love is Love is Love"
BY ABBIE BETINIS

Chancel Choir

Love, love, love. All we need is love, love love. All we need is love.

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MOMENT FOR THE CHILDREN

Nancy Martin

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 offer childcare upon request for children up to 5 years old — please speak to the Elder in Charge in the Narthex.

Responding to God's Word

***RESPONSE**

"Amen"

#600

A - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

The musical score is written in 2/2 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line starts with a half note 'A' followed by a dotted half note 'men,' and then a half note 'a' followed by a dotted half note 'men.' The piano accompaniment provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The second system continues the vocal line with 'A - men, a - men, a - men.' and the piano accompaniment.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING¹

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

HYMN SING III

300 - They'll Know We Are Christians (vv. 1, 2)

69 - I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord) (vv. 1, 3)

157 - I Danced in the Morning (vv. 1, 3)

The Lord's Supper

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

You are invited and encouraged to have some bread or something to eat and a drink as we celebrate the Eucharist.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God be with you!

⌘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

⌘ **We lift them to our Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

⌘ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Creating God, source of our being, we give you thanks and praise for you have brought forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. ...

... Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with heavenly choirs, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

"Sanctus"

BY CHRISTOPHER GRUNDY

Ho - ly, ho ly, ho - ly, God of love and jus tice, the
u - ni - verse is o ver - flow - ing with your glor y! Bless - ed is the
one who comes here in your name!_

Ho san na in the high - est, al le lu ia!

In Christ you revealed your truth ...

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught, using the words that are on our screens:

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

You may come forward when invited by an usher. Receive the piece of bread as a gift from God. Receive the cup as a reminder of our common bond. Place used communion cup on the basket provided.

If you have brought your own elements or are celebrating communion at home, you may receive God's gifts when you are ready.

*COMMUNION HYMN

"Come to the Table of Grace"

#507

1 Come to the ta-ble of grace. Come to the ta-ble of
 grace. This is God's ta-ble; it's not yours or
 mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

2. *Come to the table of peace. ...*
3. *Come to the table of love. ...*
4. *Come to the table of hope. ...*
5. *Come to the table of joy. ...*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

"Be Thou My Vision"

#450

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
ARR. DAN MILLER

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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www.upctempe.org/email.

Today's Worship Leaders

Elder in Charge	Wendy Sevlie
Ushers	Tom & Wendy Sevlie, Chet Henry
Worship Techs	Sada Reed, Chris Trella
Trustee on Duty	Carol Rickel
Deacon of the Month	Nancy Martin
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WHITE ROSE: *In memory of Evelyn Gilmartin a white rose is placed on the communion table today.*

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *None given this day.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Margarite Long, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Sacaton Circle, December 1985.*

The World: Prayers for peace around the world, especially in places of war, famine, strife.

All elected leaders: The President of the United States, members of the U.S. Congress and Senate, governors, county officials, mayors, and city council members, that they may all work toward peace for our cities, nation, and world.

Continued Prayers: Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Carl and Barbara Smith; Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke.

Homebound: Elaine Murray, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Betsy Youngs, Karson Hawkins

If your birthday is missing, please contact the church office to let us know the date so we can celebrate with you!

Elders: Alan Sweeney, Lawn Griffiths, Molly Winkler, Brigitta Kuiper, Pastor Eric Ledermann

Deacons: Nancy Martin, Jim Niemann, Laura Green, Jeanette Miller

Trustees: Carol Rickel, Cheri Hardy, Dan Maloney

Presbytery: Ft. McDowell Presbyterian (Yavapai), Ft. McDowell, their moderator, Rev. Martha Sadongei and their clerk of session, Leonardine Walker

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME: No classes for Labor Day weekend

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: No classes for Labor Day weekend

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Sanctuary):

- **Sep. 3** - No class for Labor Day weekend
- **Sep. 10, 17** - Overview of *Sacred Encounters: The Power of Jesus Christ in Luke and Acts*, the 2023-24 Horizons Bible Study, written by Olive Mohair, led by Chris Casanova and Rev. Beverly Phillips.
- **Sep. 24, Oct. 1** - "Music of the '60s" with Rev. Ken Moe

LECTIO DIVINA BIBLE STUDY (Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., Zoom): Join us as we read, reflect upon, and study the scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday in the Revised Common Lectionary. The new year, Year A, of the Revised Common Lectionary is available for download: List Form (www.upctempe.org/rcl).

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have an announcement for our weekly emails and bulletin, submit it to the church office no later than Wednesday of each week. Send it to upc@upctempe.org.

Note: All Zoom meetings may be accessed online via the links provided, or by calling (602) 753-0140 and entering the Meeting ID (the numbers in the weblinks below) and the password, "139." Long distance rates may apply.

FEMININE HYGIENE KITS PACKING HOUR (Sunday, Sep. 3, 10:45 am, Meeting Room): We are ready to pack 100 kits for delivery to our Haitian partners in ministry. Join us if you can!! All are welcome. We will finish packing in under an hour.

CALLING ALL MEN OF UPC (Saturday, Sep. 9, 8:00 am, Meeting Room): The first meeting of the Men's Breakfast is coming up. Breakfast will be served. Lots of information and decisions to make. We hope to see you there!

FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB (Friday, Sep 22, 7:00 p.m., Zoom): "The Covenant of Water" by Abraham Verghese. Spanning the years 1900 to 1977, The Covenant of Water is set in Kerala, on South India's Malabar Coast, and follows three generations of a family that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning—and in Kerala, water is everywhere.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON: We are entering a period when we put special times aside to reflect on God's generosity and how we can respond with our time, skills, and financial resources. In the coming week, you should receive a mailing with the form for your best estimate of what financial support you will give to our church. Continue to pray and plan to return your pledge whether on paper or on-line at www.upctempe.org/pledge by September 24th.

CONSECRATION SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCHEON (Sep. 24, 10:45 am, Fellowship Hall): The Stewardship Committee is looking forward to sharing this year's "Stewardship Season" with you. Our theme this year is "Connecting Community" and will culminate during worship on Consecration Sunday, Sep. 24th, which will include a potluck lunch afterward. The Stewardship Committee would appreciate your help on that day with set-up or with clean-up. If you can help, contact the committee chair, Katie Ranes, at kranesupc@yahoo.com or (480) 458-7432.

RISE SHINE BREAD: We have delivered 4,874 mini-loaves and 3,925 full-sized loaves of bread to those in need. Thanks to the UPC bakers and please invite your friends to become a baker. Please contact Andrea White at info@riseshinebread.org or (480) 580-3021. Here is a link to a video you can view! <https://youtu.be/Go5llLLjTuw>.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP PAD (www.upctempe.org/fellowship, or scan the QR code):

If you are attending worship either on Zoom or YouTube, remember to complete the online Fellowship Pad and include your prayer requests. Also, if you have new contact



info (phone, email, etc.), include that info as well and check the "New contact info" box. ***If your contact info has not changed, you do not need to include your address or phone number.***

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

AFN's BOOK DISCUSSION: *The Man in the Dog Park* by Dr. Cathy Small (September & October, Tuesdays, 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm): Join the Arizona Faith Network's Hunger and Housing Committee for a 4-part book discussion series as a part of our Housing 101 series that seeks to explore varying aspects of housing in our great state so that we can build understanding among people from different faiths. The series is broken down in 4 segments and explores Coming To Terms & Engagement with homelessness, Stigma and Time Spent, Impact of Capitalism, and Coming Home. The series dates are Sep 14, Sep 26, Oct 10, and Oct 24. Hear from local NAU professor emeritus, Dr. Cathy Small, with a guest presenter during our last session (the co-author of the book). RSVP at <https://form-usa.keela.co/the-man-in-the-dog-park>.

UPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Find Zoom links and calendar updates at
www.upctempe.org/events.*

*Subscribe to the Weekly Update for Zoom links:
www.upctempe.org/email*

Sun., Sep 3

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-5)

Labor Day Weekend

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
 Labor Day Weekend Hymn Sing!

10:45 am Feminine Hygiene Kit Packing (MR)
 No Regular Sunday School

Mon., Sep 4

Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-5)

Labor Day - Full-time Staff Holiday

4:30 pm ACE Team (Z)

7:00 pm Administration Committee (Z)

8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Sep 5

Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-5)

Wed., Sep 6

Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-5)

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)

10:15 am Office Calendaring Meeting (CR)

3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (Z)

5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (K, FH)

5:15 pm Online Social Hour (Z)
 6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Thu., Sep 7

Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-5)

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)
 7:00 pm CE Committee (Z)

Fri., Sep 8

Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-5)

3:00 pm I-HELP –Meal: Sai Organization (FH, K)
 8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Sep 9

Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rm 2-5)

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart
 8:00 am Men’s Breakfast (MR)

Sun., Sep 10

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Family Promise Departs (MR, K, L, Rm 2-5)

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
 11:00 am Children’s Bible Time (Rm 3)
 11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Youth Room)
 11:00 am Adult Christian Education (S)

Location/Room References:

(CH)-Choir Room (CR)-Conference Room/Office (COR/Rm7)-Community Room
 (FH)-Fellowship Hall (MG) Memorial Garden (HSR)-High School Room
 (MSR)-Middle School Room (K)-Fellowship Hall Kitchen
 (L)-Lounge (MR)-Meeting Room (PO)-Pastor’s Office
 (Rm#)-Room Number Indicated (S)-Sanctuary
 (Z)-On Zoom (See Weekly Update or UPC Calendar for links)



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Pastor’s Office Hours:

*Available by appointment Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays
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