

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 1, 2023

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

World Communion Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Faye Gardner



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

"Holy Manna"
BY WILLIAM MOORE

Ted Gibson,
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 WORSHIP²**

Based on Psalm 19 (NRSV)

We gather from east to west,
and from north to south

⌘ **to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**

This God of peace accompanies us
in each and every moment of our lives.

⌘ **We praise God's name!
Amen!**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also be with you.**

***HYMN**

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

#475

PRAYER OF CONFESSION²

Originally written in Arabic by Jameel Maher Khadir, Near East School of Theology student, Episcopal Church in Jerusalem.

Gracious God, creator of this universe,
in your generosity you have given us
a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.

⌘ **We confess that we have defaced your creation
and poisoned our environment
through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain.**

In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters
and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us
from those who are different from us.

⌘ **You gave us wisdom and creativity
and we have used those to trick each other
and to develop weapons of destruction and death.**

You gave us laws to order our lives
and we have abused them
to take revenge and punish our enemies.

⌘ **We love war rather than strive for peace.
We ignore the poor and the weak
and honored the rich and powerful.**

In all this we have not lived according to your will.
Forgive us, Creator,
for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize that you alone
are worthy of praise.

⌘ **In your mercy, forgive us our sins.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

Righteousness does not come
from our own doing or not doing.
Righteousness comes from God through faith.

⌘ **By the example of faithfulness
we have been given in Christ,
may we share in God's abundant forgiveness
and be made whole again.**

***RESPONSE TO GRACE**

*"Alleluia!"
(Celtic Alleluia)*

#587

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

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT FOR THE CHILDREN

Faye Gardner

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.

ANTHEM

"One Bread, One Body"

Chancel Choir

BY JOHN FOLEY

One bread, one body, one Lord of all
One cup of blessing which we bless
And we, though many, throughout the Earth
We are one body in this one Lord.
Gentile or Jew. Servant or free
Woman or man no more
Many the gifts, many the works
One in the Lord of all

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING²

Written by Magdaléna Trgalová, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 2.1-13
Matthew 21.12-17, 23-32

NT pg. 197
NT pg. 23

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

"Hi, I'm a Recovering Christian - Part 1"

Responding to God's Word

*RESPONSE

"Sanctuary"

#701

Lord, pre-pare me to be a sanc-tu - ar - y, pure and
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks-giv - ing, I'll be a
liv - ing sanc-tu - ar - y for you.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Faye Gardner

PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING¹

Offering may be given as an act of worship during Sunday service, mailed to the church office, or through our website at www.upctempe.org/giving.

OFFERTORY

"Come, Let Us Eat"

Jon Sywassink,

BILLEMA KWILLIA, ARR. TIM FIELDS

Organist

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

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, Let Us Eat"

#528

*Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread;
Come, let us eat, for now the feast is spread.
Our Lord's body let us take together;
Our Lord's body let us take together.*

*Come, let us drink, for now the cup is poured;
Come, let us drink, for now the cup is poured.
Fill the cup and let us drink together;
Fill the cup and let us drink together.*

*In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest;
In Jesus' presence now we meet and rest.
In the presence of our Lord we gather;
In the presence of our Lord we gather.*

*Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word;
Rise, then, to spread abroad God's mighty word.
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom;
Jesus risen will bring in the kingdom.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

#687

(vv. 1, 3, 4, 6)

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

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!*

**Sign up for our Weekly Update email at
www.upctempe.org/email.**

Today’s Worship Leaders

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² Adapted from *PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Special Offerings: Worship Resource* (Louisville, KY: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), 2023).

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *Given today by Bob & Sue Schnebel in memory of family.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Lillian Yarter, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Friends, February 1986.*

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; Diane Watkins; Carl, Sue Coleman’s nephew-in-law.

Homebound: Elaine Murray, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Sada Reed, Stan Settles, Sharon Thompkins

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

Elders: Vicki Jacobs, Katie Ranes, Sara Trower

Deacons: Jo Lewis, Roann Monson, Jan Felton, Holly Silcox

Trustees: Diane Watkins, Kathleen Davison, Ryan Kemp

Presbytery: Guadalupe Presbyterian, Guadalupe, their moderator, Rev. Joe Keesecker, and their clerk of session, Jimmy Molina

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Rm 2): Bible Time explores lessons to be learned from Old and New Testament scriptures through music, hands-on activities, and stories. All children grades K-4 are welcome

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Youth Room): We have a great group of youth in grades 6-12 who are excited for our upcoming events. Be on the lookout for monthly service projects as part of our regular Sunday fellowship. All middle schoolers (6th-8th grades) and high schoolers (9th-10th grades) are invited to join us on Sunday mornings after worship at 11 am! If you have questions or would like more info, contact Ted Gibson, Christian Education director, at tedgibson@upctempe.org.

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

- **Oct. 1** - "Music of the '60s" with Rev. Ken Moe
- **Oct. 8** - "Music of the '70s" with Rev. Ken Moe
- **Oct. 15** - *Poverty by America* led by Faye Gardner

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.

STEWARDSHIP SEASON: Last week members and friends joined together in a potluck to celebrate our connections. We also participated in worship including the consecration of ourselves, our gifts and our resources. Thank you to all of you who participated. If you have not completed your pledge estimate for 2024, it's not too late. Use the online form at upctempe.org/pledge or send your pledge form to the office.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING: During the first two weeks of October, UPC will collect the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Monies from this offering will be used to address systems of conflict and injustice around the world and in our Presbytery and community. Fifty percent of the collection will go to the Presbyterian Mission Agency, 25% will be retained by the Presbytery, and 25% will be put to work by UPC.

MSJP has voted to donate our 25% to PLAN – the Phoenix Legal Action Network. PLAN provides quality, free legal services to non-detained immigrants in our community. The Executive Director of PLAN is Rekha Nair, the attorney representing four of our Iranian asylum seekers- Farshid, Soheila, Sara, and Meysam. Rekha is a first generation immigrant herself and has been fighting to protect and expand the rights of immigrants and their families in Arizona since 2014. Rekha successfully represented Farshid and Soheila at their immigration court trial in April. They are now official legal asylees and eligible to apply for their green cards. The trial for Sara and Meysam is scheduled for Dec. 12th. Rekha loves chocolate and speaking Spanish; she abhors injustice and most fruit. She has also demonstrated her support of our mission here at UPC, and this donation will help her continue PLAN's much-needed work. Please consider making a generous gift to the Peace and Global Witness Offering by Oct. 15th.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: In a week or so, sign ups begin for all the worship assignments for November through January. Think about being liturgist, giving a children's talk, presenting a mission you feel passionate about, ushering, welcoming worshippers, lighting candles, serving coffee or learning to work the video and sound during the service. Please consider becoming involved in one or two of the many activities that make Sunday Mornings / Worship work. For questions or sign up, please contact Joan Grey (602) 818-1110 or joanmg251@cox.net.

GUADALUPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (Wednesday, Oct. 4, 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.): Join us to meet the Rev. Angie Wusang, one of this year's visiting International Peacemakers. She is an ordained pastor in the Christian Evangelical Church in Minahasa, Indonesia. This link will take you

to a “traditional Indonesian melody that has become the basis for one of the most widely known worship songs from Asia.” This will be part of the program. Listen a couple times to get the melody in your minds! https://youtu.be/ud9Kv3jmdG4?si=DePnRStQTdAE_kAS. Guadalupe Presbyterian Church, 8619 S Ave Del Yaqui, Guadalupe AZ 85283.

9TH ANNUAL INTERGENERATIONAL FALL FESTIVAL AND TALENT SHOW (Sunday Oct. 22, 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall): The Congregational Involvement and Outreach Committee again will present the popular night of grassroots variety entertainment and talent show, White Elephant Giveaways, and tacos. Looking for singers, ensembles, instrumentalists, dancers, comic acts, readers, tumblers, and more. Five-minute acts. Sign-up with Lawn Griffiths, tempelawn@msn.com or call (480) 894-1557. All invited to donate fun items from around the house for giveaway with free ticket drawings. Bring items to the office or by Sunday morning of the event.

FINAL ASYLUM TRIAL: The final asylum trial for Sara and Meysam will take place in mid-December. By the end of October, their attorney would like to have letters of support ready to send to the court. There are several clipboards in the Narthex asking for your signature signifying your support for their asylum. Please stop and sign one on your way in or out of worship. The judge found these letters very powerful at Farshid and Soheila’s trial this past spring. If any of you would like to write a personal letter of support, that is also appropriate. Please see Holly to coordinate.

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.

UPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

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

Subscribe to the Weekly Update for Zoom links:
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Sun., Oct 1*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**PC (USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering**World Communion Sunday*

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)

Mon., Oct 2

4:30 pm ACE Team (Z)
 7:00 pm Administration Committee (Z)
 8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Oct 3

8:00 pm Stewardship Meeting (Z)

Wed., Oct 4

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
 10:15 am Office Calendar 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., Oct 5

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

Fri., Oct 6

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

Sat., Oct 7

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart
 9:00 am Baseball Card Show (FH)

Sun., Oct 8*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

Contact the church office or the pastor to schedule,

or go to www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule.