



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 8, 2023

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Vicki Jacobs

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

"Beautiful Saviour"
ARR. JERRY RAY

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 WORSHIP¹**

Based on Psalm 19.1-4

The heavens declare the glory of God!

‡ **The skies proclaim God's handiwork.**

The day pronounces God's glory without a sound,

‡ **the night expounds God's knowledge without a word,
and yet their voice goes out through all the earth.**

Let us join our voices with the voice of creation
in declaring God's glory!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Friends, may the peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"I Come with Joy"

#515

(vv. 1, 4, 5)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

‡ **Rescuing God,**

**you brought your people out of the land of captivity,
out of the house of slavery.**

**Forgive us when we willingly return to slavery,
making divine the machine of production,
crafting idols from the excess of consumption.**

**Forgive us when we consider ourselves so grand
that we do not rest and enjoy your presence,
defining ourselves by our ability
rather than your love.**

**Forgive us when we esteem ourselves so little
that we dare not rest and sit with ourselves,
exposed,
without the cloak of productivity.**

**Forgive us when we deem our species so central
that we do not rest and halt consumption,
decimating Earth,
denying her Sabbath and integrity.**

**Forgive us through Christ,
who redeems us from the brokenness of slavery
that we might enjoy your
presence, creation, and community.**

Hear our prayers, Creating God!

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

Righteousness does not come from
our own doing or not doing.

⌘ **Righteousness comes from God, by faith.**

Through the faithfulness of Christ,
we are forgiven.

⌘ **Alleluia! Amen!**

***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

Sue Schnebel

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

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"
BY WILLIAM DAWSON

Chancel Choir

There is a balm in Gilead
To make the wounded whole,
There is a balm in Gilead
To heal the sin-sick soul.

Sometimes I feel discouraged
And think my work's in vain,
But then the Holy Spirit
Revives my soul again.

If you cannot sing like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus
And say "He died for all."

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 20.1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Matthew 21.33-46

OT pg. 66
NT pg. 24

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

SERMON

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

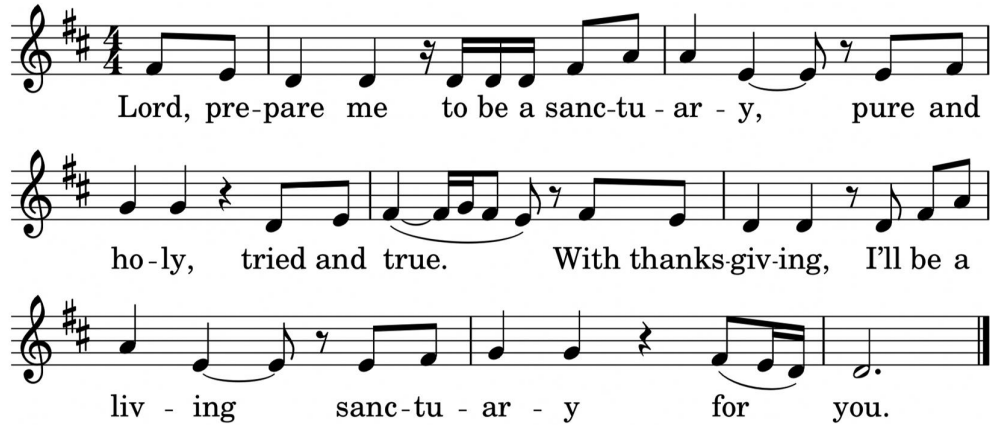
"Hi, I'm a Recovering Christian - Part 2"

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.

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

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"
ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

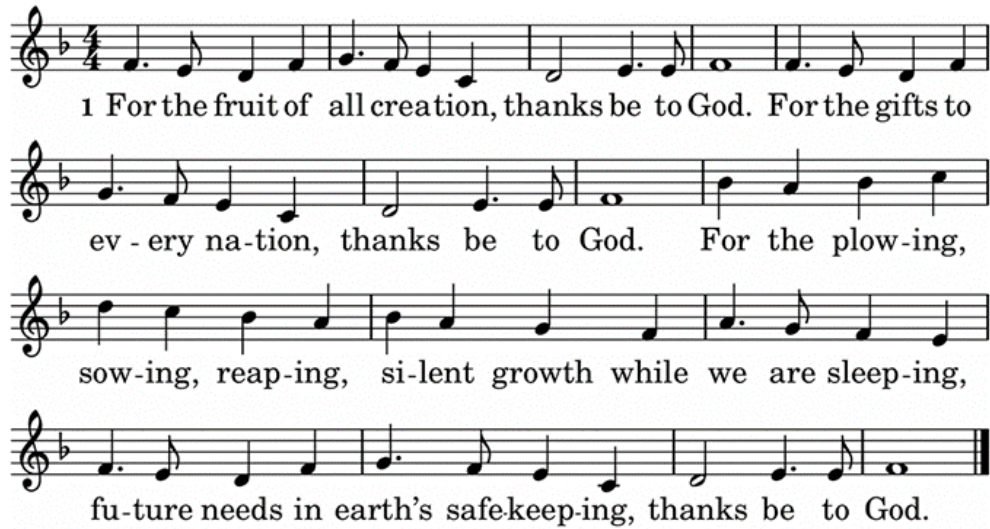
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Organist

***DOXOLOGY**

"For the Fruit of Creation"

#36

(v. 1)



1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to
ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God. For the plow - ing,
sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

"Jesus Calls Us"

#720

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"Voluntary"

ARR. CHARLES CALLAHAN

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

Usher in Charge
Ushers

Sue Schnebel
Sue Schnebel & team

Worship Techs
Trustee on Duty
Deacon of the Month
Sanctuary Readiness

TBD, Sada Reed
Cheri Hardy
Patty Griffiths
Larry Seubert

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¹Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013), Kindle edition loc. 3414ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *Given today by JoAnne Dahlmeier in honor of her wonderful mother Madge Catherine DeRosier.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Lillian Yarter, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Jan Beal, 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: Sara Trower, Evelyn Settles

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

Elders: Paul Green, Catherine May, Joan Grey

Deacons: Nan Beams, Patty Griffiths, Cathy Richardson, Jey Young

Trustees: Helen Griffin, Pete Godfrey, Chris Trella

Presbytery: First Presbyterian (Navajo), Indian Wells, their moderator, Rev. Norma McCabe, and their clerk of session, Clarissa Nez

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. 8** - "Music of the '70s" with Rev. Ken Moe
- **Oct. 15** - *Poverty by America* led by Faye Gardner
- **Oct. 22** - Bill Brown on Poverty with Rev. Shelly Moe
- **Oct. 29** - Reformation Sunday: Hunger in America with Jason Reed, CEO, United Food Bank

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: We continue in the season when we again commit ourselves to God's work through us. The pledge estimate is one way we accomplish our cooperative efforts. Thank you to all of you who have already submitted your form. If you have not done so, please complete your pledge estimate on-line at www.upctempe.org/pledge or through the printed pledge form. Even if you cannot pledge financially you can pledge your support of UPC on this form, promising to give your prayers for our collective work. Completing your pledge estimate provides information for your church leaders' planning. Expect to receive follow-up communication from the Stewardship Committee if you have not completed your form.

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.

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 FOR SARA AND MEYSAM (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:

www.upctempe.org/email

Sun., Oct 8

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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 9

7:00 pm Board of Deacons (Z)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Oct 10

7:00 pm Finance Committee (Z)
7:00 pm Worship Committee (Z)

Wed., Oct 11

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (Z)
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (K, FH)
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Thu., Oct 12

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

Fri., Oct 13

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

Sat., Oct 14

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart
8:00 am Men's Breakfast (MR)
12:00 am Baby Shower - Rental (FH, K)

Sun., Oct 15

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Sabbath

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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