

peace  
*please*

**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**October 15, 2023**

**28th 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**

*"Traditional Persian Dulcimer Song"*

Ramtin Neja

*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**

We have gathered in this space

⌘ **Welcomed like a prodigal child back into our warm, safe home.**

We have gathered in thi2s space

⌘ **Embraced like children greeted by Jesus when others turned us away.**

We have gathered in this space.

⌘ **Let us worship God as beloved children, heirs to God’s beloved kin-dom of peace.**

**\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN**

*“I’ve Got Peace like a River”*

#623

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of peace, you created a world of plenty,

⌘ **Yet there are children starving for food, thirsting for clean water.**

You created a world of peace,

⌘ **Yet there are children in the path of war, innocent lives lost to the violence of weapons and hatred.**

You created a world with time for rest,

⌘ **Yet there are children in homes and communities so wrought with uncertainty and fear that no rest comes and sleep carries with it memories of fear.**

You created a world touched by your compassionate hand,

⌘ **Yet there are children who never hear kindness and never experience unconditional love in ways they can understand.**

It is our sin, through what we have done and what we have left undone, what we have said and what we have kept silent, that has caused your world to feel less compassionate, less restful, less peaceful and less bountiful.

⌘ **Forgive us. Place us back into the work of reconciling ourselves to our neighbors and this world so that we may again return to your loving creation.**

*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**

**"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 JUST FOR THE CHILDREN**

Suzanne Niemann

*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**

**"God's Peace"**  
ARRANGED BY C.J. ADAMS

Chancel Choir

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;  
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ and find release.  
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;  
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's grace.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.  
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.  
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.  
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come then, children, with your burdens, life's confusions, fears, and pain.  
Leave them at the cross of Jesus, take instead his kingdom's reign.  
Bring your thirsts, for he will quench them, he alone will satisfy.  
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace.

## PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

### SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5.3-12  
John 14.25-27  
1 Samuel 25:2-38 (reenactment)

NT pg. 4  
NT pg. 109  
OT pg. 269

Word of wisdom,  
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*"Peace Please"*

Ted Gibson

## 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 *"Plastic Bag Collection Drive"*

Youth and Children

### 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

*"Jewels"*  
ARR. DALE WOOD

Jon Sywassink,  
*Organist*

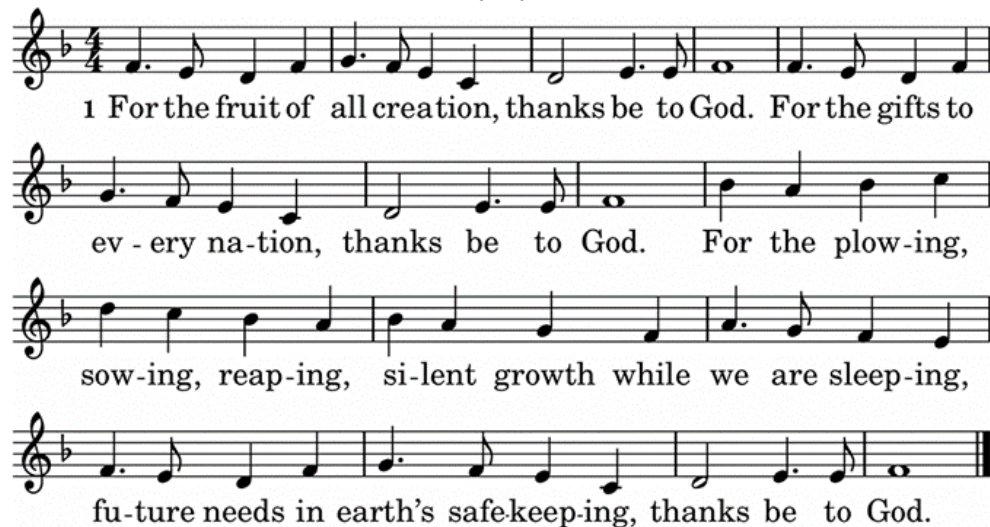
"Little children are the jewels, God's loved and God's own."

### \*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 DEDICATION

# Sent Out in Jesus' Name

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

### \*HYMN

*"Shalom, chaverim!"*  
Farewell, Good Friends

#540

Sha-lom, cha-ve-rim! Sha-lom, cha-ve-rot! Sha-lom, sha -

lom! Le - hit-ra-ot, le - hit-ra-ot, shalom, sha-lom.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*“Improvisation on Shalom, Chaverim!”*  
Traditional Hebrew Melody

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**

|                     |                             |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Elder in Charge     | Larry Seubert               |
| Ushers              | Larry Seubert & Team        |
| Worship Techs       | Bianca Osorio, Chris Trella |
| Trustee on Duty     | Cheri Hardy                 |
| Deacon of the Month | Patty Griffiths             |
| Sanctuary Readiness | Larry Seubert               |

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**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**DEACON HONORARY PLANT:** *None given this week. Please contact Deacon Jay Young to sign up.*

**MEMORIAL BOOK:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Lillian Yarter, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Jane Krantz, 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; Louisa and Lyle Starkey.

**Homebound:** Elaine Murray, Helen Alderson

**Birthdays this coming week:** George Garcia

*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:** First Presbyterian (Navajo), Kayenta, their stated supply, Rev. Norma McCabe and their clerk of session, Milinda Benallie.

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## 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](mailto:tedgibson@upctempe.org).

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

- **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](http://www.upctempe.org/rcl)).

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## 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**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](mailto:joanmg251@cox.net).

**FALL MEMBERSHIP INQUIRY CLASS (Oct., 22, 29, & Nov. 5, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Church Office Conference Room):** Curious about what it means to be a member of UPC and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)? New to UPC and looking to transfer your membership from another congregation? Register for our upcoming Membership Inquiry Class. Led by Pastor Eric, this class is for those new to the church or who may be transferring their membership from another congregation. The class covers some of the basics of Presbyterianism, as well as the culture and practices unique to UPC. This is a great time to ask questions, learn, and find more ways to be involved! There is no obligation to join. This is an invitation to learn! Register at <https://shorturl.at/eACY5>.

**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@riseshinebread.org) or (480) 580-3021. Here is a link to a video you can view! <https://youtu.be/Go5llLlTuw>.

**SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP PAD ([www.upctempe.org/fellowship](http://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.***

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## UPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Find Zoom links and calendar updates at  
[www.upctempe.org/events](http://www.upctempe.org/events).*

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### **Sun., Oct 15**

*28th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*Children's Sabbath*

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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 16**

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| 8:30 pm | AA Meeting (Rm 7) |
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### **Tue., Oct 17**

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| 6:30 pm | CIO Committee (Z)     |
| 7:00 pm | Board of Trustees (Z) |

### **Wed., Oct 18**

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| 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 19**

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)  
 11:00 am Tempe Interfaith Fellowship (Z)

**Fri., Oct 20**

3:00 pm I-HELP –Meal: UPC (FH, K)  
 7:00 pm Friday Night Book Club (Z)  
 8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

**Sat., Oct 21**

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

**Sun., Oct 22**

*29th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)  
 11:00 am Membership Inquiry (CR)  
 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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| Ministers                               | All Members                     |
| Pastor                                  | The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Ledermann  |
| Clerk of Session                        | Brigitta Kuiper                 |
| Director of Music & Christian Education | Ted Gibson                      |
| Organist                                | Jon Sywassink                   |
| Administrative Assistant                | Lori Saager                     |
| Treasurer/Bookkeeper                    | Andrea White                    |
| Attendance Secretaries                  | Sharlan Pierce, Jeanette Miller |
| Custodian                               | Carrie Miter                    |

**Pastor’s Office Hours:**

*Available by appointment Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays*

*Contact the church office or the pastor to schedule,  
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