



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 29, 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Reformation Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Nob Ichishita

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

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

Handbells

ARR. ARNOLD B. SHERMAN

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**

In the gospels it is written that Jesus said:

Matt. 22:37-40

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.

‡ **Jesus also said:**

And you shall love your neighbor as yourself.

On these two commandments

hang all of the law and the prophets.

When we show love for our neighbor
we are sharing our love for God
and God's love for us.

Come, let us worship this God of love and grace.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"I'll Praise My Maker"

#806

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

‡ **Gracious Creator, we confess:**

1 Thess. 2:5-6

we do not live as those worthy to be entrusted

with the good news of your grace;

we relate to others callously

as though we do not trust your gospel;

we seek to please and manipulate,

using flattery to gain praise and distinction;

we use condescension as a mask

to cover insecurity or a need for power.

Our motives are mixed and impure.

O God, reassure and cleanse our hearts and minds

that we may live into and embody your grace!

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

Beloved ones,

believe again the gospel,

that in Christ we are accepted as we are.

‡ **Fellow followers,
believe that we are forgiven,
loved with the delight of a nursing mother.**

Believe that we are the Church,
the body of Christ,
called to love one another as gentle children of God.

***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

Pastor Eric

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

"How Firm a Foundation"
ARR. DAN FORREST

Chancel Choir

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee. O, be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow,

For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!"

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 2.1-8
Matthew 22.34-46

NT pg. 203
NT pg. 25

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

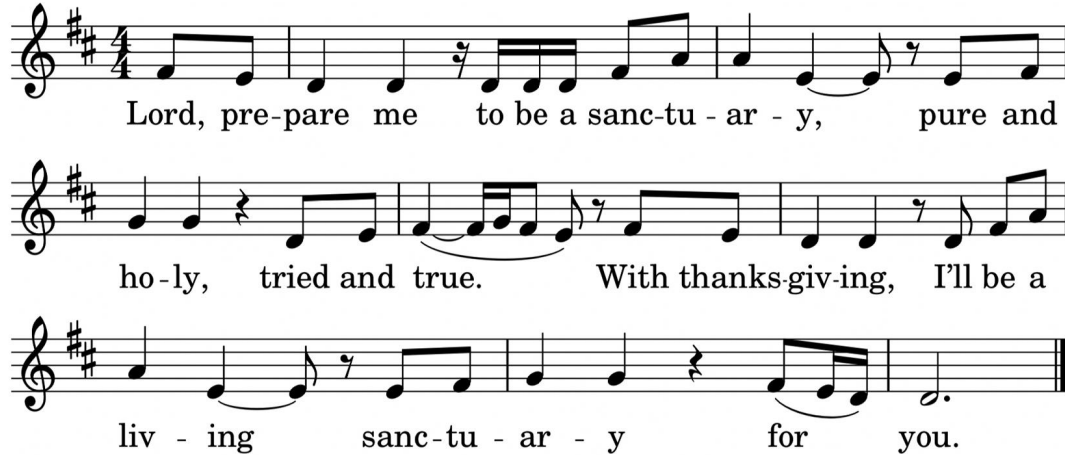
"Hi, I'm a Recovering Christian - Part 4"
(The final chapter)

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

"Dinner for 6 to 8"

Bianca Osorio
Congregational Involvement &
Outreach Committee

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

*Offerings may be placed in the offering plate as it is passed,
mailed or dropped off to the church office,
or given through our website at www.upctempe.org/giving.*

OFFERTORY

"A Mighty Fortress"
MARTIN LUTHER ARR. PENNY RODRIGUEZ

Jon Sywassink,
Pianist

***DOXOLOGY**

"For the Fruit of Creation"
(v. 1)

#36

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**

"Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak"

#722

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"How Firm a Foundation"
ARR. DAN FORREST

Chancel Choir

*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

Elder in Charge	Jim Hershauer
Ushers	Jim Hershauer & Team
Worship Techs	Sada Reed, Bianca Osorio
Trustee on Duty	Cheri Hardy
Deacon of the Month	Patty Griffiths
Sanctuary Readiness	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), 215ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *None given this day.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Lillian Yarter, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Mr. & Mrs. Don Yarter, 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; Joni Jacobs

Homebound: Elaine Murray, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Carrie Miter, Holly Silcox

*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: Maricopa First Presbyterian (Maricopa-Pima), Laveen, their moderator, CRE Mary Danforth and their clerk of session, Linda Ruiz.

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. 29** - Reformation Sunday: Hunger in America with Jason Reed, CEO, United Food Bank
- **Nov. 5 - 12** - Thin Places - Iona, with Catherine May and Dan Abbott
- **Nov. 19 - NO CLASS** - Congregational Meeting for the election of officers and voting on the pastor's 2024 terms of call, followed by the MSJP World Market

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.

226th GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS (June 25-27, 2024, and June 29-July 4, 2024, Salt Lake City, UT): Next year Salt Lake City will be hosting the 226th General Assembly of the PC(USA). For each assembly the Presbytery of Grand Canyon invites particular churches on a rotation to recommend ruling elder commissions and Young Adult Advisory Delegates (YAADs). **UPC is part of the rotation to nominate commissioners and delegates for the upcoming assembly,** which will be hybrid, with committees meeting virtually June 25-27, 2024, and the assembly meeting in person June 29-July 4, 2024. If you would like to be considered, please contact Pastor Eric or Brigitta Kuiper, clerk of session, for an application. **Forms are due Nov. 27, 2023.**

Commissioners will be elected at the Dec. 7, 2023, presbytery meeting. GA is a wonderful way to witness the amazing work the PC(USA) does around the world. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity!

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.

DINNER FOR EIGHT: Would you like to get better acquainted with others from UPC? Join the next group of Dinner for Eight which will begin in January of 2024. What is Dinner For Eight? Groups of 6, 7, or 8 people take turns hosting a gathering once a month for four months for a meal and conversation. The emphasis is on fun and friendship, so you don't have to be a great cook to participate! During a four-month period you will host only once, and will be a guest on three occasions. When it is your turn to host, you decide when and where. Visit the signup table in the courtyard after church today or the next couple Sundays. Or you can contact Margaret Branson at 224-406-1507 or mlherbst90@gmail.com

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OFFICE/STORAGE ROOM is sorted and reorganized. CE would like to share our abundance with all UPC ministries. Before you go out and buy office or craft supplies, check this room first. Scissors, paper punches, staplers, rulers, poster board, origami paper, crepe paper, tissue paper, colored cardstock, scrapbook pages, scotch tape, duct tape, masking tape, brads, paper clips, staples, crayons, markers, colored pencils, and sharpies. Watercolors, acrylic craft paint, tempera paint, spray paint and all kinds and sizes of paint brushes. Starch, stickers, stencils, bling and beads, feathers, stamp pads and stamps. Wood crafts, craft sticks, craft foam, bulletin board paper, boarders and letters. Storage file boxes, standing notification holders, etc. Take what you need. Indulge in our abundance.

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.

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/Go5lLLjTuw>.

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, please include any new contact info (phone, email, etc.) 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 29

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reformation Sunday

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)

Mon., Oct 30

5:15 pm	Wednesday Night Dinner (K, FH)
6:00 pm	Bell Choir Practice (S)
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)
8:30 pm	AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Oct 31

Wed., Nov 1

9:00 am	Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
10:15 am	Office Calendaring Meeting (CR)
3:45 pm	Worship Planning Team (Z)

Thu., Nov 2

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

Fri., Nov 3

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

Sat., Nov 4

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart
9:00 am Congregational Workday

Sun., Nov 5

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

All Saints Day Observed

Family Promise (MR, K, L. Rm 2-3)

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)
4:00 pm TIF Interfaith Prayer Vigil (First Institutional Baptist Church)

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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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,
or go to www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule.*