



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

November 19, 2023

33rd 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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

BY CONRAD KOCHER, 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

God offers God's self as our dwelling place.

⌘ **God has been our home throughout the ages.**

God was there before the world was made
and will be forever.

‡ **From everlasting to everlasting
God is here.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

“Seek Ye First”

#175

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

‡ **Loving God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
by not honoring you or one another.
When we place our iniquities before you,
it is your love that sheds light on our waywardness.
As we stand in awe of your constancy for us,
we ask your forgiveness through the mercy of Christ,
in whose name we pray.
Hear our prayers, O God.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

Siblings in Christ,
when we acknowledge our human limitations
and turn to depend upon our everlasting God,
we grow wise in heart to God’s commands.
‡ **We are freed to love another,
for our sins are forgiven by the mercy of Christ.**
Trust in the good news of God’s love
and seek to embody it in your lives.

***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

"Celtic Laud"

Chancel Choir

BY CRAIG COURTNEY

For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat,
for bread and for wine, the gift of your feast,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees,
for coal in the fire, your Spirit in me,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

For springtime's green earth, for morning's first light,
for every new birth, for grace and for life,
The cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

Judges 4.1-7
Matthew 25.14-30

OT pg. 220
NT pg. 28

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

Responding to God’s Word

***RESPONSE**

"Sanctuary"

#701



Lord, pre-prepare 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

"Christmas Angel Tree"
"The Global Market"

Cheri Hardy

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

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

Jon Sywassink,

ARR. GILBERT MARTIN

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**

“Together We Serve”

#767

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

Jon Sywassink,

ARR. RAYMOND HAAN

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

Elder in Charge	Kathy Wagner
Ushers	Kathy Wagner & Team
Worship Techs	Chris Trella, Bianca Osorio
Trustee on Duty	Pete Godfrey
Deacon of the Month	Laura Green
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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¹ Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 2* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2013), 253ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *Given this day by Celia Whitehead in memory of her mother, Symia Whitehead.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Percy Yarter, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Jan Beal, 1987.*

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, Kaycee, Catherine May's niece.

Homebound: Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Pastor Eric Ledermann, Jon Winkler, Becky Bannister, Jim Phillips, Braden Kemp, Roann Monson

*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: Church of the Master, Mesa, their pastor, Rev. Dr. Benjamin Seller.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

NO CLASSES: Nov. 19 and Nov. 26

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):

- **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*
- **Nov. 26 - NO CLASS** - *Thanksgiving holiday weekend*
- **Dec 3 - 17 - "Awe"** - An Advent Series led by Larry 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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (Sunday, Nov. 19, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary): Session has called a congregational meeting for the purpose of electing officers, receiving the budget for 2024, and voting on the session-recommended 2024 terms of call for the pastor. All formal members in good

standing are asked to be present, either in person or on Zoom. The meeting will happen immediately following worship.

TEMPE INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE (Tuesday, Nov. 21, 7:00 p.m. St. Augustine's Episcopal Parish): The annual Tempe Interfaith Thanksgiving Service will be held in person. There will be a community choir practice at 6:00 pm for those who would like to participate. Those unable to attend in person can join via the live broadcast at www.youtube.com/live/pYyxjbu7po. St. Augustine's Episcopal Parish, 1735 South College Avenue, Tempe, AZ 85281

GREENING OF THE SANCTUARY (Sunday, Nov. 26, 11:00 a.m.) : Please join us for the "greening of the sanctuary" for the Advent and Christmas seasons following the worship service. We could use many hands. Please contact Larry Seubert with any questions you may have.

FALL CONGREGATIONAL WORK SEASON (Nov. 4-Dec. 10): There are some remaining tasks that we are hoping to finish. Check out the list of remaining tasks to be completed by going to www.upctempe.org/congregationalworkday. Each task has a trustee who can be contacted for additional information or if supplies are needed. Most tasks will take 1 to 2 hours and can be completed at your convenience. Tasks range from washing windows to weeding and pruning. The trustees are hoping to have everything completed by the end of the day on Dec. 10th.

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 24, 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!

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 worship, or contact Margaret Branson at (224) 406-1507 or mlherbst90@gmail.com.

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., Nov 19

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 am Christmas Global Market (Patio)
9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
10:30 am Congregational Meeting (S)

Mon., Nov 20

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

Tue., Nov 21

6:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Choir Practice (St. Augustine Episcopal Parish)
7:00 pm Interfaith Thanksgiving Service (St. Augustine Episcopal Parish)

Wed., Nov 22

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)

Thu., Nov 23

Office Closed - Staff Holiday

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)
1:00 pm PW Online Bible Study (Z)

Fri., Nov 24

Office Closed - Staff Holiday

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

Sat., Nov 25

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

Sun., Nov 26
Reign of Christ
9:30 am
11:00 am

Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
Greening of the Sanctuary (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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Office Hours: Tue-Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

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,

or go to www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule.