



**LEADER**

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

**March 24, 2024**

**Palm 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

## \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"*

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Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple,  
the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus who had blessed them,  
close folded to his breast, the children sang their praises,  
the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed,  
'mid an exultant crowd,  
the victor palm branch waving and chanting clear and loud;  
the Lord of earth and heaven rode on in lowly state,  
nor scorned that little children, should on his bidding wait.

"Hosanna in the highest!"  
That ancient song we sing,  
for Christ is our Redeemer;  
the Lord of heaven, our King.  
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,  
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

## WELCOME

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

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The love of God 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**

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Blessed is the coming reign of God!

‡ **Hosanna in the highest!**

When Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem,  
him riding on a humble donkey  
people spread their cloaks on the road,  
and others spread leafy branches from the fields.

‡ **Then those who followed shouted,**

**“Hosanna!**

**Blessed is the One**

**who comes in the name of the Lord!”**

Blessed is the coming reign of God!

‡ **Hosanna in the highest!**

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

### **\*HYMN**

*“Filled with Excitement”*

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## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>1</sup>**

‡ **Loving God,**

**we confess that we have sinned.**

**And although we would like to deny it,**

**we too often forsaken you.**

**We are horrified by the suffering we cause—**

**to you, ourselves, and the world you have created.**

**Open the gates of your forgiveness**

**and restore us in your love.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus, our Christ.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

**ASSURANCE OF GRACE<sup>1</sup>**

Our Creator helps us;  
⌘ **We are not to be disgraced.**  
Siblings, beyond the shadow of doubt,  
our sins are forgiven.  
⌘ **By the mercy of Christ,**  
let us stand together forgiven and free.

**\*RESPONSE TO GRACE**

#577

**“Kyrie Eleison”  
(Lord Have Mercy)**

*Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.*

*Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son.*

**Listening for God’s Word**

**MOMENT JUST 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 do offer childcare upon request—please speak to the Elder in Charge in the Narthex.*

**ANTHEM**

**“On the Road to Jerusalem”  
JOSEPH MARTIN**

Chancel Choir

On the road to Jerusalem slowly rides King Jesus.  
People come to call his name, Son of David, heal us.  
Down the ancient streets he rides, donkey is his stallion.  
No golden coach, no chariot bright brings him to his kingdom.

Where is his chariot?  
Where is his robe of silk?  
Where is his scepter?  
Where is his crown?

Where are the trumpets?  
How will he rule the land  
if he comes as a Prince of Peace  
and humble as a lamb?

On the road to Jerusalem rides the Man of Sorrows.  
“Save us King,” the people cry.  
What will they cry tomorrow?

## **PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup>**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Isaiah 50.4-9a  
John 12.12-16

OT pg. 681  
NT pg. 106

Word of wisdom,  
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

“Toward Peace: Hope for a New World”  
Part 4 of 5

# **Responding to God’s Word**

### **\*RESPONSE**

*“Change My Heart O God”*

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### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

“PC(USA) One Great Hour of Sharing”

Diane Hillyard

### **RECEIVING NEW MEMBERS**

#### **Presentation**

#### **Profession of Faith**

#### ***Renunciations by Those Being Received***

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God,  
do you turn from the ways of sin  
and renounce evil and its power in the world?

⌘ **I do.**

Do you turn to Jesus, our Christ,  
and accept him as your Lord and Savior,  
trusting in his grace and love?

⌘ **I do.**

Will you be Christ's faithful disciples,  
obeying his word and showing his love?

⌘ **I will, with God's help.**

### *Profession of Faith*

#### *The Apostles' Creed*

\* You may also say Creator or Mother.

⌘ **I believe in God the \*Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of God the \*Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### *Question of Membership:*

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation,  
share in its worship and ministry  
through your prayers and gifts, your study and service,  
and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?

⌘ **I will, with God's help.**

#### *Welcome*

With joy and thanksgiving,  
we welcome you to the community of faith here at UPC!

⌘ **Alleluia! Amen!**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Send prayer requests by texting or leaving a message at (480) 256-8216.*

#### *Sabbatical Blessings for Pastor Eric & UPC*

Pastor Eric, are you ready to step away from the obligations of daily parish life after next Sunday and engage in this period of sabbatical? Will you take time for reflection and renewal and rest in the life-giving experiences that await you?

⌘ **I will, with God's help.**

Members and friends of University Presbyterian Church, in this time of sabbatical, will you support your elected leaders and the pastors who will be taking Pastor Eric's place during his absence? Will you share in the mutual ministry that Christ has given to all who are baptized? Will you pray for them and for Pastor Eric on his sabbatical journey?  
‡ **We will, with God's help.**

Let us pray. ...

God of all wisdom ...

... We offer these prayers trusting in your goodness,  
the blessings of Jesus, our Christ,  
and the guidance of your Holy Spirit,  
as we share in the prayer Jesus taught us:

### **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<sup>1</sup>**

*Offerings may be dropped into the offering plate as it is passed, mailed to or dropped off at the church office, or given through our website at [www.upctempe.org/donate](http://www.upctempe.org/donate) (scan QR code).*



### **OFFERTORY**

*"What Wondrous Love Is This"*  
ARR. JEANNE COTTER

Jon Sywassink  
*Pianist*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

***“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”***

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Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all  
 peo-ple here be-low; praise Ho-ly Spir-it ev-er-  
 more; praise Tri-une God, whom we a-dore.

*Glory to God 608*

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**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>**

# Sent Out in Jesus’ Name

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN *“What Wondrous Love Is This?”***

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## Today’s Worship Leaders

Head Usher	Sue Schebel
Ushers	Sue Schebel & Team
Worship Techs	Jim Niemann, Bianca Osorio
Trustee on Duty	Helen Griffin
Deacon of the Month	Sue Coleman
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 1* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2014), 126ff..

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**DEACON HONORARY PLANT:** *None given this week.*

**MEMORIAL BOOK:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Carolyn Norrid, a memorial perpetuated in the Organ Fund by Mr. & Mrs. Alex Wing, November 1985.*

**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:** Vicki Jacobs; The Rev. Erin Tamayo; Bill Ranes; Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Carl and Barbara Smith; Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins.

**Homebound:** Helen Alderson, Joanna Fancher, Jack Armstrong

**Birthdays this coming week:** Margaret Branson, Kayla Horne, Jey Young

*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:** Trinity, Prescott, their pastor, none listed.

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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):**

- **Mar. 24** - NO CLASS - PW PALM SUNDAY LUNCHEON
- **Mar. 31** - NO CLASS - EASTER SUNDAY / EASTER EGG HUNT!
- **Apr. 7** - "Faith & Journey", led by Farshid Moradi.

**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. With Advent we begin a new liturgical year – Year B of the Revised Common Lectionary. A list 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.*

### HOLY WEEK March 24-31, 2024

[www.upctempe.org/holyweek](http://www.upctempe.org/holyweek)

**Palm Sunday (Sunday, Mar. 24, 9:30 a.m., UPC Sanctuary):** Join as we gather on the final Sunday in Lent with a procession of the palms, remembering Jesus' celebratory entry into Jerusalem at the end of his ministry. We'll have special music and mark the beginning of Holy Week. Plus, we'll be welcoming a new member into our community!

**Holy Week Morning Prayer (Monday-Friday, Mar. 25-29, 7:00 a.m., UPC Memorial Garden):** The Worship Committee invites everyone to the Holy Week morning prayer services starting tomorrow. The services will include scripture readings, music, and prayers. On Good Friday, we will be walking the Stations of the Cross. After each service, stay for light refreshments and coffee!

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Thursday, Mar. 28, 7:00 p.m., Gilbert Presbyterian Church, 235 E Guadalupe Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85234):** Joint service with Mission del Sol Presbyterian Church, UPC, and hosted this year by Gilbert Presbyterian Church, honoring Jesus' mandate to his disciples to remember him in the breaking of bread together and serving one another.

### EASTER SUNDAY March 31, 2024

**6:00 a.m. - Easter Sunrise Communion Service at Neil G. Giuliano Park** (N. Mill Ave. Bridge and E. Rio Salado Pkwy, parking available at Hayden Ferry Lakeside building).

**9:30 a.m. - Traditional Easter Communion Service with communion and special music** (UPC Sanctuary)

**SHORT-TERM REPLACEMENT COMMUNION ORGANIZER NEEDED:** This short-term communion organizer would be responsible for finding communion servers for the Aug. 4, Sep. 1, Oct. 6 (World Communion Sunday), Nov. 3, Dec. 1, and Dec. 24 (Christmas Eve) services. You would email people in the congregation to identify people interested in serving, then record interested participants'

names into the Worship Volunteer calendar. If anyone is interested and/or has questions, please contact Sada Reed at [sadareed@yahoo.com](mailto:sadareed@yahoo.com) to discuss in more detail.

### **XERISCAPE PROJECT - THE CITY HAS GIVEN APPROVAL TO OUR PLAN!!**

We need to raise funds to make up the gap between costs and rebate and grant money we will receive from the city. Our fundraising campaign seeking to raise that \$100,000 is called “Caring for Creation—A Call to Action.” We are compelled to follow through with the actions shared during Mission Month: get up, go ahead, do something, move! Please prayerfully consider your role in the project. If you are interested in making a charitable distribution from your IRA, you will need the Employer Identification Number (EIN). UPC’s number is 86-0170564. **Alameda Access:** The city has informed us that a contractor has been hired to reinstall our two access points on Alameda. The contractor believes the job can be completed by May 15.



**PW PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION (Sunday, Mar. 24, 11:00 a.m.):** This will be held immediately after worship on Mar. 24th. The menu will include egg casserole including sausage, vegetable, dairy free & vegan. Sides include coffee cake, bagels, fruit and yogurt. Cost is \$5 per person \$15 max per family. We will also be having our Silent Auction. If you have items to donate for the auction, contact Suzanne Niemann at (480) 221-6115 or email [suzanneniemann@cox.net](mailto:suzanneniemann@cox.net). This is a PW fundraising event for mission. Your support is appreciated.

**FELLOWSHIP HALL WILL BE CLOSED (Mar. 25 - Mar. 27, 3:00 p.m.):** Beginning on Monday, Mar. 25, we will be stripping and refinishing the floor in Fellowship Hall. This space will be closed until Wednesday, Mar. 27 at 3:00 pm. Please contact Cheri Hardy if you have any questions.

**DEACON EASTER LILY ORDERS:** Easter is approaching on March 31st. The Deacons will have a table on the patio after worship to accept your donations of \$15.00 for an Easter Lily or plant in honor of or in memory of loved ones or someone you want to celebrate. Your plant will be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday service. You may also use the online giving button at [upctempe.org/donate](http://upctempe.org/donate), contact Diane Hillyard (480) 730-1328, or leave a check at the church office payable to UPC with “Easter Lily” written in the memo line. The Deacons are grateful for your support and we pray that you have a Blessed Easter.

**SPRING CONGREGATIONAL WORK SEASON CONTINUES (until Apr. 13):** Saturday’s Trustees Spring Work Season made a great start toward preparing the campus for Easter – thank you to all who participated! The sign up link below shows the remaining tasks we’d like to accomplish, so if you have an hour to wash a window or pluck some weeds, your help would be most appreciated. **Sign up at:** [www.upctempe.org/congregationalworkday](http://www.upctempe.org/congregationalworkday).

**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, 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.***



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## UPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

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### **Sun., Mar 24**

*Palm Sunday*

*Sixth Sunday in Lent*

9:30 am                      Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)

### **Mon., Mar 25**

*Fellowship Hall Closed - Floor Refurb*

7:00 am                      Holy Week Morning Prayer (MG)

5:00 pm                      ActivStars (S)

6:30 pm                      PW Kayenta Circle (MR)

8:30 pm                      AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### **Tue., Mar 26**

*Fellowship Hall Closed - Floor Refurb*

7:00 am                      Holy Week Morning Prayer (MG)

7:00 pm                      Stated Session (S, ZU)

### **Wed., Mar 27**

*Fellowship Hall Closed - Floor Refurb*

7:00 am                      Holy Week Morning Prayer (MG)

9:00 am                      Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)

3:45 pm                      Worship Planning Team (Z)

5:15 pm                      Wednesday Church Dinner (FH, K)

6:00 pm                      Bell Choir Practice (S)

7:00 pm                      Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

### **Thu., Mar 28**

*Maundy Thursday*

7:00 am                      Holy Week Morning Prayer (MG)

8:00 am                      TOPS (MR, Rm 7)

1:00 pm                      PW Online Bible Study (Z)

6:30 pm                      Wicked Pitch of the West (FH)

7:00 pm                      Maundy Thursday Service, Gilbert Presbyterian Church

### **Fri., Mar 29**

*Good Friday*

7:00 am                      Holy Week Morning Prayer (MG)

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

**Sat., Mar 30**

*Holy Saturday*

7:00 am I-HELP Departs  
10:00 am Migrant Trail Walk Organizing Meeting (Z)

**Sun., Mar 31**

*Easter Sunday*

6:30 am Easter Sunrise Service (Neil G. Giuliano Park, Tempe Town Lake)  
9:30 am Easter Sunday Worship (S, Z, YouTube)  
*Easter Egg Hunt to Follow Worship!*

**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 is remote on Fridays)*

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Clerk of Session  
Treasurer/Bookkeeper  
Attendance Secretaries  
Custodian

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The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Ledermann  
Lori Saager  
Ted Gibson  
Jon Sywassink  
Brigitta Kuiper  
Andrea White  
Sharlan Pierce, Jeanette Miller  
Carrie Miter

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*Available by appointment Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays  
Contact the church office or the pastor to schedule,  
or go to [www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule](http://www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule).*