



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

July 21, 2024

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

The Rev. Shelly Moe

*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.*



This is the day that God has made!

⌘ **Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### 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

*"In Christ There Is No East or West"*

BY ALEXANDER R. REINAGLE 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 WORSHIP**

Neighbors and newcomers, families and strangers,

**‡ We gather in this place built by God's steadfast love.**

Strugglers and stragglers, pilgrims almost at the end of the journey,

**‡ Each of us is seeking to follow Jesus, the compassionate One.**

Builders of bridges in fractured communities,

those who stand on either side of walls of fear,

**‡ The Spirit of faithfulness calls us to live as one people – God's people!**

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

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**‡ And also with you.**

### **\*HYMN**

**"Immortal Invisible God only Wise"**

#12

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**‡ Living and true Word of God,**

**You have called us to love you with all our hearts,**

**And to love one another as you have loved us.**

**You have made peace between us yet we refuse to live in that peace.**

**We have kept grudges;**

**We have put others down**

**When you have called us to build one another up.**

**Forgive our unwillingness to embrace your peace.**

**By your Spirit, help us to love each other**

**Just as you have loved us;**

**Empower us to be true peacemakers in a world**

**Where peace is thought impossible,**

**And peacemakers are scorned;**

**Hear now the prayers we offer you.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

### **ASSURANCE OF GRACE**

Do you remember?

At one time, you were without Christ;

you were the stranger, the outsider, and the alien.

But now, in Christ, you have been brought home,

living in God's household of hope and peace.

**‡ God's covenant with us is everlasting;**

**God's steadfast love is forever;**

**God's forgiveness makes us new and whole.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\*RESPONSE TO GRACE**    *“Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”*  
(v. 2)

#755

*To the tune of “Hymn to Joy” (#611)*

Alleluia! God sustains us;  
matchless are the gifts we share;  
Light in darkness, hope in conflict,  
answers to our deepest prayer.  
Ours to give as we are given;  
arms to lift when others fall;  
Images of God’s great goodness,  
faithful servants to God’s call.

## **Listening for God’s Word**

### **MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN**

Rev. Shelly Moe

*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.*

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

Prepare our hearts, O God, to hear and accept your Word. Silence in us all voices but your own, so that, hearing, we may also obey your will; through our teacher and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Ephesians 2.14-22

NT pg. 192

2 Samuel 7. 1-14a

OT pg. 281

Word of wisdom,  
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Rev. Shelly Moe

“David Builds a House”

## **Responding to God’s Word**

**\*RESPONSE**

*“Go with Us, Lord”*

#748

Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through  
this and every coming day,  
that in your Spirit strong and true  
our lives may be our gift to 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 OFFERING<sup>1</sup>**

Because the God of Steadfast Love has compassion on us, and does not hold anything back, but fills us with good gifts, we are called to share from our abundance, as well as from our need, so our offerings might be an enduring witness to God’s hope, God’s peace, and God’s healing for all. Amen.

*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**

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*  
ARR. JANET LINKER

Jon Sywassink  
*Organist*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

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

#606U

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures  
 here be - low; praise God for all that love has done. Cre -  
 a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it, One. A - men.

The New Century Hymnal (United Church of Christ), #778, text originally written by Thomas Ken (1672, 1709), adapted by William B. Abernethy (1995), ©1995 The Pilgrim Press.

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

God of green pastures and still waters,  
 Bless these gifts that we have been given  
 That they may become part of your banquet for the world.  
 ‡ Amen.

# Sent Out in Jesus’ Name

## INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

**\*HYMN**

***“Let Us Build a House”***

#301

(vv.. 1, 2 ,4, 5)

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

***“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”***

Jon Sywassink

ARR. TIMOTHY ALBRECHT

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**

Head Usher  
Ushers  
Worship Techs  
Trustee on Duty  
Deacon of the Month  
Sanctuary Readiness

Kathy Wagner  
Kathy Wagner, Nancy Franz  
Paul Green, Chris Trella  
Chris Trella  
Jey Young  
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), 122ff..

\*The Call to Worship, the Assurance of Grace and the Invitation to the Offering are adapted from a blog called Lectionary Liturgies written by a Presbyterian pastor named Thom Schuman.

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**RED ROSE:** *Has been put on the communion table in honor of the birth of Naomi Psalm Osorio, the niece of Bianca Osorio*

**DEACON HONORARY PLANT:** *Given this day by Drake & Barbara Hawkins in honor of Trudy Khofla and Drake Hawkins IV for all of their support.*

**MEMORIAL BOOK:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Margarite Long, a memorial perpetuated in the Organ Fund by Doris Clark, 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:** Jack Armstrong, Marge Anderson, John Griffin, The Rev. Erin Tamayo; Bill Ranes; Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Carl and Barbara Smith; Bev Phillips; Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins.

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

**Birthdays this coming week:** Ron Liska, Steve White, Jean Witherspoon, Brigitta Kuiper, Mike Youngs

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

**Elders:** Sue Schnebel, Jim Hershauer, Faye Gardner, Brigitta Kuiper, Pastor Eric Ledermann

**Deacons:** Sue Coleman, Sara Hershauer, Diane Hillyard, Bianca Osorio

**Trustees:** Steve White, Laura Knorr, Reza Foladi-Nejal

**Presbytery:** Pima Goodyear Village, Chandler, their pastor: Rev. Martha Sadongei

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**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.*

**REFUGEE NEED:** Our need for July is Shampoo and Conditioner. In this instance, quantity is better than quality!

**UPC'S SECOND ANNUAL NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK (Friday, Aug. 9, 6:40 p.m.)** Arizona Diamondbacks' Faith and Family Night will be held Friday August 9, sponsored by the Congregational Involvement and Outreach Committee. Starting time is 6:40 p.m. Seats will be behind home plate at the third level of Chase Field. UPC can claim up to 30 seats. Tickets are \$27 each. The D-Backs, who were the National League Champions in 2023, and went to the World Series, will play the Philadelphia Phillies who have led the National League East Division all season. Let Lawn Griffiths know if you wish to reserve seats. He will collect in advance or **by August 4**. A UPC member has volunteered to be a donor for tickets for anyone unable to otherwise afford them. [tempelawn@msn.com](mailto:tempelawn@msn.com) or (480) 894-1557.

**FRIDAY NIGHT BOOK CLUB (Friday, Jul 26, 7:00 p.m.):** *How the Penguins Saved Veronica* by Hazel Prior. A curmudgeonly but charming old woman, her estranged grandson, and a colony of penguins proves it's never too late to be the person you want to be in this rich, heartwarming story.

**RISE SHINE BREAD:** We have delivered 7,054 mini-loaves and 5,720 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/Go5llLjTuw>.

**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

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

Subscribe to the Weekly Update for Zoom links:  
[www.upctempe.org/email](http://www.upctempe.org/email)

### Sun., Jul 21

9:30 am Sunday Worship (S, Z, YouTube)  
1:30 pm - 7:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)

### Mon., Jul 22

8:30 am - 4:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)  
5:00 pm ActivStars Karate (FH)  
6:30 pm PW Kayenta Circle (MR)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### Tue., Jul 23

8:30 am - 5:00 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)  
5:30 pm ActivStars Cheerleading  
5:30 pm Cooling Center Update (MR)

### Wed., Jul 24

8:30 am - 7:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)  
9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)  
3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (Z)

### Thu., Jul 25

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)  
8:30 am - 7:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)  
1:00 pm PW Online Bible Study (Z)

### Fri., Jul 26

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

### Sat., Jul 27

7:00 am I-HELP Departs  
11:00 am Peruvian Group (FH, K)

### Sun., Jul 28

9:30 am Sunday Worship (S, Z, YouTube)  
2:30 pm - 5:30 pm Maricopa Election Set-Up (FH)

#### 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  
Contact the church office or the pastor to schedule,  
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