



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

August 25, 2024

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Cheri Hardy

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.



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

CENTERING TIME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

"Dear God, Creator Good and Kind"

BY FREDERICK C. MAKER

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**

Come into the presence of your Creator.

‡ **We bring songs of praise and thanksgiving.**

Come into the presence of your Sustainer.

‡ **Who offers healing and hope.**

Come into the presence of your Redeemer.

‡ **Who brings peace and salvation.**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

“I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say”

#182

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

‡ **Eternal God,**

your steadfast love endures forever.

**We confess that we often behave as if we are in control,
as if you will bless whatever we do.**

If we think of others at all,

it is too often with an eye toward their usefulness.

If we consider your creation,

it is to ponder what benefits us.

We too often fail to show your love

or to do justice as you’ve shown us in Jesus, our Christ.

God of Grace, help us to accept your forgiveness

and allow the mind of Christ to guide us.

May we break down walls of hostility

within the church,

among the nations,

and around the world.

Equip us to do your will,

to love with abandon,

to seek peace,

and build community

so that all may live free and vibrant lives.

Holy God, hear our confessions.

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

In Jesus, our Christ,

God invites us to rest into God’s grace.

‡ **God’s love is for us,**

not against us.

Trust in God's grace
and be, once again, renewed
in your heart, soul, and mind.

***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

Joyce Godfrey

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.

ANTHEM

"Oh, Be Swift to Love"
NANCY GRUNDAHL

Chancel Choir

Oh, be swift to love, to love,
and make haste, make haste,
to be kind to be kind.

Oh, be swift to love, to love,
and make haste, make haste,
to be kind to be kind.

Oh, be swift and make haste,
be swift and make haste to love and be kind.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 6.1-13, 30-43, 53-56

NT pg. 40

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.
‡ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

“You give them something to eat”

Responding to God’s Word

***RESPONSE**

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

#726

(vv. 1, 2)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare,
should your life attract or scare?
will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

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 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 (scan QR code).

OFFERTORY

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”
ARR. DIANE BISH

Jon Sywassink
Organist

*DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

#606U

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures 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 DEDICATION¹

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

*HYMN

“Dear God, Creator good and kind”
(vv. 1, 2, 3)

#169

Dear God, Creator good and kind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
beside the Syrian sea
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

"You Shall Go Out with Joy!"
DOUGLAS WAGNER

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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www.upctempe.org/email

Today's Worship Leaders

Head Usher	Kathy Wagner
Ushers	Kathy Wagner & Nancy Franz
Worship Techs	Chris Trella, Jim Niemann
Trustee on Duty	Steve White
Deacon of the Month	Nan Beams
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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¹ Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015), 81ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *None given this day.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Clare & Marguerite Long, a memorial perpetuated in the Organ Fund by Doris Clark, April 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: 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

Birthdays this coming week: McKenna Kemp, Jon Sywassink, Lewis Fraser, Annsley Niemann, Carol Rickel

*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

Deacons: Nancy Martin, Jim Niemann, Laura Green, Jeanette Miller

Trustees: Carol Rickel, Cheri Hardy, Dan Maloney

Presbytery: Federated, Flagstaff, their pastor: Rev. Diamond Pate

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

YOUTH GROUP (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Rm 9): All Youth are invited. Fellowship, games, and snacks will be involved! For more information you may contact Ted Gibson tedgibson@upctempe.org.

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

- **Aug. 25** - Reflections from the Journey (Sabbatical Reflection and Discussion) with Pastor Eric Ledermann
- **Sep. 1** - No class for Labor Day weekend

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).

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.

MARGE ANDERSON CELEBRATION OF LIFE (Aug 31, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Friendship Village): Marge Anderson passed away on August 11, 2024. The family will be hosting a celebration of life reception at Friendship Village, 2645 E. Southern, Tempe AZ 85282.

FEMININE HYGIENE KIT WORKDAY (Tuesday, Sep 3, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., MR): Please join us to work on flannel pads for the hygiene kits bound for Haiti. If you have a serger, sewing machine, and/or shears, bring them along. Together, we can get a mountain of work done!

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 or (480) 580-3021. Here is a link to a video you can view! <https://youtu.be/Go5llLLjTuw>.

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., Aug 25

9:30 am	Sunday Worship (S, Z, YouTube)
11:00 am	Youth Group (Rm 9)
11:00 am	Adult Christian Education ACE (S)
1:30 pm	AFN Cooling Center (FH)

Mon., Aug 26

Eric Returns	
8:30 pm	AFN Cooling Center (FH)

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2- 3)
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Aug 27

8:30 am AFN Cooling Center (FH)
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2- 3)
7:00 pm Stated Session (S, Z)

Wed., Aug 28

8:30 am - 7:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)
9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2- 3)
3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (Z)
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Thu., Aug 29

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)
8:30 am - 7:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)

Fri., Aug 30

7:00 am I-HELP (FH, K) Meal: TBA
1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2- 3)
8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Aug 31

7:00 am I-HELP Departs
8:30 am - 7:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)

Sun., Sep 1

Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rms 2-3, 6)
9:30 am Sunday Worship (S, Z, YouTube)
1:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (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,
or go to www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule.*