



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

September 8, 2024

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Nancy Franz

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

"It Is Well with My Soul"

BY PHILLIP P. BLISS ARR. BY 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**

Our merciful God,
maker of us all,
pleads the cause of the poor and afflicted.

‡ **May our hearts be opened
to demonstrate God's grace,
through Jesus, our Christ.**

Come, let us worship our merciful God!

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"In Christ There Is No East or West"

#317

(vv. 1, 3, 4)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

‡ **God of favor,
we have not been true to you.
You have chosen the poor in the world,
but we have dishonored them.
You plead the cause of the afflicted,
but we crush them.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We have favored the rich and despised the poor.
We have dismissed the needy with empty words.
Soften our hard hearts
and make straight our ways.
Heal our unbelief and turn us back to you.
Hear our prayers, O God!**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

The mercy of our God triumphs over judgment
through the glorious love of Jesus, our Christ,

‡ **who has pleaded our cause,
forgiven our sin,
healed our sickness,
and delivered us from evil.**

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

Sue Schnebel

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.

COMMISSIONING OF TEACHERS²

Call to Discipleship

Gal. 3.27-28

As many of you as were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is no longer Jew or Greek,
there is no longer slave or free,
there is no longer male and female;
for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

⌘ **We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ,
a sign in the world today
of what God intends for all humankind.**

We are called to fulfill the great ends of the church:

**the proclamation of the gospel
for the salvation of humankind;
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship
of the children of God;
the maintenance of divine worship;
the preservation of the truth;
the promotion of social righteousness;
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven
to the world.**

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship.
Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life

we enter through baptism.
Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment,
an offering and a responsibility.

Those among us who have been called by Christ to teach this year:

Bible Time: Jan Felton, Vicki Jacobs

Youth: Ted Gibson, Suzanne Niemann

ACE: Chris Casanova, Rev. Al Gebhart, Faye Gardner, Catherine May, Rev. Dr. Brad Munroe, Rev. Dr. Vonna Thomas, Holly Herman, Rev. Shelly Moe, Rev. Ken Moe, Pastor Eric O. Ledermann.

Nursery Volunteers: Suzanne Niemann, Cheri Hardy, Jean Luce, Jeanette Miller, Vicki Jacobs, Joni Jacobs, Sue Schnebel, Laura Knorr, Kathy Wagner, Nancy Martin

Questions to our Teachers & Youth Advisors

Is Jesus Christ your Lord and Savior?

Yes.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service, as you seek to follow in the Way of Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciliation of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Questions to the Congregation

Do the rest of you, as members of University Presbyterian Church, confirm the call of God on our sisters and brothers before you as teachers and youth advisors in our education and fellowship ministries in the service of Jesus Christ?

⌘ **We do.**

Will you support and encourage them in these ministries by praying for them and seeking to support them with your time, talents and finances so they might do the work to which God has called them?

⌘ **We will.**

Commissioning Prayer

Charge & Blessing

ANTHEM

"Give Me Jesus"
ARR. CRAIG COURTNEY

Chancel Choir

In the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
in the morning when I rise,
Give me Jesus.

And when I am alone,
and when I am alone,
and when I am alone,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry,
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus.
You may have all this world,
give me Jesus.

And when I come to die,
and when I come to die,
oh when I come to die,
give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus,
give me Jesus,
you may have all this world,
Give me Jesus.

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 7.24-37

NT pg. 42

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.

⌘ Thanks be to God.

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?

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Katie Ranes

“Stewardship”

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

OFFERTORY

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”
ARR. JASON PAYNE

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 DEDICATION¹**

Sent Out in Jesus’ Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

***HYMN**

“ For Everyone Born (A Place at the Table)”
(vv. 1, 2, R, 3, 4, R, 5, R)

#769

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“March”
ROBERT MCIVER

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!*

Sign up for our Weekly Update email at
www.upctempe.org/email

Today’s Worship Leaders

Head Usher

Sue Schnebel

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

Sue Schnebel & Team
Mark Henderson, Jim Niemann
Reza Foladi-Nejal
Nancy Martin
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: *Given this day by Pete & Joyce Godfrey celebrating their 55th wedding anniversary.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Clare & Marguerite Long, a memorial perpetuated in the Organ Fund by JoAnn Abrams, 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, 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: Nancy Martin, Sue Legg, John Asher

*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: Yavapai, Fort McDowell, their pastor: Rev. Martha Sadongei

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME (Sundays, 10:00 am - 10:45 am, 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. Children will attend immediately following the Moment for Children at Worship Service.

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):

- **Sep. 8** - Join Chris Casanova for an overview of 2024-2025 Presbyterian Women's Horizons Bible Study, *Let Justice Roll Down, God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*, written by Rev. Dr. Patricia K. Tull. We will look at what our Sacred Scriptures say in a call for Creation Justice and what the Environmental Protection Agency says about "meaningful involvement."
- **Sep. 15** - We will take a deeper look at the 9 lessons in *Let Justice Roll Down, God's Call to Care for Neighbors and All Creation*. How do environmental changes impact humanity and what are ways we can respond to humanitarian needs.

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.

REFUGEE NEED: Our "Item of the Month" for September will be Body Lotion. Just pick up a bottle or two when you do your regular grocery shopping and place it in the bin in the Narthex. Any size, any brand.

RISE SHINE BREAD: We have delivered 10,294 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. The project has about 45 bakers, including 15 who regularly bake. 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.***



STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP 2024: Thank you for your prayerful consideration on how God is calling you to use the resources with which you have been blessed to Respond to God's Radical, Inclusive and Abundant Love. Within the next week or two you will be receiving a mailing and an email containing a letter and two pledge forms. As in prior years, you will be able to use the hard copy pledge form or make an electronic submission. Please note that the electronic submission of a pledge has changed this year. When you press on the link provided in the letter, you will be taken to UPC's Realm computer program to a page titled General Fund. Complete the electronic form, then press Save Pledge. You will receive an email letting you know that your pledge commitment was received. Katie Ranes, a member of the stewardship committee, will be talking more about this pilot program to electronically submit pledges during the September 8, 2024, Minute for Mission.

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., Sep 8

9:30 am	Sunday Worship (S, Z, YouTube)
10:00 am	Children's Bible Time
11:00 am	Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
11:00 am	Adult Sunday School (S)
1:30 pm	AFN Cooling Center (FH)

Mon., Sep 9

8:30 am	AFN Cooling Center (FH)
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)
8:00 pm	Stewardship Committee (Z)
8:30 pm	AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Sep 10

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

7:00 pm Worship Committee (Z)

Wed., Sep 11

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)
5:15 Wednesday Night Dinner (K, MR)
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Thu., Sep 12

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

Fri., Sep 13

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

Sat., Sep 14

7:00 am I-HELP Departs
8:00 am Men's Breakfast (MR)
8:30 am AFN Cooling Center (FH)
10:00 am Fall Luncheon Set-up (MR, K)
11:00 am PW Fall Luncheon (MR, K)

Sun., Sep 15

9:30 am Sunday Worship (S, Z, YouTube)
10:00 am Children's Bible Time
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
11:00 am Adult Sunday School (S)
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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Available by appointment Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays

Contact the church office or the pastor to schedule,

or go to www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule.