



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

September 15, 2024

24th 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

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

"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**

Based on Psalm 19.1-4, 14

Look around you at Creation!

⌘ **It is shouting the glory of God!**

The days and nights declare
the magnificence of God's creative works.

⌘ **The voice of Creation shouts the beauty of God,
filling the earth with good things!**

May the words of our mouths
and the meditations of our hearts
be honest praise and worship to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"Be Thou My Vision"

#450

(vv. 1, 2, 3)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

⌘ **You call us, O God,
and we too often refuse to listen;
you stretch out your hand
and we do not take it.
We have taken what you have given us
and used those gifts to hurt others
and defy you.
We have refused to be tamed by your wisdom.
Forgive our inability to recognize you
and live into the truth of your gospel.
Give us the insight we need
to understand your place in our lives
so that our words and actions
reflect your glory in the lives of others.
Hear our prayers and confessions, O God.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

Based on Psalm 19.7-8

God's teachings are good,
and they revive the soul;
the decrees of the Creator are sure
and make wise the simple;
the precepts of our Redeemer are right,

rejoicing the heart.
Hear the good news!
‡ **In Jesus, our Christ,
the living Word,
we are forgiven.**
May we live into God's peace!
‡ **Thanks be to God!
Alleluia! Amen!**

ANTHEM

"Walking in the Spirit"
MARK HAYES

Chancel Choir

Hmm, Ohh! Do you have the spirit? Do you have the spirit of God?
It's a good, good feeling way down in your soul
when you're walking in the spirit of God.
When you're walking in the spirit of God.
Do you have the spirit children? Do you have the spirit of God?
It's a good, good feeling way down in your soul,
when you're walking in the spirit of God.

Now Moses saw the spirit, Moses saw the spirit of God.
He came down from the mountain with a smile on his face,
for Moses saw the glory of God.
Do you have the spirit children? Do you have the spirit of God?
It's a good, good feeling way down in your soul,
when you're walking in the spirit of God.

Now Joshua heard the spirit. Joshua heard the spirit of God.
He blew his trumpet at Jericho and the walls came a-tumblin' down.
Do you have the spirit children? Do you have the spirit of God?
It's a good, good feeling way down in your soul,
when you're walking in the spirit of God. Oh oh.

Now David knew the spirit, David knew the spirit of God.
When he played on his harp so melodiously,
the evil spirits left old Saul.
Now Daniel knew the spirit, Daniel knew the spirit of God.
Even down in the lion' den Daniel believed,
and the lion's mouths were shut. Hallelujah!

Do you have the spirit? Do you have the spirit?
Do you have it? Do you have the spirit of God?
It's a good, good feeling way down in your soul
when you're walking in the spirit of God,
when you're walking in the spirit of God.

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

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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.

Following the children's moment, children through 5th grade are invited to attend Children's Sunday School or parents can take advantage of childcare for infants through 5 years old. The head usher will be happy to assist you in the narthex!

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING¹

Based on Psalm 19.14

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8.27-38

NT pg. 43

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

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"Be the Change - Part 2"

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

OFFERTORY

“The Gift of Love”
ARR. JOHN CARTER

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**

“For the Beauty of the Earth”
(vv. 1, 3, 4)

#14

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Walking in the Spirit”
MARK HAYES

Chancel Choir
A Cappella

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	Jim Niemann, Bianca Osorio
Trustee on Duty	Reza Foladi-Nejal
Deacon of the Month	Nancy Martin
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), 161ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *Given this day by Gil Urias and Brigitta Kuiper in memory of Gerard Kuiper.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Clare & Marguerite Long, a memorial perpetuated in the Organ Fund by Frank Long, 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: Sue Legg, Hazel Davidson, Scott Horne

*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: Ganado, Navajo, their moderator: Custer Lowe

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. 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 2025: The formal phase of Responding to God's Radical, Inclusive and Abundant Love is starting. The Stewardship letter and forms were put in the mail on Tuesday. If you haven't received your mailing by next week, please reach out to the church office or a member of the stewardship committee so it can be mailed to you. Please note that the form you receive in the mail looks somewhat different than what you will see on the UPC link - www.upctempe.org/pledge. For Per Capita, the UPC link - www.upctempe.org/percapita.

If you have special instructions or changes related to your ACH or envelopes, you may wish to submit the paper copy form rather than use the link.

If you prefer to submit your pledge on Consecration Sunday, Sep. 29, you can place the paper form in the collection plate on that day. Vicki Jacobs, member of the Stewardship Committee, will be talking more about "Responding to God's Radical, Inclusive and Abundant Love" during the Sep. 15, 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 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)

Mon., Sep 16

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

Tue., Sep 17

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

Wed., Sep 18

8:30 am - 7:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)
9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
12:30 pm Chinle Circle (MR)
1:00 pm - 7:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3, Lounge)
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 19

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)
8:30 am - 7:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)
11:00 am Tempe Interfaith Fellowship (Z)

Fri., Sep 20

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 21

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

Sun., Sep 22

Consecration Sunday

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

10:00 am Children's Bible Time
10:40 am Congregation Luncheon (FH)
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.