



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

September 22, 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Nancy Martin

*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](http://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 WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>**

*Based on Psalm 1*

Happy are the people  
who do not follow the advice of the wicked  
or take the path that they follow,  
or sit in the seat of people who make fun of others.

‡ **Their delight is in the teachings of God,  
and they meditate on God's law day and night.**

Our Creator watches over the way of the righteous,  
but the way of the wicked will perish.

**PASSING THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

**\*HYMN**

*"All Who Love and Serve Your City"*

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

‡ **God of wisdom,  
forgive our foolishness.  
We desire what we do not need  
and corrupt our relationships with spite.  
You urge us to gentleness,  
but we stir up conflict.  
Give us your grace,  
that we may harvest righteousness and peace,  
for the sake of Jesus, our Christ, our Teacher, we pray.  
Hear our prayers, O God.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

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

*Based on Proverbs 31.30*

Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain,  
but the people who live in awe of God  
experience the peace of God's love.

Siblings in Christ,  
receive the good news!

‡ **In Jesus, our Christ,  
in whom God's love was embodied,  
and through whom God's love was shared,  
we are forgiven.**

**ANTHEM**

*"Don't Worry About Tomorrow"*

Chancel Choir

PEPPER CHOPLIN

Don't worry 'bout, don't you worry 'bout, don't worry about tomorrow.  
Don't worry 'bout, don't you worry 'bout, don't worry about tomorrow.

Live life with faith, don't worry about tomorrow.  
Live life today, don't worry about tomorrow.  
Stop looking for trouble and sorrow, let tomorrow worry about itself.  
Don't worry 'bout, don't you worry 'bout, don't worry about tomorrow.

See the birds flying free, they don't sow, and they don't reap.  
But you know the creator feeds them, and will care for you.  
Why do you worry and why do you sigh?  
No matter how hard you try, you'll never add a single hour to life, I speak the truth.  
Listen now to what I'm telling' you!

Live life with faith, don't worry about tomorrow.  
Live life today, don't worry about tomorrow, stop looking for trouble and sorrow.  
Let tomorrow worry about itself.  
Don't worry 'bout, don't you worry 'bout, don't worry about tomorrow.

See the lilies how they grow, and they don't worry about their clothes.  
But there never was a mighty king, dressed in clothes as lovely as these.  
Don't spend your life so full of care; what you will eat and what you wear,  
don't you know that the Lord is there and provides for you;  
the Lord will provide for you.

Live life with faith, don't worry about tomorrow.  
Live life today.  
Don't worry about tomorrow.  
Stop looking for trouble and sorrow.

Seek first the Kin-dom, and all righteousness.  
Seek first the Kin-dom, and your needs shall be added unto you.  
Live life with faith and don't worry about tomorrow.  
Live life today. Don't worry about tomorrow.  
Stop looking for trouble and sorrow. Live today, don't worry about the rest!

## **Listening for God's Word**

**MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN**

Nancy Martin

*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 UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup>**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Mark 9.30-37

NT pg. 45

Word of wisdom,  
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

"Be the Change - Part 3"

# **Responding to God's Word**

### **\*RESPONSE**

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

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(vv. 1, 4)

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 love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

### **MINUTE FOR MISSION**

"Stewardship"

Jim Hershauer

### **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>**

*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**

*“God, All My Heart Is Fixed on Thee”  
ARR. JOHN BEHNKE*

Jon Sywassink  
*Organist*

### **\*DOXOLOGY**

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

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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>**

## **Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNITY**

### **\*HYMN**

*“The Church of Christ in Every Age”  
(vv. 1, 2, 3)*

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### **\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*“Don't Worry About Tomorrow”  
PEPPER CHOPLIN*

Chancel Choir

***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	Larry Seubert
Ushers	Larry Seubert, Jeanette Miller
Worship Techs	Mark Henderson, Chris Trella
Trustee on Duty	Reza Foladi-Nejal
Deacon of the Month	Nancy Martin
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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<sup>1</sup> Adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year B, Volume 2* (Louisville, KY: Westminster John Knox Press, 2015), 172ff.

## **REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**DEACON HONORARY PLANT:** *Given this day by Nathalie Rennell in celebration of daughters, and also given this day by Joanne Dahlmeier honoring her parent's Madge & Robert DeRasier.*

**MEMORIAL BOOK:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Clare & Marguerite Long, a memorial perpetuated in the Organ Fund by David 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:** Curt Ritland, Elaine Shelden, Jason Reed, Vicki Jacobs, Linda Kesler, Cheri Hardy, Linda Ritland, Barbara Gust

*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 O. Ledermann

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

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

**Presbytery:** Gilbert, Gilbert, their pastor: CRE George Prohaska

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## 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](mailto:tedgibson@upctempe.org).

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

- **Sep. 22** - *Israel and Palestine: History and Prospects for Peace*, presented by Rev. Al Gephart.
- **Sep. 29** - No class (Consecration Sunday)
- **Oct. 6** - *Israel and Palestine: History and Prospects for Peace*, presented by Rev. Al Gephart.

**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.*

**FEMININE HYGIENE KIT WORKDAY (Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., Meeting Room):**

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! We are on target to have 100 kits ready for shipping very soon.

**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](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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## STEWARDSHIP

**STEWARDSHIP 2025:** Thank you to all who have already Responded to God’s Radical, Inclusive and Abundant Love by submitting pledges either online or hard copy. The weblinks seem to be working smoothly and the email that is sent after using the weblinks are helpful in providing information on the specifics of the pledge and that it was received. If you are unable to pledge financially but will keep UPC in your prayers, you have two options to respond. You can check the box for this option on the General Fund Pledge Form and return the pledge to the church office or offering plate or you can use the weblink and put 0 in the amount for the pledge. Either way is fine. UPC just needs to know that you have participated and that a member of the committee does not need to contact you.

Just a reminder that there will be a potluck luncheon following worship on Consecration Sunday, September 29, 2024. Jim Hershauer, Chair of the Stewardship Committee, will share more about this in the Sunday, September 22, 2024, Minute for Mission.

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# UPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Find Zoom links and calendar updates at  
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Subscribe to the Weekly Update for Zoom links:  
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## Sun., Sep 22

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 23

8:30 am AFN Cooling Center (FH)  
3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)  
6:30 pm PW Kayenta Circle (MR)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

## Tue., Sep 24

8:30 am AFN Cooling Center (FH)  
1:00 pm PW Online Bible Study (Z)  
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)  
7:00 pm Stated Session (S, Z)

## Wed., Sep 25

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, 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 26

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)  
8:30 am - 7:30 pm AFN Cooling Center (FH)  
6:00 pm Nominating Committee (CR)

## Fri., Sep 27

1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)  
3:00 pm I-HELP (FH, K) Meal: St Augustine  
7:00 pm Friday Night Book Club (Z)  
8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

## Sat., Sep 28

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

## Sun., Sep 29

*Consecration Sunday*

9:30 am Sunday Worship (S, Z, YouTube)  
10:00 am Children's Bible Time  
10:40 am Congregational Luncheon - Potluck (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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