



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

September 29, 2024

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Kathy Wagner

*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

*"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

LINDA MCKECHNIE

Handbell Choir

*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**

Without an awareness of God's presence,  
it is far easier to fall prey to those  
who would seek to take advantage of us.

‡ **As our awareness grows  
and our faith broadens,  
and God's presence becomes more known to us,  
we may live ever deeper into the reign of God.**

When we become more aware,  
our understanding of God's diverse world  
expands ever more.

Let us trust in God's goodness  
and lean ever further into God's presence.

‡ **Let us worship our  
ever present and loving God!**

### **PASSING THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

### **\*HYMN**

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

#645

(vv. 1-3)

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

‡ **God of unity,  
we live in a world where our lives move  
between inclusivity and exclusivity.  
We move too often toward the latter,  
judging without love or compassion,  
trying to oust from our circles  
those who are not "like us."  
Forgive our need to reject  
and to always be on the lookout  
for those things that make us different.  
Give us the eyes of our Teacher,  
who knows unconditional love  
and sees us all as one.  
Hear our prayers, forgiving God.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

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

Siblings in Christ,  
rejoice in the presence of God!

**⌘ We rejoice!**

Siblings in Christ,  
give thanks for God's love!

**⌘ We give thanks!**

Siblings in Christ,  
receive God's grace!

**⌘ We welcome God's grace  
and pray for our constant renewal!  
Thanks be to God!**

## **ANTHEM**

*"One Faith, One Hope, One Lord"*  
CRAIG COURTNEY

Chancel Choir

One faith, one hope, one Lord,  
one church for which He died.  
One voice, one song, we lift in praise,  
to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.  
There is one body, one Spirit,  
as we were called to one hope.  
One Lord, baptism and faith,  
one God, Creator of all, One God,  
Creator of all, one God,  
Creator of all. Who is in us all.

One faith, one hope, one Lord,  
one church for which He died.  
One voice, one song, we lift in praise,  
to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.  
Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,  
we are given to each other for the unity of faith  
that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God  
in the fullness of Christ.

One faith, one hope, one Lord,  
one church for which He died.  
One voice, one song, we lift in praise,  
to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.  
One faith, one hope, one Lord one God!

# **Listening for God's Word**

## **MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN**

Faye Gardner

*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 9.38-50

NT pg. 45

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

### **SERMON**

Pastor Eric O. Ledermann

"Be the Change - Part 4"

# **Responding to God's Word**

### **\*RESPONSE**

*"Will You Come and Follow Me"*

#726

(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**

Faye Gardner

PC(USA) Peace & Global Witness Offering - Oct. 6, 2024

### **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>  
 & CONSECRATING OUR COMMITMENTS**

*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**

*“Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”*

ARR. NEIL HARMON

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>**

Nancy Martin  
 Stewardship Committee

Holy and always present God,  
 you are good,  
 and your love endures forever.  
 ⌘ **Help us to mirror your goodness  
 through our offering  
 and our pledge commitments for next year.**  
 Continue to guide us to be good stewards  
 of all you have given us.  
 ⌘ **Continue to guide us to be faithful followers  
 in the most generous Way Jesus has taught us.**  
 Continue to be present to us  
 as we seek to *BE* the Church you call us to be.



**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:** Jessica Hardy, Sada Reed, Stan Settles

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

**Trustees:** Helen Griffin, Pete Godfrey, Chris Trella

**Presbytery:** Heritage, Gilbert, their pastor: Rev. Helen Kester

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## STEWARDSHIP

**STEWARDSHIP 2025:** Please submit your general pledge, either through the church link ([upctempe.org/pledge](http://upctempe.org/pledge)) or hard copy, by Sunday, September 29, 2024.

Please join us after worship on September 29, 2024, for a potluck celebration of God's Radical, Inclusive and Abundant Love. The stewardship committee will supply beverages and desserts. Looking forward to seeing you!

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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. 29** - No class (Consecration Sunday)
- **Oct. 6 - Part II - 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.

**10TH ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL, TALENT SHOW RAFFLE GIVEAWAY (Sunday, Oct. 27, 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.)** This longtime UPC event in Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Congregational and Outreach Committee, will feature more than 10 talent show acts, the popular Wacky White Elephant Raffle Giveaway and a taco meal. No cost. CIO is seeking members to sign up for 5-minute entertainment acts or skits. Looking for family or individual acts featuring singing, dancing, stand-up comedy or monologue, joke-telling, playing musical instruments, readings, storytelling, tumbling, music ensembles or solos. Entertainers have often been related to church members. Church members scour their homes and offices for items, “treasures” or offbeat things to donate. All attending are given 20 tickets, told to write their names on tickets and deposit them in cups next to the items, then tickets will be drawn and items will be given to winners. Consider bringing art, books, tools, gadgets, puzzles, toys, jewelry, wrapped candy, anything others would want. Items can be left at the office or brought on the 27th before the event. To sign up for the talent show, contact Lawn Griffiths (480) 894-1557 or [tempelawn@msn.com](mailto:tempelawn@msn.com).

**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/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., Sep 29**

#### *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)

### **Mon., Sep 30**

8:30 am 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., Oct 1**

1:00 pm Feminine Hygiene Kit Workday (MR)  
3:30 pm - 6:30 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)

### **Wed., Oct 2**

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)  
10:15 am Office Calendaring Meeting (CR)  
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., Oct 3**

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)  
7:00 pm CE Committee (Z)

### **Fri., Oct 4**

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

### **Sat., Oct 5**

7:00 am I-HELP Departs

7:15 am                      Baseball Card Show (FH)

**Sun., Oct 6**

*World Communion/Peacemaking Sunday*

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

11:00 am                    Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)

11:00 am                    Adult Sunday School (S)

**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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**Office Hours: Tue-Fri, 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

*(Office is remote on Fridays)*

**Ministers**

Pastor  
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Director of Music & Christian Education  
Organist/Accompanist  
Clerk of Session  
Treasurer/Bookkeeper  
Attendance Secretaries  
Custodian

**Every Member**

The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Ledermann  
Lori Saager  
Ted Gibson  
Jon Sywassink  
Brigitta Kuiper  
Andrea White  
Sharlan Pierce, Jeanette Miller  
Carrie Miter

**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](http://www.upctempe.org/pastorschedule).*