



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

October 20, 2024

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Children's Sabbath

9:30 a.m.

Liturgists: UPC Youth and Children

*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

*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.*

Ted Gibson



The love of God be with you!

✠ **And also with you!**

### PRAYER REQUESTS

*Prayers may be texted to the above number,  
or call and leave a message.*

(480) 256-8216

### LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### CENTERING TIME & LIGHTING OF CANDLES

*"Aurora Borealis"*  
NANCY FABER

Ramtin Neja  
*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**

Let us come to worship the God who brought our people out of the land of Egypt, out of the land of bondage.

⌘ **We are no longer strangers and sojourners but are fellow citizens in the kingdom of God.**

If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

⌘ **By showing hospitality to strangers, we entertain angels and welcome Jesus.**

In the spirit of God's hospitality, all are welcome here.

⌘ **Let us worship God together, shining the light of God's grace in a world of darkness.**

## **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

## **\*HYMN**

*"For Everyone Born"*

#769

(vv. 1, 2, R, 3, 4, R, 5, R)

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*Based on Exodus 22:21;  
Deuteronomy 10:18-19, 24:21;  
Ezekiel 22:29*

Compassionate One, our society has failed you. You were a refugee, seeking safety and freedom, and we did not welcome you.

⌘ **You were naked and exposed, with inadequate shelter and insufficient pay, and we did not fight with you for equal rights.**

You were fearful of being detained or deported without a just trial, and we did not provide you sanctuary.

⌘ **We seek forgiveness for the ways we have forsaken you, and offer our thanks for the communities, people, and organizations who have extended welcome, advocated for justice, and provided sanctuary to people seeking refuge despite opposition.**

Teacher, your instructions are clear:

⌘ **We shall not oppress migrant people, nor deprive them of justice, nor practice extortion or commit robbery against them.\***

We shall love strangers as ourselves, for we have all been strangers.

⌘ **We shall share our harvest, our homes, and our lives with others, thus extending the same hospitality that you have selflessly shared.**

We shall advocate for the human rights of all people.

⌘ **Give us the steadfast persistence needed to follow your commandments in these challenging times, remembering that the love and respect that we show to each other is the love that we show to you, our Compassionate Teacher.**

**Amen.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God hears the cries of the lost and forsaken.  
God's grace shines the light of forgiveness on all.

⌘ **In the midst of our sinfulness,  
God welcomes us into grace.**

Receive the forgiveness which God has offered to you.  
Live in God's love.

⌘ **Thanks be to the God of light, the God of our salvation.**

## ANTHEM

*"This Little Light of Mine"*  
ARRANGED HOWARD HELVEY

Chancel Choir

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm gonna let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

*Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine all the time.  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine all the time.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine;  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine,  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!*

## Listening for God's Word

### MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

Suzanne Niemann

*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. We offer childcare upon request for children up to 5 years old — please speak to the Elder in Charge in the Narthex.*

**PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

Leviticus 19:33-34  
Matthew 5:14-16

OT pg. 107  
NT pg. 4

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

**SERMON**

*“Be the Light”*

UPC Youth

**Responding to God’s Word**

**\*RESPONSE**

*“Together We Serve”*  
(vv. 1, 2)

#767

**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**

*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 a New Song”*  
DAN SCHUTTE, ARR. DALE WOOD

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**

**Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNITY**

**\*HYMN**

***"Come, Live in the Light!"***

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*"We Are Called"*

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

***"This Little Light of Mine"***

Chancel Choir

ARR. HOWARD HELVEY

***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

Kathy Wagner

Ushers

UPC Youth & Nancy Franz

Worship Techs

Bianca Osorio, Chris Trella

Trustee on Duty

Carol Rickel

Deacon of the Month

Sara Hershauer

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## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**DEACON HONORARY PLANT:** *Given by Your Forever Church Family in honor of Sindy, Dani, and Sam Ledermann.*

**MEMORIAL BOOK:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of George Mayer, a memorial perpetuated in Handbells by Mr & Mrs Mark Gibson, May 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:** Cathy Richardson, 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:** Elaine Murray, Helen Alderson

**Birthdays this coming week:** Joanne Dahlmeier, Beckie Burke, Mara Trella

*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:** Navajo, Kayenta, their moderator: Rev. Norma McCabe

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## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

**CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME (Sundays, 10:00 am - 10:45 am, Rm 2):** Welcome all children grades K-5! Join us in developing a Christian foundation through Bible stories, discussions, music, and hands-on activities. Children are encouraged to participate in Communion, so Bible Time meets immediately after the Children's Moment on all Sundays except for the first Sunday of each month (and occasional holidays.)

- **Oct 20** - No Children's Bible Time - Children's Sabbath

**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):**

- **Oct 20** - *Reformed & Always Reforming: Where Do I Fit In?* by Pastor Eric O. Ledermann
- **Oct 27** - Farewell Reception for Pastor Eric - No class
- **Nov 3** - *Rhythms of the God Life* - Pastor Brad Munroe will present his work on the New Testament in which he uses paraphrase, poetry, and prayer to interpret Scripture. Brad will demonstrate what this looks like and invite folks to experiment with their own creative attempts to deepen their insights into God's Word.
- **Nov 10** - Xeriscape Information Meeting for the congregation presented by Helen Griffin - No Class

**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.*

**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).

**REFUGEE NEED:** Our "Item of the Month" for October is 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.

**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/Go5llLLjTuw>.

**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, if you have new contact info (phone, email, etc.), include that info as well 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., Oct 20**

*Children's Sabbath*

9:30 am Sunday Worship (S, Z, YouTube)  
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)  
11:00 am Adult Sunday School (S)

**Mon., Oct 21**

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

**Tue., Oct 22**

1:00 pm PW Online Bible Study (Z)  
3:30 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)  
7:00 pm Stated Session (S, Z)

**Wed., Oct 23**

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)  
1:00 pm Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3, Lounge)  
3:45 pm Worship Planning Team (Z)  
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (K, FH)  
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

**Thu., Oct 24**

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)

**Fri., Oct 25**

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

**Sat., Oct 26**

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

**Sun., Oct 27**

*Family Promise (FH, K, L, Rms 2-3)*

*Reformation Sunday*

9:30 am           Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)  
10:00 am           Children's Bible Time (Rm 2)  
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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Director of Music & Christian Education	Ted Gibson
Organist	Jon Sywassink
Administrative Assistant	Lori Saager
Treasurer/Bookkeeper	Andrea White
Attendance Secretaries	Sharlan Pierce, Jeanette Miller
Custodian	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).*