



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

November 17, 2024

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Helen Griffin

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, and completing the form.

Reverend Ken Moe



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

"The Gift of Love"
BY HAL H. HOPSON

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**

Who are you to have come here this day?

⌘ **We are God's people.**

Why have you come?

⌘ **We have come to worship God, who loves us and all of creation.**

Then open your hearts to one another and to God's world in which we live.

⌘ **Our hearts are open.**

Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

#667

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

⌘ **Gracious God, we confess that it is often hard to love our neighbors. We would prefer that they first publicly confess their sins and follies, so that it would be easier for us to be kind to them. We covet your grace for ourselves but are indifferent to the grace you may bestow on people who vex us. We profess you to be the essence of loving grace, yet judge others to be unworthy of that very grace. Forgive us for wanting our adversaries to be excluded from your grace, and forgive us for wishing there were limits to you love.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE¹

God knows the limitations of the human heart and is fully aware of our mixed feelings, anger, and less than noble desires.

⌘ **God also knows our need to confess our sins.**

God's love enfolds every contrite heart. God's love surrounds us all. In Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Ubuntu"
MARK HAYES

Chancel Choir

I am me because of you. Ubuntu, ubuntu!
And you are you because of me. Ubuntu, ubuntu!
I need you and you need me. Ubuntu, ubuntu!
We are one big family. Ubuntu, ungumuntu ngabanye abantu

I am human just like you, but we have differences, it's true.
I will see the best in you, and I know that you will see the best in me.
I will guard your dignity. Ubuntu, ubuntu!
We will live in harmony. Ubuntu, ubuntu!
I will lift your spirit high. Ubuntu, ubuntu!

Wipe the teardrops from your eyes. Ubuntu!
As a chorus we are strong. Ubuntu, ubuntu!
When everyone of us sings along. Ubuntu, ubuntu.
So lift your voice and sing your part. Ubuntu, ubuntu.
Let us hear what's in your heart. Umuntu, ungumuntu, ngabanye abantu

I am human just like you, but we have differences, it's true.
I will see the best in you, and I know that you will see the best in me.
I am me because of you. Ubuntu, ubuntu.
And you are you because of me. Ubuntu, ubuntu.

I need you and you need me. Ubuntu, ubuntu.
We are one big family. Let us sing in harmony.
Show the world our unity.
Umuntu, ungumuntu, ngabanye, abantu. Umuntu, ungumuntu, ngabanye, abantu.
Umuntu, ungumuntu, ngabanye, abantu.

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

Helen Griffin

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

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians: 13:1-13
Samuel 1:1-4, 17-27

NT pg. 175
OT pg. 275

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

SERMON

Reverend Ken Moe

"If I Loved You"

Responding to God's Word

***RESPONSE**

"Now Thank We All Our God"

#643

(v.1)

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Suzanne Niemann

"PW Thank Offering"

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 (scan QR code).

OFFERTORY

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

ROBERT HOBBY

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**

“Though I May Speak”

#693

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

“Ubuntu”
MARK HAYES

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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www.upctempe.org/email

Today's Worship Leaders

Head Usher
Ushers
Worship Techs

Kathy Wagner
Kathy Wagner, Nancy Franz
Chris Trella, Bianca Osorio

Trustee on Duty
Deacon of the Month
Sanctuary Readiness

Pete Godfrey
Nan Beams
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), 216ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

WHITE ROSE: *A white rose has been placed on the communion table in memory of Carl Smith.*

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *Given this day by Cecil Whitehead honoring her Mother Symia Whitehead.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of George Mayer, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Mr. & Mrs. Howard Hood, 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: Katie Ranes, Cathy Richardson, John Griffin, Bill Ranes; Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Barbara Smith; Bev Phillips; Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins.

Homebound: Joanna Fancher, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Gil Urias, Jon Winkler, Becky Bannister, Jim Phillips, Braden Kemp, Roann Monson

*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: Church of the Master, Mesa, their pastor: Rev. Dr. Benjamin Seller

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.)

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.

- **Nov 17** - Youth group dinner 5:00 - 6:30 pm
- **Nov 24** - No Youth Group - Congregational Meeting/MSJP World Market

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

- **Nov 17** - Mission Study Group by Catherine May
- **Nov 24** - No class, MSJP World Market

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.

CONGREGATIONAL WORKDAY KICKOFF (Nov 16th, 8:00 am - Noon): Twice a year the trustees ask for the congregation's help in maintaining our campus, and this season's start is Saturday the 16th at 8 am. There will be coffee and snacks available at the Sanctuary kitchen, and the range of tasks is short this season.

The massive Xeriscape project's first phase is scheduled to be completed this week! That means many of our periodic landscaping tasks are not needed now, but we still have some trimming and pruning to do.

One inevitable effect of the landscaping construction is that virtually all the windows on campus are due to be cleaned. If you can spare some time Saturday morning to lend a hand it would be much appreciated, but you can help out anytime at your convenience. We're using the Sign Up Genius platform again this year, and you can pick a task from the list to accomplish at your convenience.

You can sign up through this link

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CACA828A4FFC52-48018873-upctrustees> or contact Steve White at (602) 617-8308.

PW SWEET TREATS SALE (Sunday, Dec 8 at 3:00 pm, Patio, Narthex)

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - SAVE THE DATE! (Sunday, Dec 8 at 4:00 pm, Sanctuary): An afternoon of joyous music featuring the chancel choir, handbell ensemble, organ, piano and more.

REFUGEE NEED: Our "Item of the Month" for November is Baby Wipes. Just pick up a pack 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 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, 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.



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., Nov 17

Thanks Offering

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)

Mon., Nov 18

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., Nov 19

3:30 pm	Higher Octave Healing (Resource, Rms 2-3)
6:30 pm	CIO Committee (Z)
7:00 pm	Board of Trustees(Z)

Wed., Nov 20

9:00 am	Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
12:30 pm	Chinle Circle (MR)
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., Nov 21

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)
 11:00 am Tempe Interfaith Fellowship (Z)

Fri., Nov 22

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

Sat., Nov 23

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart
 8:30 am Office Training (FH)

Sun., Nov 24

8:00 am PW Christmas Angel Tree Mission begins
 9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
 10:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 2)
 10:30 am MSJP World Market

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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