



LEADER

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

February 16, 2025

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Shelly Moe

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

Elder Barkley Butler

- **ONLINE FELLOWSHIP PAD:** Please let us know you are here by scanning the QR code in the worship bulletin or on your screen if you are at home and completing the form. The QR code is also in the top-right corner of your screen. You can also get to the online fellowship pad by going to www.upctempe.org/fellowship.
- **PAPER FELLOWSHIP PAD:** If you prefer to use the fellowship pads in the pews, please tear out the sheet and place it on the pew when you leave for the ushers to pick up.
- **SOCIAL MEDIA:** If you are on any social media, you are encouraged to check in at UPC this morning. Let others know that you are here in hopes that they might receive that as an invitation to become a part of our faith community and be encouraged in their faith journeys.
- **MUTE PHONES:** After checking in, please make sure your phone is muted so as not to disturb those around you from the presence of God with us.



The light of Christ 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

"The Least of These"
BY BOB HURD

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**

Here in this place a new light is streaming.

‡ And we are called to go out and share that light with the world.

Here in this place our fears and our dreams both find acceptance.

‡ And we are called to accept everyone, whatever their dreams or fears may be.

Here in this place a new light is streaming.

‡ Let us rejoice in the light of God's love.

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

‡ And also with you.

***HYMN**

"Here in This Place"

#401

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

‡ Ever-loving God, forgive us.

**We want to love as you love,
but too often we fail.**

**We seek to see persons as individuals
but have to struggle not to put them in groups.**

**We want to reach out to all
but sometimes we're afraid.**

Have mercy on us, we pray.

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE

The God who challenges us is also the God who encourages us.

‡ The God who confronts us is also the God who accepts us.

Be assured that God is with us even now, accepting, guiding, and forgiving.

✠ **Thanks be to God. In Christ Jesus we are forgiven.**

Amen!

ANTHEM

“Will You Take My Hand”

Chancel Choir

JIM PAPOULIS

Moving through the darkness, searching for a sign. Will there be an answer helping us on our way? Will you take my hand with an open heart, will you take my hand for peace? If we're falling down, lift each other up, will you reach out your hand to me?

Take a look around us, listen to the cries. If we stand together, love finds a way to grow. Will you take my hand with an open heart, will you take my hand for peace? If we're falling down, lift each other up, will you reach out your hand to me?

Stand up tall, Pak mijn hand (Dutch). Take my hand, prends mes mains (French). Nothing will divide us. Stand up tall. Ta min hand (Swedish). Use your voice, Toma mi mano (Spanish) Freedom will unite us.

Will you take my hand with an open heart, will you take my hand for peace? If we're falling down, lift each other up, will you reach out your hand? Will you take my hand with an open heart, will you take my hand for peace? If we're falling down, lift each other up, will you reach out your hand? If you see my eyes, will you take my hand?

Listening for God's Word

MOMENT JUST FOR THE CHILDREN

Sue Schnebel

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

Acts 11:1-18
Luke 10:25-37

NT. pg. 130
NT. pg. 71

Word of wisdom,
Word of grace.

✠ **Thanks be to God.**

Responding to God’s Word

***RESPONSE**

“Help Us Accept each Other”

#754

(v. 1)

1 Help us ac-cept each oth-er as Christ ac-cept-ed us;
 teach us as sis-ter, broth-er, each per-son to em-brace.
 Be pres-ent, Lord, a-mong us and bring us to be-lieve
 we are our-selves ac-cept-ed, and meant to love and live.

MOMENT FOR MISSION

“Cooling Center”

Catherine May

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,
 hallowed 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 debts
 as we forgive our debtors.
 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 placed in the offering plate as it is passed,
mailed or dropped off to the church office,
or given through our website at www.upctempe.org/giving.*

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OFFERTORY

"O for a World"
ARR. 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 below; praise God for all that love has done. Cre -
a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it, One. A - men.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION¹

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

*HYMN

"O for a World"

#372

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"Will You Take My Hand"
JIM PAPOULIS

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!*

Sign up for our Weekly Update email at www.upctempe.org/email.

Today's Worship Leaders

Head Usher	Kathy Wagner
Ushers	Kathy Wagner, Nancy Franz
Worship Techs	Chris Trella/Brigitta Kuiper, Bianca Osorio
Trustee on Duty	Judy Earl
Deacon of the Month	Jim Niemann
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), 216ff.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *Given by Sandy Simmons, in honor of Joe & Sandy Simmons' 63rd Wedding Anniversary on February 23rd.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of George Mayer, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Lois H. McFadden, June 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: Dennis Gilliland; Betsy Youngs; Barbara Smith; Bev Phillips; Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins, Gary Anderson, Dana Prestly

Homebound: Joanna Fancher, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Kathy Wagner, Phil Witherspoon

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
Deacons: Sue Coleman, Sara Hershauer, Diane Hillyard, Bianca Osorio
Trustees: Steve White, Laura Knorr, Reza Foladi-Nejad
Presbytery: Memorial, Phoenix, their pastor: Rev. Martha Lopez Loredó

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.

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

- **Feb 16** - Mission Month
- **Feb 23** - Mission Fair - 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 C 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.

INQUIRERS CLASS (Sunday, February 16 and 23, 1:00 p.m.): There will be an inquirers class held for anyone interested in learning more about the Presbyterian Church USA and this congregation. The format will be informal and conversational. Attendance in the class does not obligate one to join the congregation, but those who are interested in becoming members will be received in March. If you are interested in attending, please speak to Ken or Shelly.

PW ANNUAL BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION – March 2nd after Worship: The “Fat Sunday” Brunch returns, after two years of hosting our brunch on Palm Sunday. Lent, a solemn time of prayer and reflection, begins March 5th. Let’s come together to rejoice, share fellowship and enjoy good food before our preparation for Easter begins.

Menu: Egg Casserole, Coffee Cake, Bagels, Fruit & Yogurt

Drinks: Coffee, tea and juice

Dairy Free & Gluten Free Options Available

Cost: \$5 per person/ \$15 per family or Goodwill Offering

We will be collecting new, gently used, and handmade items for our Silent Auction through Saturday, March 1st. If you have tickets to a sports event or anything else you cannot use, consider donating them to our auction! You can bring items to the church office or arrange items to be picked up by calling Suzanne Niemann at (480) 221-6115. This fundraiser supports PW's mission projects.

ASH WEDNESDAY COMMUNION SERVICE (March 5, 7:00 p.m., Sanctuary & Zoom): Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Join us for the imposition of ashes and sharing in communion, remembering our mortality as well as our spiritual connection through God in Christ (gluten free bread will be provided).

RISE AND 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., Feb 16

9:30 am	Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
10:00 am	Children's Bible Time
11:00 am	Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
11:00 am	Adult Christian Education (S, Z)

Mon., Feb 17

7:00 pm	Board of Deacons (Z)
8:30 pm	AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., Feb 18

4:00 pm Violin Lessons (Rm 2) - *New Rental*
6:30 pm CIO Committee (Z)
7:00 pm Board of Trustees (Z)

Wed., Feb 19

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
12:30 pm Chinle Circle (MR)
3:45 pm Worship Planning Meeting (Z)
5:15 pm Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)
6:00 pm Bell Choir Practice (S)
7:00 pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

Thu., Feb 20

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)

Fri., Feb 21

3:00 pm I-HELP –Meal: UPC (FH, K)
8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Feb 22

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

Sun., Feb 23

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
10:00 am Children's Bible Time
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
11:00 am Mission Fair (Patio)

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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