



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 2, 2025

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Faye Gardner

*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

Rev. Ken Moe

- *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.*
- *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.*
- *You can also get to the online fellowship pad by going to [www.upctempe.org/fellowship](http://www.upctempe.org/fellowship).*
- *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 part of our community of faith and be encouraged in their journeys of faith.*
- *After checking in, please make sure your phone is muted so as not to disturb you or those around from the presence of God with us.*



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

*"In the Beauty of the Lilies"*  
ARR. MICHAEL KRAVCHUK

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>**

Out of darkness the light shall appear.

⌘ **We keep a faithful vigil for the light.**

God makes the light that glows in our hearts.

⌘ **We seek the light of Christ.**

Christ makes the light that brightens our souls.

⌘ **We yearn for the light of the Holy Spirit.**

The Holy Spirit fills our minds with the light of faith.

⌘ **We are grateful for the light.**

Then let us together worship the triune God of light. Amen.

### **\*PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

### **\*HYMN**

*"Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory"*

#190

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

⌘ **Gracious God, we confess that too often we fail to recognize your light in the faces of our neighbors and doubt that some of them are even capable of receiving your light.**

⌘ **We are always ready to pray for those who suffer unjustly but find it difficult to pray for those who create injustice. We doubt that your transformation is possible in the lives of certain people and thus close our minds to the possibilities of redemption for those who are caught up in evil.**

⌘ **Forgive us our lack of faith in the lure of your light that even the most depraved may yet see.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

God's light penetrates into even the darkest places in our souls. The light of Christ shines for every human soul. Therefore, friends, let us take comfort that all who seek God's grace will receive it, and in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven. Amen.

## ANTHEM

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

ARR. WAGNER

Chancel Choir  
with Handbells

Lord the light of your love is shining. In the midst of the darkness shining.  
Jesus light of the world, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

*Refrain: (congregation joins in singing)*

**∴ Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with your Love and Glory**  
**Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.**  
**Flow River flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,**  
**Send forth your word Lord and let there be light.**

Lord I come to your awesome presence. From the shadows into your radiance,  
By your grace I may enter your brightness, search me, try me,  
consume all my darkness.  
Shine on me. Shine on me.

*Refrain: (congregation joins in singing)*

**∴ Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with your Love and Glory**  
**Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.**  
**Flow River flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,**  
**Send forth your word Lord and let there be light.**

As we gaze on Your Holy brightness, So our faces display your likeness,  
Ever changing from Glory to Glory, Nearer here may our lives tell Your story.  
Shine on me. Shine on me

*Refrain: (congregation joins in singing)*

**‡ Shine Jesus shine, fill this land with your Love and Glory  
Blaze Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow River flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy,  
Send forth your word Lord and let there be light.**

Shine Jesus, shine Jesus, Shine!

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

### **MOMENT 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.*

*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.*

### **PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING<sup>1</sup>**

### **SCRIPTURE READING**

Psalm 2:1-11  
Luke 9:28-36

OT pg. 489  
NT pg. 69

Word of wisdom,  
word of grace.

**‡ Thanks be to God.**

### **SERMON**

Reverend Ken Moe

"Whose Vision is it Anyway?"

## **Responding to God's Word**

### **\*RESPONSE**

*"Sing Glory to the Name of God"*  
(vs. 3)

#10

3 The name of God is wild and free, a-whirl in holy myster - y.  
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! A secret wrapped in smoke and  
 fire, still chant-ed by the tem-ple choir: Al-le-lu-ia,  
 al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING<sup>1</sup>

Offerings may be given through 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

*"We Are Marching in the Light of God"*

ARR. JOHN CARTER

Jon Sywassink,

*Organist*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION<sup>1</sup>

# The Lord's Supper

### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*If you are joining us from your home, you are invited and encouraged to have some bread or something to eat and something to drink as we celebrate the Eucharist.*

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

God be with you!

⌘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

⌘ **We lift them to our Creator.**

Let us give thanks to God.

⌘ **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

O God of abundance...

... With all of creation, with people of every time and place, we join in the everlasting chorus of praise:

**\*SANCTUS**

*"Holy, Holy, Holy"*

#572



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and  
might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the  
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory to God 572  
TEXT: Trad. liturgical text  
MUSIC (SANCTUS (Pavlechko)): Thomas Pavlechko, 2006, © 2006 Augsburg Fortress

Here, at this table, we remember, O Creator...

... Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

### **\*COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

*You may come forward when invited by an usher. Receive the piece of bread as a gift from God. Receive the cup as a reminder of our common bond. Place your used communion cup on the basket provided.*

*If you have brought your own elements or are celebrating communion at home, you may receive God's gifts when you are ready.*

*Online Worshippers: Please receive the elements as you feel led and share in God's meal of abundance shared with us through Christ.*

### **\*COMMUNION HYMN "Let Us Break Bread Together"**

#525

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

# **Sent Out in Jesus' Name**

## **INVITATION TO COMMUNITY**

### **\*HYMN**

*"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"*

#354

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

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*  
ARR. DOUGLAS WAGNER

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**

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|---------------------|---|
| Head Usher          | Tom Sevlie                                |
| Ushers              | Wendy Sevlie, Patty Griffiths, Chet Henry |
| Worship Techs       | Sada Reed, Chris Trella                   |
| Trustee on Duty     | Carol Rickel                              |
| Deacon of the Month | Sue Coleman                               |
| 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), 216ff.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**THE WHITE ROSE** is placed on the communion table in memory of Joe Simmons.

**DEACON HONORARY PLANT:** *Given by Cathy & Mike Richardson in memory of loved ones.*

**MEMORIAL BOOK:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of George Mayer, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Worth & Barbara Hawley, October 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 and Norm Phillips and their son Jim Phillips; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; Beckie Burke; Diane Watkins, Gary Anderson, Dana Prestly and Jim Knauss

**Homebound:** Joanna Fancher, Helen Alderson

**Birthdays this coming week:** David Hardy



*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, Jeanette Miller, Jim Niemann, Holly Silcox

**Trustees:** Carol Rickel, Cheri Hardy, Phil Witherspoon

**Presbytery:** Southminster, Phoenix, their pastor: Rev. Reginald Ragland

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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.)

**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):**

- **Mar 2** - Fat Sunday Brunch & Silent Auction - No Class
- **Mar 9 - 23** - *After Jesus, Before Christianity* by Rev. Ken Moe
- **Mar 30, Apr 6 & 13** - *The Future of Religion* with 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 C 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.*

**PW ANNUAL BRUNCH & SILENT AUCTION – Today 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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

**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).

**A MEMORIAL SERVICE** for Hazel Davidson will be held here at UPC in the sanctuary at 11:00 am on Saturday, March 8th with a reception to follow in Fellowship Hall, hosted by PW.

**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](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.***



# UPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

Find Zoom links and calendar updates at  
[www.upctempe.org/events](http://www.upctempe.org/events).

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## Sun., Mar 2

*Transfiguration Sunday*

8:00 am Fat Sunday Brunch & Auction Set-Up (FH, K, MR)  
9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)  
10:45 am Fat Sunday Brunch & Silent Auction (FH, K, MR)  
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)

## Mon., Mar 3

4:30 pm Adult Christian Education Team (Z)  
7:00 pm Administration Committee (Z)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

## Tue., Mar 4

4:00 pm Violin Lessons (Rm 2)

## Wed., Mar 5

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)  
10:15 am Office Calendaring Meeting (CR)  
3:45 pm Worship Planning Meeting (Z)  
7:00 pm ASH Wednesday Service (S)

## Thu., Mar 6

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

## Fri., Mar 7

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

## Sat., Mar 8

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart  
8:00 am Men's Breakfast (MR)  
11:00 am Hazel Davidson Memorial & Reception (S, FH)

## Sun., Mar 9

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

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.**

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| Ministers                               | All Members                     |
| Temporary Pastors                       | Reverends Ken & Shelly Moe      |
| Clerk of Session                        | Jim Hershauer                   |
| 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                    |