



“To everything  
(turn turn turn)

There is a season  
(turn turn turn)

And a time for every  
purpose under  
heaven”

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 9, 2025

1st Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Nob Ichishita

*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

## INTRODUCTION of Our Interim Pastor

Elder Sue Schnebel

## WELCOME

Interim Pastor Len Silvester

- 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

*"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"*  
ARRANGED BY JERRY RAY

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 the whole created order. The candles on the communion table represent the light of community. The single candle near the pulpit is the paschal candle, symbol of the light of Christ that shines on and which the darkness cannot overcome.*

### **\*CALL TO WORSHIP<sup>1</sup>** (from Psalm 91)

You who abide in the shadow of the Most High will say to the Holy One,

⌘ **"My refuge and fortress, my God, in whom I trust."**

For God will summon the angels to guard your ways..

⌘ **With their hands, they will bear you up and keep you safe.**

When my people call to me, I will answer; I will protect them in trouble.

⌘ **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.**

I will satisfy them and lead them to salvation.

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

\*HYMN

*"Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley"*

#80

(from the "old" hymnal)

1. Je - sus walked this lone-some val - ley, He had to  
2. We must walk this lone-some val - ley, We have to  
3. You must go and stand your tri - al, You have to

walk it by Him - self; O, no-bod-y else could walk it  
walk it by our - selves; O, no-bod-y else can walk it  
stand it by your - self, O, no-bod-y else can stand it

for Him, He had to walk it by Him - self.  
for us, We have to walk it by our - selves.  
for you, You have to stand it by your - self.

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,  
He had to walk it by Himself;  
O, nobody else could walk it for Him,  
He had to walk it by Himself.

We must walk this lonesome valley,  
We have to walk it by ourselves,  
O, nobody else can walk it for us,  
We have to walk it by ourselves.

You must go and stand your trial,  
You have to stand it by yourself,  
O, nobody else can stand it for you,  
You have to stand it by yourself.

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

‡ **Wilderness times challenge us, O God, and in our anxiety we too often turn from your ways. Called to trust you, we are tempted to rely only on what we can control. Called to serve, we are tempted to dominate. Called to generosity, we are tempted by selfishness. Saved by grace, we are tempted by self-righteousness. Help turn more fully toward your ways-- and claim a renewed identity as your people.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Hear again the Good News: In Christ we have been set free to turn away from the ways of sin and death and to turn toward God's ways of life and wholeness.

‡ **Thanks be to God! Amen!**

## ANTHEM

"Agnus Dei"

Chancel Choir

RON KEAN

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God. Angus Dei, Lamb of God, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God. Angus Dei, Lamb of God, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.

Who takes away our sins, have mercy. Miserere nobis. Have Mercy upon us.

Shall we gather at the river. Where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God. Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God. Angus Dei, Lamb of God, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, Lamb of God. Angus Dei, Lamb of God, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.

Soon we'll reach the shining river. Soon our pilgrimage will cease. Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace, with the melody of peace, with the melody of peace.

Dona nobis. Dona nobis pacem. Dona nobis pacem pacem, dona nobis pacem pacem. Dona nobis pacem.

# Listening for God's Word

## MOMENT 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.*

*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

Deuteronomy 6:7-10a  
Luke 4:1-13

OT pg. 163  
NT pg. 61

Word of wisdom,  
word of grace.

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

PastorLen

*"Turn, Turn, Turn: Who Are We Now?"*

# Responding to God's Word

**\*RESPONSE**

*"On Eagle's Wings"*

#43

And he will raise you up on ea - gles' wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the  
sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is simple and lyrical, with lyrics printed below each staff.

**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 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**

*"Talk About a Child That Do Love Jesus"*  
SPIRITUAL ARR. EVELYN LARTER

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.

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

# Sent Out in Jesus' Name

**INVITATION TO COMMUNITY**

**\*HYMN**

*"I Want Jesus to Walk with Me"*

#775

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"Agnus Dei"*  
RON KEAN

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

## Today's Worship Leaders

Head Usher	Sue Schnebel
Ushers	Sue Schnebel, Marge Cawley
Worship Techs	Brigitta Kuiper, Jim Niemann
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

**DEACON HONORARY PLANT:** *Given by Kathy Wagner in celebration of family birthdays.*

**MEMORIAL BOOK:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Jessie L Baird, Mother, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Jane Kantz, December 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, Jim Knauss and Catherine May

**Homebound:** Joanna Fancher, Helen Alderson

**Birthdays this coming week:** Chip Silcox, Dana Prestly

*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-Najad

**Presbytery:** Westminster, Phoenix, their pastor: Rev. W. Gale Watkins

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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 for Bible stories, discussions, music, and fun 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 for games and snacks and faith-building! 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):** Join us for stimulating discussion and faith-deepening learning.

- **Mar 9 - 23 - *After Jesus, Before Christianity*** led by Rev. Ken Moe. The class will explore the diverse, independent, and sometimes free-spirited Jesus movement during the two centuries between the crucifixion and the evolution of a creed-based institutional Christian Church.
- **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):**We read, reflect on, and study the scripture readings for each upcoming Sunday in 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.*

**WE WELCOME INTERIM PASTOR LEN SILVESTER:** He has prior experience in a UCC/PC(USA) union church and has been granted temporary membership in the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon. You may email him at [pastorlen@upctempe.org](mailto:pastorlen@upctempe.org) or text/leave a message at (480) 648-5475.

**NEW: THE QUESTION BOX IS OPEN:** Pastor Len invites your questions about faith, life, the future of UPC... anything on your mind. He will respond during the sermon time on May 4.. Submit questions to [pastorlen@upctempe.org](mailto:pastorlen@upctempe.org), drop them in the offering plate, or call the church office.

**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, 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).

Subscribe to the Weekly Update for Zoom links:  
[www.upctempe.org/email](http://www.upctempe.org/email)

## 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)

## Mon., Mar 10

8:00 pm Stewardship Committee (Z)  
8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

## Tue., Mar 11

4:00 pm Violin Lessons (Rm 2)  
7:00 pm Finance Committee (Z)  
7:00 pm Worship Committee (Z)

## Wed., Mar 12

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)  
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., Mar 13

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

## Fri., Mar 14

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

## Sat., Mar 15

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

## Sun., Mar 16

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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