



“To everything
(turn turn turn)

There is a season
(turn turn turn)

And a time for every
purpose under
heaven”

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 16, 2025

2nd Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Joyce Godfrey

*Welcome! We're glad you are here to worship with us,
whether in-person or virtually on Zoom or YouTube.*

To ponder as we gather: With how much of the rich 73-year history of UPC are you familiar? What were the founding values of this faith community... and are they still driving forces? Who are the heroes and what are the events to be remembered with gratitude? What have been the times of struggle and disappointment? And now.... ?

Our Faith Family Gathers for Worship

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, 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 for the ushers to pick up.
- 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

"The Church's One Foundation"
BY SAMUEL S. WESLEY ARR. JERRY RAY

Ted Gibson,
Pianist

We use this time to center our spirits, bring our attention to God's grace-filled presence,, 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 WORSHIP¹** (from Psalm 27)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

‡ **The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing I asked, and this I seek:

‡ **To live in God's presence all the days of my life.**

Teach me your way, O God, and lead me on a level path..

‡ **I believe that I shall see God's goodness in the land of the living!**

***PASSING THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.

‡ **And also with you.**

***HYMN**

"The Church's One Foundation"

#321

PRAYER OF CONFESSION¹

‡ **Despite our best intentions, O God, the reality of our lives falls far short of your will. We can be overly impressed with our self-achievements, failing to make room for the Holy Spirit. In our busy-ness, we can fail to see you in the faces of those we encounter, especially the stranger, and the last, the lost, the least. Gifted lavishly by you, we sometimes hold tightly onto blessings meant to be shared. We turn toward you now, hungry for grace and hope...**

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

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
TOM SHELTON

Chancel Choir

Talk about a child that do love Jesus. Here’s one. Here’s one. Talk about a child that do love Jesus. Here’s one. Here’s one. Ever since I heard the Gospel story, I been walkin’ up the road to glory. Talk about a child that do love Jesus. Here’s one. Here’s one.

Jesus to walk. Lord. Jesus to walk. Lord. I want Jesus to walk with me, I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, I want Jesus to walk with me, walk with me. Jesus to walk with me. Talk about a child that do love Jesus. Here’s one. Talk about a child that do love Jesus. Here’s one. Here’s one. I want Jesus to walk with me. Talk about a child that do love Jesus. Here’s one. Here’s one. Talk about a child that do love Jesus. Here’s one.

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Listening for God’s Word

MOMENT FOR THE CHILDREN

Joyce Godfrey

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 UNDERSTANDING¹

SCRIPTURE READING

Philippians 3:17-4:1
Luke 13:31-35

NT pg. 198
NT pg. 77

Word of wisdom,
word of grace.

⌘ Thanks be to God.

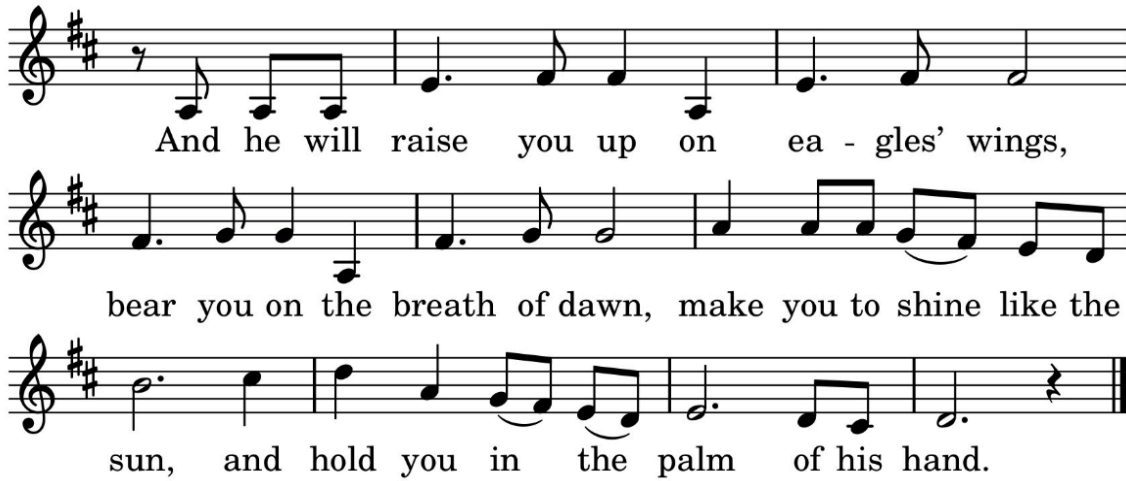
“Turn, Turn, Turn: Naming the Aardvarks”

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.

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 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 (scan QR code).



OFFERTORY

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"
ARR. PAUL MANZ

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 DEDICATION¹

Sent Out to Serve in Jesus' Name

INVITATION TO COMMUNITY

*HYMN

"O Jesus, I Have Promised"

#724

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"Toccata on O God, Our Help"
ARR. MICHAEL BURKHARDT

Jon Sywassink,
Organist

***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	Kathy Wagner
Ushers	Kathy Wagner, Nancy Franz
Worship Techs	Gil Urias, Bianca Osorio
Trustee on Duty	Carol Rickel
Deacon of the Month	Sue Coleman
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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REMEMBER IN PRAYER

DEACON HONORARY PLANT: *Given by Gloria Ortiz for peace.*

MEMORIAL BOOK: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Carolyn Norrid, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Henry & Charlotte Norrid, 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 and Catherine May.

Homebound: Joanna Fancher, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Bev West, Katie Casanova, Fred Boyd, Reza Foladi-Nejad, Samira Rouhani Maryani.

*If your birthday is missing, please contact the church office
to let us know the date so we can celebrate with you!*

Elders: Dan Maloney, Jo Lewis, Jean Witherspoon

Deacons: Katie Casanova, Donna DeLutio, Bonny Henry, Clarissa Knorr

Trustees: Judy Earl, Gene DeLutio, Jan Felton

Presbytery: Pinetop Community, their pastor: Rev. Bill Johnson

Christian Education

CHILDREN'S BIBLE TIME (Sundays, 10:00 am - 10:45 am, Rm 2): All children in grades K-5 are welcome for Bible stories, discussions, music, and fun activities. (On communion Sundays and some holidays there is no Bible Time so that our children can experience worship.)

YOUTH GROUP TODAY (Spring Break) (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.

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. Religion as we have known it, particularly the Christianity most of us are familiar with, is in the midst of turmoil and transition. A new vision is trying to be born. This class will explore the meaning of religion, what of the tradition is being challenged, and what appears to be emerging.

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).

...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.

WELCOME, INTERIM PASTOR LEN SILVESTER: He is eager to connect with as many of us as possible ... in person or via Zoom or phone. You may email him at pastorlen@upctempe.org or text/call him 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, drop them in the offering plate, or call the church office.

IT's **YOUTH URBAN MISSION WEEK:** Our senior highs are spending a portion of their Spring Break serving and learning about local food insufficiency—and what we can do to make a difference. We'll hear and see more on our Food Justice Sunday, March 30th.

XERISCAPE PHASE TWO: A map showing the elements of Phase Two for our xeriscape project is on the east wall of the sanctuary. Take a look! The plants, pavers, ramada, trellises, and walkways are pretty well set. We do need to make a decision about what kind of seating to have in the ramada. Get your thoughts on seating to Helen Griffin so we can finalize the plan. Thanks!

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, please 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., 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)

Mon., Mar 17

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

Tue., Mar 18

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

Wed., Mar 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., Mar 20

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

Fri., Mar 21

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

Sat., Mar 22

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

Sun., Mar 23

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)
12:00 pm Endowment Distribution Task Force (CR)

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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