



Lesson Three:  
Food Justice *Missionary*

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 30, 2025

4th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Kathy Wagner

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

**To ponder as we gather:** Have you had the experience of not knowing how you would find your next meal? Have you ever had to choose between feeding yourself/your family and spending on critical medications or other life essentials? How do you respond to the scientists who claim that earth and humanity have enough resources to feed everyone—*if we have the will to do it?*

### Our Faith Family Gathers for Worship

#### WELCOME

Interim Pastor Len Silvester

- Let us know that you are here 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.
- OR you may **tear out the pew pad sheet** and leave it on the pew.
- If you are on any social media, please **check in at UPC** to let others know that you are here—and that they would be welcome.
- Please make sure your devices are muted as we move into worship.



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

*"Take My Life and Let It Be"*  
BY HENRY A. CESAR MALAN 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 WORSHIP** (from Isaiah 55, adapted)

Hear, everyone who thirsts, come to the abundant waters;

**⌘ And you who have no money, come, fill your cart, and eat!**

Come, enjoy wine and milk without money, and without price.

**⌘ Listen carefully now, and feast on food that truly satisfies!**

For God's ways are truly not our ways.

### **\*HYMN**

*"All Who Hunger"*

#509

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**⌘ God, whose very nature is overflowing with generosity, we are grateful for the abundance embedded in your Creation. Yet we confess our tendency to store up for more than we need. Because of human injustice, the innocent and poor hunger and perish. Speak to us this morning, and always, inspiring us to be ever more faithful and generous stewards of all your gifts ...**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE

Here is the Good News: In Christ, we are not condemned to repeat the follies of the past, but are set free by grace to embrace a renewed life..

**⌘ Thanks be to God! Amen!**

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**⌘ And also with you.**

### **ANTHEM**

*"Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days"*

Chancel Choir

LANI SMITH

Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.

As you with Satan did contend, and did the vict'ry win, O give us strength in you to fight, in you to conquer sin.

And through these days of penitence, and through your Passion-tide, yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord with us abide.

Abide with us, so that when this course of life on earth is past, An Easter of unending joy we may attain at last, at last.

## Listening for God's Word

### MOMENT FOR THE CHILDREN

Sue Henderson

*Children are always welcome here. Any noise they might make is a welcome reminder of the "circle of life." 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

### SCRIPTURE READING

Joshua 5:9-12  
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

OT pg. 197  
NT pg. 78

Word of wisdom,  
word of grace.

‡ **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

Pastor Len & Sr. High Youth

"Turn, Turn, Turn: A Word From Our Youth Missionaries"

## 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 musical score is written on three staves in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is simple and melodic, with lyrics written below the notes.

**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**

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**

*"Amazing Grace"*  
ARR. DAVID CHERWIEN

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**

**Sent Out to Serve in Jesus' Name**

**INVITATION TO COMMUNITY**

**\*HYMN**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

#14

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*POSTLUDE**

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

ARR. PAUL MANZ

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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**Today's Worship Leaders**

Head Usher	Jim Hershauer
Ushers	Jeanette Miller, Alan Sweeney
Worship Techs	Bianca Osorio, Sada Reed
Trustee on Duty	Carol Rickel
Deacon of the Month	Sue Coleman
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

## REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**Deacon Honorary Plant:** *None given this day.*

**Memorial Book:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Carolyn Norrid, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Bryon & Angela Bennett, December 1986.*

**The World:** Prayers for food justice around the world, especially in places of war, famine, and 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:** Gene DeLutio, Rev. Bev Phillips, Corrine Silcox

*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:** Mingus View, Prescott Valley, their pastor: CRE Susan Goe

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## 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 join in worship.)

**Youth Group (Sundays, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm, Rm 9):** All youth are welcome for games, refreshments, 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 30, Apr 6 - 13** - *The Future of Religion* with UPC Pastor Emeritus Al Gephart. 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 tradition is being challenged, and what appears to be emerging.
- **April 20** - No class - Easter Sunday
- **April 27** - Gifts of Women Sunday – Pastor Len will present a provocative ‘teaser’ for his Fall series... *The Apostle Paul... A Feminist?*

**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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## ...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.*

Today is **Justice Sunday** (5th Sunday in a month) and we are focused on **food justice**. In the sermon time, our youth will offer their witness from this year’s Urban Mission Trip.

**Contacting Pastor Len:** He is eager to connect with you. You may email him at [pastorlen@upctempe.org](mailto:pastorlen@upctempe.org) or text/leave a message at (480) 648-5475.

**Congratulations, Cheri!** Cheri Hardy was designated as this year’s Senior Service Award recipient for UPC, which was celebrated Thursday at a Presbytery-wide luncheon at Desert Palms Presbyterian Church in Sun City West. **Thank you, Cheri, for your years of faithful service.**

**A New Version of ‘Stump the Pastor’:** 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.

**Deacons Offer Easter Lilies:** Stop by the Deacons’ table on the patio after worship to order your Easter Lily or plant in honor or in memory of loved ones– or someone you want to celebrate. The donation is \$15. Your plant will be placed in the sanctuary for Easter Sunday (April 20). You may also use the online giving button at [www.upctempe.org](http://www.upctempe.org), contact Donna DeLutio, leave a check at the church office payable to UPC with “Easter Lily” written in the memo line. The Deacons are grateful for your support and wish you a blessed Easter.

**Congregational Workday Kickoff (April 5th, 9:00 am - Noon):** The Board of Trustees are again sponsoring the Spring Congregational Work Season with a kickoff Congregational Work Day on Saturday April 5th from 9am - Noon (Snacks and drinks will be provided). After the work day, a sign up genius page containing jobs that still need to be completed will be sent out. The event is a great

time for fellowship and to help keep our campus beautiful. If you know of youth who need volunteer hours, the Trustees will be happy to sign their volunteer forms. UPC Trustees

**'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 45 bakers, including 15 regulars. Invite your friends to bake: Contact Andrea White at [info@riseshinebread.org](mailto:info@riseshinebread.org) or (480) 580-3021. Questions? Here is a video link: <https://youtu.be/Go5llLjTuw>.

**Sunday Online Fellowship Pad ([www.upctempe.org/fellowship](http://www.upctempe.org/fellowship), or scan the QR code):** If you are worshipping online, please complete the online Fellowship Pad and include your prayer requests. If you have new contact info (phone, email, etc.), include that 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.***



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## 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 30** – Justice Sunday: Food Insecurity

7:00 am I-HELP Overnight (FH)  
9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)  
10:00 am Children's Bible Time  
10:30 am 'UPC Cafe' fellowship time on the patio  
11:00 am Adult Christian Education–Rev. Al Gephart series begins (S)  
11:00 am Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)

**Mon., Mar 31**

8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

**Tue., Apr 1**

4:00 pm Violin Lessons (Rm 2)

**Wed., Apr 2**

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)  
10:15 am Office Calendaring Meeting (CR)  
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., Apr 3**

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

**Fri., Apr 4**

3:00 pm I-HELP –Meal: Quakers (FH, K)



8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)  
**Sat., Apr 5**  
 7:00 am I-HELP guests depart  
 7:15 am Baseball Card Show (FH)  
 9:00 am Congregational Work Day (Campus)

**Sun., Apr 6**  
*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rms 2-3)*  
 7:00 am I-HELP Overnight (FH)  
 9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)  
 10:30 am 'UPC Cafe' fellowship time on the patio  
 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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Organist	Jon Sywassink
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