



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

April 6, 2025

5th Sunday in Lent

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Joyce Godfrey

*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: Our church is a member of the Presbytery of the Grand Canyon, together with churches from greater Phoenix north to the state border. With three other presbyteries we are part of the Synod of the Southwest, covering all of Arizona and New Mexico. With all of the Synods, we are part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). How much do you know about these expressions of our wider Church? How important do you think it is for us to be their faithful partners?

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, and completing the form—with contact information **only if it is new or changed**.
- 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 and Entrance of the Light

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"
BY JOHANN G. NÄGELI ARR. JERRY RAY

Ted Gibson,
Pianist

We use this time to center our spirits on God's grace-filled presence and remember that we are connected to all things through the Body of Christ.

The candles on the communion table represent the light of community. The candle near the pulpit is the Christ candle, symbolic of the eternal light of Christ.

***Call to Worship**

God did great things for us in the past, and rejoiced.

⌘ Restore our fortunes, O God!

Let all who plant with tears reap the harvest with shouts of joy.

⌘ Those who set out with tears will return with abundant joy!

***Hymn**

"Renew Your Church"
[Insert]

#311
(New Century UCC Hymnal)

Prayer of Confession

**⌘ Called to be part of the planet-wide Body of Christ,
we too often prefer to be spiritual lone rangers.
Shown the power of interdependence,
we can yet be reluctant to offer our gifts to others
and to receive from them what we need.
Consumed by our need to achieve,
we sometimes disdain cooperation and mutual vision.
Come, Holy One, we are eager for the promised new way.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

Assurance of Grace

⌘ Thanks be to God! Amen!

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ And also with you.

Anthem

"What Wondrous Love is This"
MARK HAYES

Chancel Choir

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul.
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my
soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing, to God
and to the Lamb, who is the great I Am, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will
sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing, Yes I will sing to God.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll
sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity, I'll sing
on, I'll sing on and through eternity, I'll sing on!

Listening for God's Word

Moment with Our 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 Understanding

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 43:18-21

OT pg. 672

John 12:1-8

NT pg.106

The Spirit of God reveals the Word of God to the people of God!

⌘ **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Pastor Len

“Turn, Turn, Turn: We're Much Better Together”

Responding to God's Word

[seated] **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 (D major). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a rest followed by a quarter note G4, then eighth notes A4, B4, C5, and a quarter note B4. The second staff continues with quarter notes A4, G4, F4, E4, D4, C4, B3, and A3. The third staff has a half note G3, quarter notes F3, E3, D3, C3, B2, A2, and a final quarter note G2.

Invitation to Community

UPC is a community of Christian faith seeking to be open and affirming of all God's children, regardless of who you love, where you come from, how you got here, or what language you speak. All are welcome, as it is Christ who invites us and calls us into this community.

Minute for Mission

"One Great Hour of Sharing"

Carol Rickel

Invitation to Generosity

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

"Purple (Lent)"
MARTIN ELLIS

Jon Sywassink,
Organist

*Prayer of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is 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...

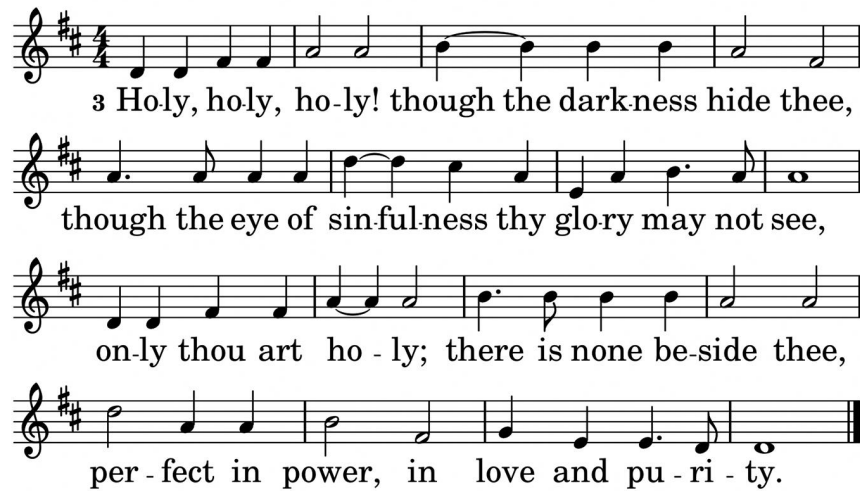
... with all of creation, with people of every time and place, we join the everlasting chorus of praise:

[seated] **Sanctus**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#1

(v. 3)



3 Holy, holy, ho-ly! though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sin-ful-ness thy glory may not see,
on-ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be-side thee,
per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.

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

... and after giving thanks to God,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying:

**∴ Take, eat, This is my body, given for you.
Whenever you gather to eat, do this in remembrance of me.**

In the same way, when the meal was finished, he took the cup, saying:

**∴ This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
shed for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.**

***Sharing of the Bread and Cup**

If you are joining us from your home:

*You are encouraged to be ready with some bread
and something to drink at the appropriate time.*

For those in the sanctuary who would like to come forward:

*An usher will invite you to come down the aisle to your left toward one of the serving
stations where you will receive a piece of bread. Gluten-free elements are available
at the station in front of the pulpit.*

*An appropriate response to receiving the elements
is "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."*

*You may dip your bread in the common cup OR receive an individual cup. Discard the cup
in the basket, and then return to your seat by the opposite aisle.*

For those in the sanctuary who prefer to remain seated:

A server will be available to take the elements to you.

***Communion Hymn**

"In Remembrance of Me"

#521

1 In remembrance of me, eat this bread. In remembrance of
 2 In remembrance of me, heal the sick. In remembrance of
 me, drink this wine. In re-mem-brance of me,
 me, feed the poor. In re-mem-brance of me,
 pray for the time when God's own will is done.
 o - pen the door and let your neigh - bors
 in, let them in. Take, eat, and be com-fort - ed;
 drink and re - mem-ber too, that this is my bod-y and
 pre-cious blood shed for you, shed for you.
 3 In re-mem-brance of me, search for truth. In re-
 mem-brance of me, al-ways love. In re-mem-brance of
 me, don't look a-bove, but in your heart, look for
 God. Do this in re-mem-brance of me.

Prayer after Communion

Sent Out to Follow Jesus

***Hymn**

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

#306

*Benediction

Following the Benediction and during the postlude, I invite us all to reflect on how God continues to be present in and around us, especially in this time.

Postlude

"What Wondrous Love is This"
MARK HAYES

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.**

Today's Worship Leaders

Head Usher	Tom Sevlie
Ushers	Wendy Sevlie, Patty Griffiths, Chet Henry
Worship Techs	Gil Urias, Chris Trella
Trustee on Duty	Judy Earl
Deacon of the Month	Jeanette Miller
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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Remember in Prayer

Deacon Honorary Plant: *Given this day by Nob Ichishita in memory of loved ones.*

Memorial Book: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Carolyn Norrid, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Martha & Tom Carr, Gabriel & Andrew, December 1986.*

The World: Prayers for justice and peace around the world, especially in places of war and disasters – natural and human-caused.

Our elected leaders: The President of the United States, members of the U.S. Congress, governors, county officials, mayors, and city council members, that they may all work toward justice and 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: Mark Henderson, Alan Sweeney, Asher Gibson, Patty Griffiths, Chris Decker

*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: First, Sacaton, their pastor: CRE Loretta Blackwater

Christian Education

Children's Bible Time (Sundays, 10-10:45am, Room 2): Children in grades K-5 enjoy Bible stories, discussions, music, and fun activities. (On communion and special Sundays our children stay with us in worship. Any restlessness is OK with us!)

Youth Group (Sundays, 11am - Noon, Room 9): Our youth enjoy games, refreshments, and faith-building. Need info? Contact Ted Gibson tedgibson@upctempe.org.

A.C.E.--Adult Christian Education (Sundays, 11 am - Noon, in the 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 we are familiar with is in 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).

What's Going On Here?

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.

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

Campus Work Weeks: The Board of Trustees are again sponsoring the Spring Campus Work Season. A **sign up genius page** containing available jobs will be sent out. Your work

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

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, contact Donna DeLutio, leave a check at the church office payable to UPC with "Easter Lily" written in the memo line. Thank you, and we wish you a blessed Easter.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, April 13th, 9:30 a.m.: A creative, interactive liturgy will follow the passion narrative from Mark's Gospel from Palm Sunday to Wednesday.

Each weekday morning, 7:30 a.m.: A brief prayer service is held in the Memorial Garden.

Maundy Thursday, 7 p.m.: A communion *tenebrae* service hosted by [tba] church and including us and Gilbert Presbyterian Church.

Easter Sunday, April 20th, 9:30 a.m.: Festival of the Resurrection service with communion..

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

UPC WEEKLY CALENDAR

*Note: 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.*

*Find Zoom links and calendar updates at www.upctempe.org/events.
Subscribe to the Weekly Update for Zoom links: www.upctempe.org/email*

Sun., Apr 6*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rms 2-3)*

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)

Mon., Apr 7*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rms 2-3)*

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

Tue., Apr 8*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rms 2-3)*

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

Wed., Apr 9*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rms 2-3)*

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., Apr 10*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rms 2-3)*

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

Fri., Apr 11*Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rms 2-3)*

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

Sat., Apr 12

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart
 8:00 am Men's Breakfast (MR)
 9:00 am Congregational Work Day (Campus)
 9:30 am Spring Potluck Set Up (FH)
 11:00 am UPC-PW Spring Potluck Gathering (FH, K)

Sun., Apr 13*Palm Sunday**Family Promise (MR, K, L, Rms 2-3) departs*

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
 10:00 am Children's Bible Time (Rm 2)
 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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