



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Vicki Jacobs

*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: The resurrection of Jesus was the 'sine qua non' for the early Jesus movement—not his teachings, not his miracles.. Resurrection is a key Christian distinctive. How do you understand it? How does it differ from resuscitation? How should our centering on resurrection affect our ministries and life together, especially in this interim time?

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 mute your devices 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

"Joyful, Joyful"
ARR. CYNTHIA DOBRINSKI

Handbells

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 Worship¹

With generations who have come before us,
we declare: Christ is risen!

⌘ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

From the fragments left by human destruction,
God creates new possibilities!

⌘ **Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

*Hymn

"Jesus Christ is Risen Today"
(Bells, Brass, Organ)

#232

Prayer Of Confession¹

⌘ **God of surprising new life, we confess that at times
we fail to see the events of the world
and the things within us
through the lens of resurrection.**

**We do not always embrace new life in Christ
but too often remain grumbling and fearful.
Too often we align with powerful oppressors
trading justice for silver.**

**Turn us back to Your ways, O God,
to seek transformative justice and peace.
In the name of the Risen One, we pray...**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

Assurance Of Grace

Christ is Risen! The stone is rolled away, the tomb found empty.
Mary calls out, "I have seen the Lord!"

⌘ **We are forgiven. All things are made new.
Christ is with us always! Alleluia!**

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

***Response**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

v.1 of Hymn No. 15, adapted

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator’s praise arise;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer’s name be sung;

Come, Holy Spirit, free each tongue:

[Women/high voices] **Alleluia!** [Men/low voices] **Alleluia!**

[Women/high voices] **Alleluia!** [Men/low voices] **Alleluia!**

[All] **Alleluia!**

Listening for God’s Word

Moment with Our Children

Sue Schnebel

Anthem

“The Day of Resurrection”

ARR BENJAMIN HARLAN (with Brass)

Chancel Choir

The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad, the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God. From death to life eternal, from earth unto the sky, our Christ hath brought us over, with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil, that we may see aright! The Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light; and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain, his own "All hail!" and, hearing, may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful! Let earth the song begin! Let the round world keep triumph, and all that is therein! Let all things seen and unseen, their notes in gladness blend, for Christ the Lord hath risen, our joy that hath no end. For Christ the Lord hath risen, Amen, Amen.

Prayer For Understanding¹

Sermon

“Backs to the Tombs, People!”

Pastor Len

Responding to God’s Word

[SEATED] **Response**

"Amen"

#600



Invitation to Community

UPC is an open and affirming community of Christian faith welcoming all of all God's children, regardless of who you love, where you come from, how you got here, or what language you speak. If you are seeking a church home, consider making this one it!

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.

Offertory

"Lift High the Cross"

ARR. LARRY SHACKLEY

Jon Sywassink,

Organist

Prayer Of Dedication

The Lord's Supper

Invitation To The Table

You are invited and encouraged to have some bread or something to eat and a drink as we celebrate the Eucharist.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is with you!

⌘ **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

⌘ **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

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

Holy God...

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

Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

#1

Verse 1

1 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al-might-y!
 Ear-ly in the morn-ing our song shall rise to thee.
 Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly! mer-ci-ful and might-y!
 God in three per-sons, bless-ed Trin-i - ty!

We come to this Table now, O Creator, mindful of ...

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

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 poured the wine,
and gave them 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.

***Giving of the Bread and Cup**

*You may come forward when invited by an usher, exiting from the left end of your row.
Receive the piece of bread from the server or from the plate of gluten-free bread.
You may dip your bread into the chalice; or you may take an individual cup,
placing your used communion cup in the basket provided.*

If you wish to remain seated, the communion elements will be brought to you.

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

***Communion Hymn** *"Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ"* #526

Prayer After Communion

Sent Out to Follow Jesus

***Closing Hymn** *"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"* #248

***Charge And Blessing**

***Postlude** *"The Day of Resurrection"* Chancel Choir
ARR. BENJAMIN HARLAN Brass

***When our worship is over, our service resumes.
Remember that you are the light of the world!***

Sign up for our Weekly Update email at
www.upctempe.org/email.

Today's Worship Leaders

Head Usher	Kathy Wagner
Ushers	Kathy Wagner, Nancy Franz
Worship Techs	Brigitta Kuiper, Chris Trella
Trustee on Duty	Judy Earl
Deacon of the Month	Jeanette Miller
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

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2025 Easter Lilies given in memory, honor, or appreciation of those we care about:

Linda Risseeuw
Nob Ichishita

Mother
In gratitude for the staff at UPC

Katie Ranes	Family
Cathy Richardson	Loved Ones
Patty & Lawn Griffiths	Loves Ones
Sue & Bob Schnebel	Loved Ones
Jim & Suzanne Niemann	Irene Cain's 85th Birthday
Chet & Binny Henry	Family
Donna & Gene DeLutio	Family & Loved Ones
Kathy Wagner	Family
Sue Coleman	Family & Friends
Diane Hillyard	Family & Loved Ones
Holly Silcox	My Grandparents
Nathalie Rennell	Loved Ones
The Casanova Family	In Memory of Kathrine Diggs 97th Birthday
Nan Beems	Family
Samira Rouhani	Family & Friends
Tabb Forster	Rosemarie Wallace
The Hawkins	In memory and honor of Jesus

Remember in Prayer

Deacon Honorary Plant: *None given this week.*

Memorial Book: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Carolyn Norrid, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Nancy & Wiley Herman, James, Michael & Tres, 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 and Senate, governors, county officials, mayors, and city council members, that they may all work toward peace for our cities, nation, and world.

Ongoing 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.

Homebound: Joanna Fancher, Helen Alderson

Birthdays this coming week: Linda Collins, Tabb Forster, Sara Hershauer, Suzanne Niemann

*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: Salt River (Pima), Scottsdale; their pastor: CRE Charlotte Faford

Christian Education

NO Children's Bible Time today – Easter Sunday. Parents: Any restlessness is OK with us!

NO Youth Group today. Join us again next Sunday at 11 a.m. in Room 9.

NO A.C.E.--Adult Christian Education today. Here is what is on-deck:

- **April 27, 11 a.m.** - *What Paul REALLY Said About Women.* (You thought we knew, right?) Pastor Len will present a provocative 'teaser' for his Fall series.
- **May 4 - 25** - *Theology in Popular Songs* by Rev. Ken Moe. Ken will examine popular music from the mid-70s to the mid-80s, identifying religious themes and theological affirmations in secular music.

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.

The **One Great Hour of Sharing** special ecumenical offering is still being received!

You may place a check in the offering plate marked 'OGHS' on the memo line.

Or you may donate online at www.upctempe.org.

Well-done, Ted Gibson and Bell Choir! Ted Gibson sang a moving rendition of *In Christ Alone*, and our bell choir outdid themselves at last Sunday's first-annual CommUNITY concert. Both received standing ovations! Encore!

Our annual **Gifts of Women Sunday** will be next Sunday, April 27th. A team of our Presbyterian Women has designed and will present the service. The sermon will be given by the Rev. Dr. Vonna Thomas. Invite some friends!

Project Connect – April 29th: Once again our campus will be filled with representatives of agencies offering services and resources to the community, and especially to the unhoused. Volunteers are needed to assist that day ... see [Faye Gardner](#) to sign up.

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.

No Cooling Center Here this Summer: The City of Tempe has determined that UPC will not host a cooling center for the unhoused this year. For more information on this surprising decision, see Catherine May. Pray for our most vulnerable neighbors.

'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/Go5llLlTuw>.

This Week in the Life of UPC

*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 20

Easter Sunday

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

Mon., Apr 21

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

Tue., Apr 22

Earth Day

1:00 pm	PW Online Bible Study (Z)
4:00 pm	Violin Lessons (Rm 2)
7:00 pm	Stated Session (CR, Z)

Wed., Apr 23

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 (Mission del Sol)

Thu., Apr 24

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)

Fri., Apr 25

3:00 pm I-HELP –Meal: St Augustine (FH, K)

7:00 pm Friday Night Book Club (Z)

8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Apr 26

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

9:00 am Set-up - PW Luncheon & Assembly Women 4 Women

11:00 am PW Luncheon & Assembly Women 4 Women

Sun., Apr 27

Gifts of Women Sunday

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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