



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

May 11, 2025

4th Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Nob Ichishita

*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:** As Christians, we proclaim on the first Easter the power of resurrection became manifest in our shared experience. What does that mean to you? In what experiences have you encountered resurrection power? In what arenas of life would you be willing to be the bearer of it now?

### 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—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

*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** (from Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

‡ **God makes me to lie down in green pastures,  
and leads me beside the still waters  
restoring my soul.**

God leads me in the right paths for his name's sake.

‡ **Even though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for you are with me.**

Your rod and your staff comfort me.

‡ **You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies.**

You anoint my head with oil.

‡ **My cup overflows.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life;

‡ **And I shall dwell in the presence of God forever.**

**\*Hymn**

*"I Danced in the Morning"*

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**Prayer Of Confession<sup>1</sup>**

‡ **Though we proclaim resurrection power,  
at times we resist transformation.**

**We do not always accept as your loved children  
those who are very different from us.**

**We resist those who speak for you  
but disrupt our routines and challenge our assumptions.**

**We discount too quickly your will in matters we do not control.**

**Grant us fresh courage and power in our witness, we pray.**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

**Assurance Of Grace**

Eastertide emphasizes the enduring and unconditional  
love of God, which is for all people  
and blasts through all of our shortcomings.

‡ **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

## **Anthem**

## *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Chancel Choir

THOMAS A. DORSEY

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn; through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light: take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. Home.

\* Thomas A. Dorsey was an American musician, composer, Christian evangelist, and one of the most influential African Americans in the development of early blues and 20th-century gospel music. He penned 3,000 songs, a third of them gospel, including "Take My Hand, Precious Lord" and "Peace in the Valley". He is not to be confused with Tommy F. Dorsey the American jazz trombonist, composer, conductor and bandleader of the big band era.

### **\*Passing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you.

≠ **And also with you.**

**\*Response**

*"Glory to God"*

#582

1 Glo - ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me,  
 2 World with-out end,       γ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me,  
 World with-out end,       γ with - out end. A - men.

and to the Spir-it, whose love has set me free. As it  
 World without end,       γ with-out end. A - men.

was in the be-gin-ning, is now and ever shall be. A - men.

**Listening for God's Word**

**Moment with Our Children**

Sue Schnebel

**Prayer For Understanding**

**Scripture Reading**

Acts 9:36-43

NT pg. 128

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

‡ **Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon**

*"Our Raisin' Brand"*

Pastor Len

**\*Response**

*"Amen"*

#600

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a - men.

**Responding with Prayer, Action and Generosity**

**Invitation to Community**

UPC is an open and affirming community of Christian faith welcoming all of 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!

## Prayers Of The People

*Send prayer requests by texting or leaving a message at (480) 256-8216.*

### Prayer Of Jesus (Modern)

Len

‡ **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.**

### Moment for Mission

*“Landscaping 2.0”*

Helen Griffin

### 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](http://www.upctempe.org/donate) (scan QR code).



### Offertory

*“The Lord’s My Shepherd”*

Jon Sywassink,

ARR. GILBERT MARTIN

*Organist*

### \*Doxology

*“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

v.1 of Hymn No. 327, 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!**

## Sent Out to Follow Jesus

<b>*Hymn of Sending</b>	<i>"You Raise Me Up"</i>	Insert
<b>*Charge And Blessing</b>		
<b>*Postlude</b>	<i>"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"</i> THOMAS DORSEY	Chancel Choir

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

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

### Today's Worship Leaders

<b>Head Usher</b>	Sue Schnebel
<b>Ushers</b>	Sue Schnebel, Marge Cawley
<b>Worship Techs</b>	Gil Urias, Sada Reed
<b>Trustee on Duty</b>	Gene DeLutio
<b>Deacon of the Month</b>	Diane Hillyard
<b>Sanctuary Readiness</b>	Larry Seubert

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## Remember in Prayer

**Deacon Honorary Plant:** *Given this day by Pete & Joyce Godfrey "To All Mothers"*

**Memorial Book:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Carolyn Norrid, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Fund by Lawrence & Elaine Norrid, Paula & Catherine, 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; Tom Best's friend Sherman and wife Louise.

**Homebound:** Joanna Fancher, Helen Alderson

**Birthdays this coming week:** Dale Hardy, Mary Frances Knox, Josephine Silcox, Joyce Godfrey, Jo Maloney, Eleanor Reed.

*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 Hillyar, Bianca Osorio

**Trustees:** Steve White, Laura Knorr, Reza Foladi-Nejad

**Presbytery:** First, Sun City; their pastor: Rev. Ann Utke

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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 experience worship.)

**Youth Group.** (Sundays, 11am - Noon, Room 9): Games, refreshments, and faith-building. Need info? Contact Ted Gibson [tedgibson@upctempe.org](mailto:tedgibson@upctempe.org).

### **A.C.E.--Adult Christian Education:**

- **Today through May 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](http://www.upctempe.org/rcl)).

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## 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](mailto:upc@upctempe.org).*



**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.

Our **Deacon of the month** is Diane Hillyard. She will be available at the front of the church after the service if you would like a private prayer or have other needs.

**Lunch with Len:** Pastor Len invites anyone interested to join him for lunch in Fellowship Hall on **this Thursday**, May 15th at 11:45 a.m. The purpose will be to have a good time and an informal "interim" discussion about UPC's identity and priorities. Bring your own lunch--and whatever *you* are pondering. The plan is to do this once a month.

**Men's Breakfast:** The final Men's Breakfast before the summer break will be Saturday, May 17th, at 8 a.m. All men are welcome. Please let Larry Gardner ([coloradogardners@me.com](mailto:coloradogardners@me.com)) if you plan to attend.

**Cooling Center Resurrection?** Three Tempe churches (including us) have begun conversations about a possible we-can-do-it rotating-location cooling center to save lives this summer. UPC would likely host one month if it flies (subject to needed approvals within UPC). If this is something that interests you, speak with Catherine May or Dan Abbott.

**Our Christian Education and Choir Year** ends on May 22. (Nursery service will be available all summer.). We are grateful to our volunteers whose ministry makes such a difference in so many lives!

**'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>.

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## 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](http://www.upctempe.org/events).*

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

### **Sun., May 11**

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)

### **Mon., May 12**

6:30 pm           PW Kayenta Circle (MR)  
8:00 pm           Stewardship Committee (Z)  
8:30 pm           AA Meeting (Rm 7)

### **Tue., May 13**

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

### **Wed., May 14**

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., May 15**

8:00 am                   TOPS (MR, Rm 7)  
 11:00 am                  Tempe Interfaith Fellowship (Z)  
 11:45 am                  Lunch with Pastor Len (FH)

**Fri., May 16**

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

**Sat., May 17**

7:00 am                   I-HELP guests depart  
 8:00 am                   Men’s Breakfast (MR)

**Sun., May 18**

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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