



## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

May 18, 2025

5th Sunday of Easter

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: Helen Griffin

*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:** How do you understand the Book of Revelation (the Apocalypse of John)? We will share a small but important snippet from the last book in our bible -- and ponder what are the implications for a resurrection power that may involve more than human beings. It just might not all be about us!

### We Gather 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

*"Shall We Gather at the River?"*  
BY ROBERT LOWRY 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** (from Psalm 148)

Praise God from the heavens, from the highest places!

**⌘ Praise God you sun and moon,  
and all you shining stars!**

Let them praise God, at whose command they came to be!

**⌘ Praise God you sea monsters,  
and everything in the deep!**

Earthly rulers and all the peoples!

**⌘ Young men and women, old and young together!**

### **\*Hymn**

*"Let All Things Now Living"*

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### **Prayer Of Confession**

**⌘ O God, creator and lover of all that is,  
we confess our failure as stewards of your gifts.**

**We have mistaken the gift of dominion  
for permission to control and abuse.**

**We do not fully hear the cries of those on the margins  
who suffer more because of our careless indulgence.**

**We turn to you, God of resurrection power,  
for healing and fresh power in our stewardship  
of your created order...**

*Moment for silent reflection and confession.*

### **Assurance Of Grace**

God did not send Christ into the world to condemn it,  
But that it, and we, might be made whole.

**⌘ In Christ we see God's vision! Alleluia!**

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

The peace of Christ be with you.

**⌘ And also with you.**

**\*Response**

*"Glory to God"*

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

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

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

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

**We Listen for God's Word**

**Moment with Our Children**

Helen Griffin

**Anthem**

*"In All Things Love"*

Chancel Choir

DAN FORREST

Love, Love, Love, Love.

In all things love, in all things love, in all things love. In all things love.

As I have loved you, so love, in all things love. Love. Love. In all things love.

Love is patient, love is kind, love always trusts, always hopes, always endures, love never fails, in all things love, in all things love, in all things love. In all things love.

As I have loved you, so love, in all things love, love, love, love.

You are loved with an everlasting love, now abide, abide in faith, hope and love, but the greatest of these, the greatest of these is love, love, the greatest of these is love.

In all things love.

The greatest of these is love. As I have loved you so love, in all things love.

**Prayer For Understanding**

**Scripture Reading**

Revelation 21:1-6

NT pg. 259

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

⌘ **Thanks be to God!**



**Offertory**

*“Let All Things Now Living”*

Jon Sywassink,

ARR. JOHN BEHNKE

*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!**

**We Are Sent Back Out to Follow Jesus**

**\*Hymn of Sending**

*“Shall We Gather at the River”*

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**\*Charge And Blessing**

**Postlude**

*“From All That Dwell Below the Skies”*

Jon Sywassink,

ARR. GILBERT MARTIN

*Organist*

***Short Informational Meeting***

*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**

**Head Usher**

Kathy Wagner

**Ushers**

Kathy Wagner, Nancy Franz

**Worship Techs**

Geoff Beams, Chris Trella

**Trustee on Duty**

Gene DeLutio

**Deacon of the Month**

Diane Hillyard

**Sanctuary Readiness**

Larry Seubert

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**Remember in Prayer**

**Deacon Honorary Plant:** *Given this day by Bonny & Chet Henry in loving memory of Debi Henry McDermott.*

**Memorial Book:** *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Carolyn Norrid, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Funds by Tom Dixon, 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:** Chris Trella, Carson Horne, Junior Meier, Judy Riden

*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:** Desert Palms, Sun City West; their pastor: Rev. James Crelin

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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.

**Important, brief, information meeting after worship:** Everyone is asked to remain in the sanctuary for a few minutes after the service for a very important informational meeting by the Mission, Social Justice and Peace (MSJP) team.

**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—from our youngest to our oldest!

**PREPARE THE WAY** - Join PW in continuing our sponsorship of a student through *Prepare the Way* as they help students in Uganda with funding to feed them, clothe them and provide them with an education. Vanessa is 15 years old and is in a residential school with two years left to complete her schooling. Without our assistance, she would be returned to her village with little hope for a bright future. Donations may be dropped in the offertory plate, basket in the narthex or sent to Kathy Wagner. Please make checks out to UPC PW with Vanessa in the memo line. We thank you in advance for your contribution to our global mission work.

**'Rise and Shine' Bread:** We have delivered 19,544 mini-loaves of bread to those in need. We are no longer producing full size loaves of bread. 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 18**

9:30 am           Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)  
10:30 am           Information meeting (S)  
10:45 am           'UPC Cafe' fellowship time on the patio  
11:00 am           Adult Christian Education (S)  
11:00 am           Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)

## **Mon., May 19**

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

## **Tue., May 20**

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

## **Wed., May 21**

9:00 am           Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)  
12:30 pm           Chinle Circle (MR)  
3:45 pm           Worship Planning Meeting (Z)

## **Thu., May 22**

8:00 am           TOPS (MR, Rm 7)  
5:15 pm           Wednesday Night Dinner (FH)  
6:00 pm           Bell Choir Practice (S)  
7:00 pm           Chancel Choir Rehearsal (CH)

## **Fri., May 23**

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

## **Sat., May 24**

7:00 am           I-HELP guests depart

## **Sun., May 25**

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)

### **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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