



**SUNDAY MORNING
WORSHIP**

May 25, 2025

**6th Sunday of Easter
Ministries Appreciation
Sunday**

9:30 a.m.

Liturgist: The Rev. Shelly
Moe



Open and Affirming to All, Glorifying God, Growing in Love

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ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

We welcome all who are guests.

We pray you sense the Spirit of Christ here.

We welcome all who are seeking. This is a place for inquiry.

We welcome people of every shape and size, color and culture, age and ability, sexual orientation, and family type.

We are a diverse family of faith. This is a safe place to be.

Come, let us together worship the God of love!

AFFIRMATION OF UNITY WITHIN DIVERSITY

We believe in one God, known to us especially through the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, yet known to other traditions by different names. We seek to challenge injustice, discrimination, and inequality wherever it exists, and to transform the world through the inclusive love of God. Beginning with ourselves and looking beyond our congregation, we celebrate the image of God in every person. When we gather in the presence of God, actively inviting and welcoming all into an inclusive community of love, a sacred space is created.

NOTES ABOUT OUR WORSHIP

HEARING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT BULLETINS: Please contact an usher if you would like to use a *hearing amplification system* or a *large print bulletin*.

PILLOWS, if needed for back comfort, are available on the back counter in the Narthex for use during the service.

CHILDREN are invited to stay in worship. We offer childcare for children up to 5 years old upon request. Please contact one of the ushers for assistance.

LITURGICAL COLORS:

- **Purple** is the color of penitence and marks the seasons of Advent (pre-Christmas, **Blue** is also used during Advent) and Lent (pre-Easter);
- **White** is the symbol of purity and holiness and is used during Christmastide, Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord Sunday, Transfiguration Sunday, Eastertide, Trinity Sunday, All Saints' Day and Christ the King Sunday (the last Sunday in the liturgical calendar);
- **Red** reminds us of the Holy Spirit and is the color for Pentecost (50 days after Easter) and often during the ordination of elders and deacons; and
- **Green** is the color for Ordinary Time (all the days between the high seasons listed above), reminding us of new life and the hope we have for new life in

Christ revealed through the rhythms of everyday life and the challenges of faith.

MORNING WORSHIP

Liturgist: Rev. Shelly Moe

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:

Can you think of a time when you have been in need but were faced with hardened hearts? What situations in life cause your own heart to harden?

When you are unhappy with your reactions, what do you do to soften your spirit toward others?

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, 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

"Wild Mountain Thyme"
TRADITIONAL IRISH MELODY
ARR. ALFRED FEDAK

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 67)

May God be gracious to us and bless us.

**∴ May the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!**

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy
For you judge all people with equity.

**∴ May God's blessings continue;
Let the whole of creation revere the Lord!**

***Hymn**

"Let Us Build a House", vs. 1, 2, 5

No. 305

Prayer Of Confession

‡ **In the pure light of Your presence, O God,
we see ourselves with stark clarity.
Showered with grace,
we sometimes fail to respond joyfully to need.
Forgive us for our self-satisfaction and tranquility
in the face of injustice and pain.
Forgive us if we store up life's tangible blessings
rather than sharing them eagerly.
Forgive us when our tribalism
Causes us to see many that you love as 'them'.
In your tender mercy, bring us home to you.**

Moment for silent reflection and confession.

Assurance Of Grace

Jesus said, "I have come that you may have life,
and have it in abundance."

‡ **In Christ we are not shackled to the no-longer,
And are set free for God's not-yet! Alleluia!**

***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, 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.

The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 12/8. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are arranged in two columns, with the first column corresponding to the first two staves and the second column to the last two staves. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

We Listen for God’s Word

Moment with Our Children

Shelly Moe

Anthem

“God’s Peace”

Chancel Choir

ARR. C.J. ADAMS

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God’s peace; from our vain ambition’s worry, come to Christ and find release. Come away from noise and clamor, life’s demands and frenzied pace, come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God’s grace, God’s grace.

In the pastures of God’s goodness, we lie down to rest our soul. From the waters of God’s mercy we drink deeply, are

made whole. At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed. With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led, we are led, we are led.

Come then children with your burdens, life's confusions, fears and pain. Leave them, at the cross of Jesus, taking instead his kingdom's reign. Bring your thirsts for he will quench them; he alone will satisfy. All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die. Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace.

Prayer For Understanding

Scripture Readings Acts 16:9-15

The Spirit reveals the Word of God to the people of God!
‡ **Thanks be to God!**

Reflections

“Called and Sent”

Pastor Len

Mission Statement of UPC

University Presbyterian Church (PCUSA) is an open Christian community that joyfully worships, learns, and serves, embodying Christ's love through compassionate action, fellowship, and the pursuit of justice for those in need.

Today we celebrate our...

Music Ministry

Worship Ministry

Christian Education Ministry

Mission Outreach

Church Leadership

Staff

Ministers: EVERYONE!

Interim Pastor: The Rev. Len Silvester

Director of Music, CE, and Youth: Ted Gibson

Administrative Assistant: Lori Saager

Organist and Accompanist: Jon Sywassink

Custodian/Minister of Hospitality: Carrie Miter

Treasurer: Andrea White

Attendance Secretaries: Sharlan Pierce, Jeanette Miller

Sound Technicians: Jim Niemann, Sada Reed, Bianca Osorio, and Chris Trella, Brigitta Kuiper, Gil Urias

*Response

“Amen”

#600



We Respond with Prayer and Generosity

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.

Moment for Stewardship

Jim Hershauer

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 *“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”*

Jon Sywassink
ARR. JAMES BIERY

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

“I, the Lord of Sea and Sky”

#69

*Charge And Blessing

Postlude

“Recessional”
LYNN TRAPP

Jon Sywassink
Organist

*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	Larry Seubert
Ushers	Larry Seubert, Jeanette Miller
Worship Techs	Brigitta Kuiper; Bianca Osorio
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 Jon & Molly Winkler "In Honor of Family".*

Memorial Book: *To the Glory of God and in remembrance of Ada Jenkins, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Funds by Kitty Hauck, 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: Helen Griffin, Shelly Moe, Ruby Kianna Trella, Jeanette Miller, Sue Coleman

If your birthday is missing, please contact the church office to let us know the date so we can celebrate with you!

Elders: Alan Sweeney, Lawn Griffiths, Molly Winkler

Deacons: Nancy Martin, Jeanette Miller, Jim Niemann, Holly Silcox

Trustees: Carol Rickel, Cheri Hardy, Phil Witherspoon

Presbytery: Mission del Sol, Tempe; their pastor: Rev. Kelsy Brown

Christian Education

Children's Bible Time Rm 2 (Sundays, after Moment with Our Children and ends at the conclusion of Worship):

No class (See you in August)

Youth Group. See you August. Need info? Contact Ted Gibson tedgibson@upctempe.org.

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

- **Ending Today:** *Theology in Popular Songs* by Rev. Ken Moe. Ken examines popular music from the mid-80s, identifying religious themes and theological affirmations in secular music.
- See you in August.

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.



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.

Pastor Len away in June: He, Liz and Mazie (dog) are off to Paris—as pre-arranged. This time away is not technically vacation time, and the contact info above will work if needed. While he is away, Sundays will be covered by the Revs. Shelly and Ken Moe, Vonna Thomas, and John Herman. It will be a good month!

Contacting Pastor Len: You may email him at pastorlen@upctempe.org or text/leave a message at (480) 648-5475.

Cooling Center 2025: Three Tempe churches (including us) will provide (subject to Session approval) a scaled-down cooling center this summer. UPC would host it for the month of June and perhaps two weeks in September.

Volunteers for 4-hour shifts are needed! If this is something that interests you, speak with Catherine May or Dan Abbott.

Our Christian Education Year ends today, though **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!

Montlure camp *will* operate as planned this year; the camp was spared any damage from the Greer fire. For information, please see [Laura Knorr](#).

‘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 or (480) 580-3021. Questions? Here is a video link: <https://youtu.be/Go5llLlJTuw>.

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.”

Find Zoom links and calendar updates at www.upctempe.org/events.

Subscribe to the Weekly Update for Zoom links:

www.upctempe.org/email

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)

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)

Mon., May 26

Migrant Trail Walk Begins

Memorial Day Holiday

8:30 pm AA Meeting (Rm 7)

Tue., May 27

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

Wed., May 28

9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
3:45 pm Worship Planning Meeting (Z)
5:30 pm Karate Class (MR)

Thu., May 29

8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)

Fri., May 30

3:00 pm I-HELP –Meal: TBA (FH, K)
7:00 pm Friday Night Book Club (Z)
8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., May 31

7:00 am I-HELP guests depart

Sun., Jun 1

Migrant Trail Walk Ends

9:30 am Worship Service (S, Z, YouTube)
10:30 am 'UPC Cafe' fellowship time on the patio