



SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

February 15, 2026

Transfiguration Sunday

9:30 a.m.

**Welcome to
University Presbyterian Church!**

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.
Together let us worship the God of love!

—Are you here for the first time?

Check out the “Are You New Here?” section.

—Please mute your devices.

—Let us know you are here by using the pads in the pews
or at this link: www.upctempe.org/fellowship.

To ponder as we gather

"We often imagine mission as carrying light into the darkness, but what if the 'mountain-top' glory of Christ is already shining in the faces of those we serve? Today, we explore 'Reverse Mission', the holy discovery that God is already present in the world, waiting to teach us something new in the places we are sent."

We Gather for Worship

*Congregation standing in body or in spirit

‡Congregation reads in unison

Welcome

Dan Abbott

May the light 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

Be Thou My Vision

Ted Gibson

TRAD. IRISH MELODY ARR. TED GIBSON

Pianist

The candles on the communion table are symbolic of faith's light which guides who we are and what we do. The Christ candle symbolizes the presence of Jesus leading us.

Call to Worship (Psalm 2)

Dan Abbott, Liturgist

Why do the nations conspire, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together against the Lord and his anointed.

‡ **Let us burst their bonds asunder, and cast their cords from us.**

He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord has them in derision. Then he speaks to them in his wrath, and terrifies them in his fury, saying:

‡ **I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill.**

I will tell of the decree of the Lord: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.

⌘ You shall break the idols of power with a rod of iron, and dash the vanities of the world in pieces like a potter's vessel. Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and with trembling kiss his feet.
⌘ For the way of the world is fleeting, but the way of the Lord is eternal. Happy are all who take refuge in Him! Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

#450

Prayer Of Confession

Time for silent prayer

Assurance Of Grace

⌘ Thanks be to God

***Response**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

#729

(Vs.1, 2, 4)

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.
In my heart, In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart;
In my heart, In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

***Passing the Peace of Christ**

May the peace of Christ be with you.

⌘ **And also with you.**

We Listen for God's Word

Anthem

Lift Every Voice and Overcome

Chancel Choir

MARK HAYES

We shall overcome. We shall overcome. We shall overcome
some day. Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe we shall over-
come some day.

Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring, ring with
the harmonies of liberty. Let our rejoicing rise high as the
listening skies; let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun, let us march on
till victory, victory, victory is won.

Stony the road we trod, bitter the chastening rod, felt in the
days when hope unborn had died. Yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet come to the place for which our par-
ents sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered; we
have come, treading our path through the blood of the
slaughtered. Out from the gloomy past, till now we stand at
last where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

We shall overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome, we
are marching on to victory, Hallelujah! We are marching on
to victory. We shall overcome. We shall overcome. Halle-
lujah! We are marching till victory is won!!

Moment with Our Children

Vicki Jacobs

Prayer for Understanding

Scripture Readings

Exodus 24:12-18

OT page 70

2 Peter 1:16-21

NT page 236

Matthew 17:1-9

NT page 18

Word of wisdom, word of grace.

∴ **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

Rev. Reginald Ragland

“Reverse Mission: Finding God on the Way Down”

[SEATED] **Response** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me* #700

I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
Anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord anytime!

I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
Anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord anytime!

I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
Anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord anytime!

I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord,
Anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me,
Anywhere, Lord anytime!

We Respond with Prayer, Generosity

Time for Prayer

Prayer requests by text of message at (480) 256-8216.

The Call to Prayer

Please make your way to the microphone by the piano if you have a brief prayer request.

The Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Jesus (adapted)

⌘ **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.**

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!

Announcements

Invitation to Generosity

Offerings may be given in the offering plate as it is passed, or mailed to or dropped off at the church office, or given through our website at www.upctempe.org/donate. Or scan QR code:



Offertory

Lord, I Don't Feel No Ways Tired Jon Sywassink,
ARR. ADOLPHUS HAILSTORK *Organist*

***Doxology** *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow* #606U



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise God, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise God for all that love has done. Cre -
a - tor, Christ, and Spir - it, One. A - men.

***Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Out to Follow Jesus

***Hymn of Sending** *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* #775

***Charge And Blessing** Pastor Reginald Ragland

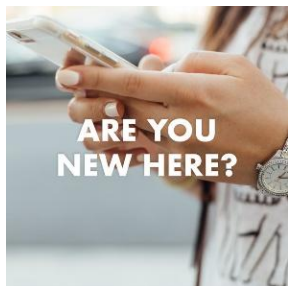
Postlude *We Shall Overcome* Chancel Choir
ARR. MARK HAYES

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Serving This Morning:

Head Usher	Kathy Wagner
Ushers	Kathy Wagner, Nancy Franz
Worship Techs	Jim Niemann, Sada Reed
Trustee on Duty	Chris Decker
Deacon of the Month	Sue Coleman
Sanctuary Readiness	Larry Seubert

Are You New to UPC?



We are *really* glad that you found us!
We invite you to explore our church
family at your own pace,
and in your own way.

Here is some
useful information:

- 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. Be sure to indicate if there is anything you want us to know.
- 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.
- We have a social time following the service —**UPC Café**— with light refreshments and beverages. We hope you will stay so that we can get to know you better.
- Sign up for our weekly (Thursday) **email update** at www.upctempe.org/email.
- If you see an event or volunteer opportunity that interests you, just come! No special invitation is necessary.



UPC Prayer Page

Why not take this page home with you as a daily prayer journal?

Deacon Honorary Plant: Given by Kathy Wagner in celebration of her daughter Sarah's birthday.

Memorial Book: To the Glory of God and in remembrance of William C. Powell, a memorial perpetuated in Organ Funds by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Robinson, 1987.

The World: Prayers for justice and peace around the world, especially in places of war and disaster.

Our elected leaders: The President of the United States, members of Congress, 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; Gary Anderson; Rob, Chet Henry's brother; David Dahlmeier, JoAnne's son; Tom Best's friend Sherman and wife Louise; Lou Starkey; Debbie & Sandy, friends of Sharon Tompkins; Ramtin Foladi Nejad and Betsy Youngs, as they recover from surgery; Chuck Riden

Homebound: Bev, Norm, and Jim Phillips; Beckie Burke; Dana Prestly; Barbara Smith.

Birthdays this week: Barbara Hawkins, Kathy Wagner, Phil Witherspoon

Elders: Brigitta Kuiper, Catherine May, Rick Casanova

Deacons: Nan Beams, Andrea White, Judy Riden, Jey Young

Trustees: Phil Witherspoon, Paul Green, Chris Decker

Presbytery: Bethany, Phoenix, Pastor: Rev. Dr. Tom Lineweaver

Christian Education

Adult Christian Education (ACE) – 11 a.m. – Sanctuary:

Today: Mission Month Panel – Rev. Trish Winters, Rekha Nair, ARIS, Kathie Sexton, Pastor Ragland

Children’s Sunday School – 10:00 am, Rm 2

This year we offer two classes, K-3 and 4-6, to better meet the students’ needs.

REMINDER: There is no Sunday School on Communion Sundays and special holidays.
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Youth Group – 11:00 am, Rm 9

Lectio Divina Bible Study

(Wednesdays, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m., on 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 at www.upctempe.org/rcl.

<h3>Rise and Shine’ Bread Ministry</h3>
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<p>We have delivered 25,794 mini-loaves of bread to those in need. Thanks to the 45 bakers, including 20 regulars. Invite your friends to bake: Contact Andrea White at</p>
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<p>info@riseshinebread.org</p>

<p>or (480) 580-3021. Questions?</p>

<p>Here is a video link: https://youtu.be/Go5llLjTuw.</p>

Announcing...

*If you have an announcement for our weekly emails
and/or bulletin, submit it to upc@upctempe.org
by Wednesday of each week.*

The Deacon of the Month is Sue Coleman. She will be at the front of the sanctuary after worship for private prayer or conversation about other needs.

Adult Christian Education, Today: Building Coalition Panel: Rekha Nair, Kay Wright, Katherine Kouvelas-Edick, Katie Sexton. Followed by lunch in the Fellowship Hall (Subs, chips...)



Please join us for an **Organ Extravaganza TODAY at 3:00 pm** at St. Matthew UMC, 2540 W Baseline Rd., Mesa, AZ, 85202. Organ music in a variety of solo and accompaniment settings including handbells, choral, instrumental, and a short silent movie. **Jon Sywassink** (*University Presbyterian Church*) is the featured guest organist along with Steve Edman, host organist. Composers will include J.S. Bach, Mozart, Carolyn Hamlin, Mary McDonald, Robin Dinda (organ for 4 hands and 4 feet), and the Beatles.

Our next **Sort Day** is Tuesday, February 24, from 9-10 a.m.

Come join us as we assemble kits for the unhoused and our immigrant neighbors... and have a great time together!

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper & Jazz Concert

Fat Tuesday pancake supper @ 5:00 pm and jazz concert following at 6:00 pm on February 17, 2026. **Desert Palm United Church of Christ** is hosting this event. All are invited! Desert City Jazz is a full-size, 16 piece jazz ensemble comprised of many of the best jazz musicians in the Phoenix area. Address: 1230 E Guadalupe Rd, Tempe, AZ 85283

This Week at UPC

*Zoom meeting links may be found www.upctempe.org/events..
and in our weekly email—
subscribe at www.upctempe.org/email*

Sun., Feb 15

- 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 Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
- 11:00 am Adult Sunday School (S)
- Noon Fat Sunday Brunch & Auction (K, FH)

Mon., Feb 16

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

Tue., Feb 17

- 4:00 pm Aris Foundation: Food and Resources Fiesta (FH)
- 4:00 pm Violin Lessons (Rm 2)
- 6:30 pm CIO Meeting (Z)
- 7:00 pm Phoenician Choral Group (S)
- 7:00 pm Board of Trustees (Z)

Wed., Feb 18 – Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 am Lectio Divina Bible Study (Z)
- 3:45 pm Worship Planning Meeting (Z)
- 7:00 pm ASH Wednesday Service led by Rev. Shelly Moe (S)

Thu., Feb 19

- 8:00 am TOPS (MR, Rm 7)
- 12:30 pm PNC Meeting (CR)

Fri., Feb 20

- 3:00 pm I-HELP Arrives
- 8:30 pm A.A. Meeting (Rm 7)

Sat., Feb 21

- 7:00 am I-HELP Departs
- 8:30 am PW Presbytery Grand Canyon (CR, Z)

Sun., Feb 22

- 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 Youth Fellowship (Rm 9)
- 11:00 am Adult Sunday School (S)

Location/Room References:

(CH)-Choir Room (CR)-Conference Room/Office
(CR/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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