

Dayspring

United Methodist Church

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10:00am

WELCOME

Together we are on a mission to make God's world more peaceful, just, compassionate and inclusive.

Dayspring UMC is a Reconciling Congregation. All people, regardless of age, sex, race, color, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, economic status or ability are welcome into the full life of our congregation. Dayspring affirms the value and worth of all persons, recognizing that everyone is a child of God. We call all to live by and attest to gender equality and to observe Jesus' principles of love and non-violence in all our relationships.

We are committed to transforming the church and the world into a full expression of Christ's inclusive love.

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THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Please check in at www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Robert Mills, piano

WELCOME

Pastors Michael Long
and Jeff Procter-Murphy

INTROIT

"Here I Am, Lord"
Dan Schutte
arr. Craig Courtney
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Alex Aragon

*God of all creation, be with each one of us,
**as growth, creativity and healing,
as light and wisdom.***

*Spirit of the living God, live within our community,
**giving courage to dispel fear and resolve conflict,
giving fire to inflame with love.***

*Spirit of Peace, dwell with us so that we may
**know your presence in silences and stillness,
know your vision for your people.***

OPENING HYMN

"Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing"

Hymnal #400

vss. 1-3

OPENING PRAYER (in unison)

**God of wondrous patience,
the earth has risen again,
emerging from darkness in a way
it has never quite been before,
whirling to a fresh time, an unused space,
alive with trembling possibilities, and we with it!
Such staggering grace!
Please, nurture us in newness.
Set us free from the tyrannies of habit
and complaining and blaming.
Shake from us the dusty melancholy
of too much comfort, pride, and pretense,
that we may begin to see the miracles of life
and each other;
to hear the hum of grace unfolding
to meet all our needs
unexpectedly and surprisingly,
and urging us to go on in faith
to whatever is next in love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

**Now we sing in celebration of the love that has no end,
Ever shifting and unfurling, an astounding, whirling blend
Of the known and the unknowable,
wondrous mystery breaking through.
God is known in all creation, making all things ever new.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(Please turn and greet one another as disciples of Jesus Christ!)

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Pastor Michael Long

SONG

Hymnal #143

**“On Eagle’s Wings”
And God will raise you up on eagle’s wings
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of God’s hand.**

ANTHEM

**“Hymn of Promise”
Natalie Sleeth (1930 – 1992)
Dayspring Celebration Chorale**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

MOMENTS FOR SILENT PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

**“Hear My Prayer”
Moses Hogan (1957 – 2003)**

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Karen Spencer Barnes

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

“Creation Sings!”

Creation sings! And we are in the music,
the movement of God's energy and art,
a liturgy that links our life to angels,
a litany that rises from the heart.

The Spirit sings! Through love and lamentation,
from Pentecost to joy of Easter Day
the universe is resonant with music,
the smallest creature dances to its play.

Creation groans at our discordant clashing:
the Spirit comes with music as our friend
to bring the harmony of peace and beauty,
to teach the textures of the way to blend.

O God, you draw the melody from silence,
you make of us the instruments of song!
We offer thanks in worship and in wonder
that such a gift to human souls belong.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ezekiel 47:1-9

RESPONSE

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God!

PREPARATION

Let the words of my mouth,
**and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in Thy sight,
O Lord, my Strength and my Redeemer.**

MESSAGE

Pastor Jeff Procter-Murphy

Sacred Earth Sacred Soul
4. Sacred Flow

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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OFFERTORY

“He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought”
arr. Mark Hayes
Robert Mills, piano

DOXOLOGY

Hymnal #94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

*Mary Chavez • Diana Gaucin • Jen Giannetta • Marc Giannetta
Jim Hoks • Sharon Ireland • Jan Mele • Sal Mele • Kelly Murray
Mike Murray • Karen Oxenreider • Kirby Oxenreider • Nancy Rojas
Karen Sharpe • Gina Tomkus • Roy Tomkus*

Response: **We rejoice to recognize you as members of
Christ’s holy church, and bid you welcome to
Dayspring United Methodist Church. With you we
renew our vows to love God with our whole heart,
love our neighbor as generously as we love
ourselves, seek to follow Jesus and live according
to his teachings, and live our lives with generosity
and hope. With God’s help we will so order our
lives after the example of Christ that, surrounded
by steadfast love, you may be established in the
faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way
that leads to life eternal.**

CLOSING HYMN
“For the Beauty of the Earth”

Hymnal #92
vss. 1, 2, 4, 6

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“When I Can Read My Title Clear”
arr. Mark Hayes
Robert Mills, piano

Acolyte: Roslyn Aragon

The flowers on the table are given by Bonny Sloane in memory of her mother, Betty Shaw, and in honor of her sister, Betty Walker.

PRAYERS

Richard Spicer, husband of Nancy Spicer, recovering following a stroke on March 5; **Stephanie Pelton**, friend of Mary Thielemeir, having heart procedures next week; **The family and friends of Richard Allen**, son of Ann Allen, who died suddenly on February 24; **Paola Marco**, for favorable results as she undergoes testing; continued prayers for peace in Palestine and Israel and in Ukraine; for refugees worldwide; for all the indigent people in our society who suffer through all the seasons of the year; for all who actively serve the public common good, including teachers, police, firefighters, healthcare workers, and our men and women in the military.

Ongoing Health Concerns

Kitty Moran, Gail Valenti, Stacey and Megan O'Rourke, Betty Brown, April Osborn, Ted Jung, Joan Wheeler, and Jane Baker.

Do you have a prayer concern you would like to submit? Please go to www.dayspringumc.org/prayer to share it with us. You may choose whether they can be shared publicly through email and during services or should be kept private within our prayer team and pastors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, MARCH 11.

FAITH UNPLUGGED: The wait is finally over! We are excited to launch Faith Unplugged — a service where conversation brings people together through faith, inclusivity, experience, and culture. Join us as we unplug what it means to “love.” We will start with the theme “What is Love,” based on bell hooks's book *All About Love: New Visions*, the first in her *Love Song to the Nation* series. Please join us for this unplugged look at Love TODAY at 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

LOVE LESSONS will address major issues of couples, married or partnered. The topics will be led by a professional psychologist and informed by education, training, and experience, it is intended to be a learning experience to bring awareness to the issues and skills in primary relationships. As a community that values love, we will be looking at the unique issues for loving couples TODAY at 11:30 in the Palo Verde Room.

VISITING CHOIR CONCERT: This Saturday, March 16, at 3:30pm, Music Celebrations International presents a joint concert by the Cleveland High School Choir from Portland, Oregon, and the Cantamus Choir from Tempe Preparatory Academy. The program includes pieces by Daniel Brinsmead, Judy A. Rose, Mary Lynn Lightfoot, Bill Withers, and many others. Admission to the concert is free, and all are invited!

MONTHLY TAIZÉ SERVICE: Our monthly Taizé Service will be held in the Palo Verde Room next Sunday, March 17, at 4pm. Gathered in the presence of Christ, this is a quiet time of meditative common prayer; truly a time for deep connection and restoration.

ASU CONCERT CHOIR: On Thursday, Mar 21 at 7:30pm, the ASU Concert Choir will share Durufle's famous Requiem setting with woven interpolations of modern dance, spoken word, and visual projections. The featured soloist is Dr. Stephanie Weiss. Please purchase tickets in advance. Guests who do not have a ticket at the door will be directed to purchase them online.

TOOTHBRUSH DRIVE: Our children are collecting toothbrushes to send along with the medical and dental mission trip to Tochimizolco, Mexico. Now through Palm Sunday, we are collecting new, individually wrapped toothbrushes, floss, and travel sized toothpaste. Children can bring their donations to Sunday school and there are collection boxes in the narthex.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER: Join us on *Palm Sunday*, March 24, for Sacred Space (8:50am) or our Traditional Service (10:00am). Children's Ministry hosts a Family *Holy Week Experience* and Dinner on Wednesday, March 27 from 5:30-7:00. Our *Maundy Thursday* communion service, featuring cellist Alex Duke, is March 28 at 6:00pm. The solemn *Good Friday* service combines the Seven Last Words of Jesus with familiar spirituals at 6:00pm. Our *Easter morning* festival celebrations with organ, brass, and choir are at 8:30 and 10:00am.

SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH meets for lunch at 11:30 on Sunday mornings. A signup sheet and list of upcoming locations are available on the welcome table in the narthex. All are welcome! Email lunch@dayspringumc.org with questions.

THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

SUNDAY, MARCH 10

SECOND SUNDAY

- 8:15am - United Methodist Men, Palo Verde Room
- 8:45am - Body & Soul Yoga, Room 112
- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
 - Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Drop-In Labyrinth Walks, Patio
- 9:15am - Cherub Choir, Room 201
 - Celebration Chorale, Kelley Music Room
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
 - Nursery Care, Room 117
 - 2-3 Year Old Sunday School, Room 116
 - Pre-K-Kindergarten Sunday School, Room 115
 - 1st-3rd Grade Sunday School, Room 202
 - 4th-6th Grade Sunday School, Room 201
 - Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Manuel's (Southern/101)
 - Faith Unplugged, Sanctuary
 - Love Lessons, Palo Verde Room
- 5:00pm - Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, MARCH 11

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

- 9:00am - Maricopa County Elections, Fellowship Hall
- 7:00pm - BS Troop 172, Room 206
 - Mary Martha Circle, Palo Verde Room

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:00am - Maricopa County Elections, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am - Journeying with Jesus Lent Study, FVT
- 6:00pm - Dayspringers, Music Room
- 6:30pm - SPRC Meeting, Palo Verde Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:00am - Maricopa County Elections, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am - Multiplying Love Lent Study, Room 112
- 7:00pm - Celebration Chorale, Kelley Music Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

- 9:00am - Maricopa County Elections, Fellowship Hall
- 9:30am - Connie Reading Circle, Palo Verde Room
- 10:00am - Mary Oliver Lent Study, Zoom
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Room 112
- 6:00pm - Cantilena Rehearsal, Music Room
- 6:30pm - NA, Rooms 110-111
 - Stephen Ministry Meeting, Palo Verde Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

- 9:00am - Maricopa County Elections, Fellowship Hall
- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:00am - Stephen Ministry Training, Palo Verde Room
- 9:00am - Maricopa County Elections, Fellowship Hall
- 3:30pm - Cleveland HS/Tempe Prep Concert, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
 - Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Adult Sunday School, Palo Verde Room
- 9:15am - Cherub Choir, Room 201
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
 - Nursery Care, Room 117
 - 2-3 Year Old Sunday School, Room 116
 - Pre-K-Kindergarten Sunday School, Room 115
 - 1st-3rd Grade Sunday School, Room 202
 - 4th-6th Grade Sunday School, Room 201
 - Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Chompie's (S of Chandler Mall)
- 4:00pm - Taizé Service, Palo Verde Room
- 5:00pm - Youth Group, Room 111

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Please let us know!

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