

Dayspring

United Methodist Church

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10:00am

WELCOME

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

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.

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

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THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE

Please check in at www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Robert Mills, piano

WELCOME

Pastors Michael Long &
Jeff Procter-Murphy

CHORAL INTROIT

"In This Very Room"
Ron and Carol Harris
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Rick Potts

As we gather in this sacred space, may we be open to your presence among us, Loving God.

We come together with hearts open to receive your wisdom and grace as we honor the life and legacy of John Wesley, whose spirit of reform and commitment to social justice continues to inspire us.

We give thanks for Wesley's tireless dedication to spreading your message of love and inclusion.

May his example embolden us to seek justice, embrace diversity, and extend compassion to all whom we encounter.

Guide us, O Spirit, as we journey together in faith, ever mindful of Wesley's call to personal and social holiness.

Help us to embody his teachings of radical love, humility, and service, so that we may be instruments of your peace in a world hungry for hope and healing.

Bless our time together, that it may deepen our connection to you, O God, and to one another.

May our songs, prayers, and reflections be pleasing to you and nourishing to our souls.

*In the name of Christ, our Teacher and Redeemer, we pray.
Amen.*

OPENING HYMN

Hymnal #57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

vss. 1-3, 7

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
let joyful alleluias ring
the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Maker and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread thro' all the earth abroad
the honors of your name.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease,
'tis music to our faithful ears,
'tis life and health and peace.

Christ came to you, this truth to show:
forgive as you're forgiven;
anticipate your heaven below,
and know that love is heaven.

OPENING PRAYER

**We gather today with our hearts
centered on the presence of the Divine among us.**

**We remember that we are not alone
on this journey of faith,
but are joined together as one body,
diverse yet interconnected.**

**In this sacred space,
let us set aside our distractions and preoccupations,
and open ourselves to the movement of your Spirit.**

**May we be attentive to the whispers of grace,
the nudges of conscience,
and the invitations to deeper discipleship.**

**May our hearts be filled with love,
our minds sharpened in reflection,
and our spirits renewed in hope.**

**Let us celebrate with joy and gratitude,
knowing that your love enfolds us all. Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

vs. 1

**O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
let joyful alleluias ring
the triumphs of his grace!**

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

“He Watching Over Israel” from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 – 1847)
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

MOMENTS FOR SILENT PRAYER

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

“Lead Me, God”

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Shirley Wells

THE LORD’S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymnal #344

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:18-21

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

Why I Am a United Methodist

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

give securely online at: dayspringumc.org/give

OFFERTORY

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”
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

BLESSING OF THE MONARCH WAYSTATION HABITAT

CLOSING HYMN

Hymnal #384

“Love Divine All Loves Excelling”

LITURGY OF APPRECIATION FOR VOLUNTEERS

Beloved community, we offer our heartfelt gratitude for the dedicated volunteers who selflessly serve this congregation and extend love and justice to the wider world.

We gather in unity, recognizing the power of community and the sacred act of service. Today, we honor those who have given their time, talents, and compassion to build a better world. We celebrate the embodiment of social holiness and the embodiment of the Gospel.

Blessed are the volunteers who have heard the call to serve, responding with open hearts and open hands. They have become instruments of peace, love, and equality, amplifying the spirit of justice and inclusivity in our midst.

We thank you, volunteers, for your unwavering commitment to make God's world more peaceful, just, compassionate, and inclusive.

In gratitude, we recognize the diverse gifts that each volunteer brings to this beloved community.

We are grateful for your creativity, your leadership, your empathy, and your courage.

Let us now take a moment to reflect on the ways in which our volunteers have touched our lives, and the lives of countless others, with their acts of service and advocacy.

Beloved community, as we honor and appreciate our volunteers today, let us also commit ourselves anew to the work of justice and compassion. Let us pledge to be agents of change, amplifying the voices of the marginalized, and extending our love to all corners of the world.

With grateful hearts, we commit to joining hands with our volunteers, working together, in the words of Jesus, “to dismantle systems of oppression, to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to shelter the homeless, and to offer solace to the weary.”

We give thanks for our volunteers, and for the opportunity to embody the values of our faith. May our actions speak louder than words.

May we be renewed and reinvigorated in our commitment to transform the church and the world into a full expression of Christ’s inclusive love, carrying the spirit of justice and love into our communities, workplaces, and homes. May we be living testimonies to the transformative power of service in our lives and in God’s world. Amen.

Go forth in peace, guided by the light of love and justice. May your hearts be filled with gratitude, and may your actions be a beacon of hope to all.

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”
arr. Cindy Berry
Robert Mills, piano

Acolytes: Piper and Logan Carpenter

The flowers on the table are given by Elias Arias in memory of Maria Arias, whose heavenly birthday was April 26th.

PRAYERS

Eleanore Krebs, admitted to the Friendship Village Healthcare Center and awaiting test results to determine further treatment; **Karen Carnahan**, for continued back healing; **Robert Hunt**, cousin of Chris Lueck, as he recovers from surgery on April 24; **Lenox**, great-granddaughter of Patie Hawley, born on April 24 - prayers of blessings and gratitude; **Khalaf**, friend of Lindsay Taylor, is family, and all the people of Dubai as they deal with unprecedented flooding and damage; **JC Roberson**, healing at home from pneumonia; **Jeff Craig**, friend of Sally and Rick Logsdon, under hospice care with cancer; **Doris**, long-time neighbor of David and Suzanne Harbster, waiting for results on a biopsy of her pancreas after emergency surgery to remove gall stones from her bile duct; continued prayers for peace in Haiti, Sudan, Yemen, 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

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION: Join us today, April 28, after the 10:00 service as we honor all church volunteers with a brunch in Fellowship Hall after each service. This is just a small token of our appreciation for all of our amazing volunteers - from those who lead our children's and youth ministry to those who welcome us, caffeinate us, and lead our Sunday services.

TAIZÉ SERVICE: Our monthly Taizé service will be held today, April 28, at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is an opportunity to spend *unhurried* time with God and a time of meditative common prayer. During the service, we sing uncomplicated, repetitive songs, uncluttered by too many words, allowing the mystery of God to become known through the beauty of simplicity.

TRUSTEES WORK DAY: Join us for a day of service and fellowship as we come together to enhance our Dayspring UMC Tempe Campus! On May 4, from 6am to 12pm, we'll be tackling various maintenance tasks to ensure our space is welcoming and well-maintained. No prior experience is necessary - just a willing heart and a desire to serve! Whether you're handy with tools or simply eager to lend a hand, there's a task for everyone. Plus, it's a fantastic opportunity to connect with fellow members of our church community.

WORLD LABYRINTH DAY: We are collaborating with St. James Episcopal Church (Warner/Rural) to hold a guided labyrinth walk for World Labyrinth Day on May 4, starting at 10:00 at St. James's campus (SE corner of Warner and Rural). There will also be a guided handheld labyrinth walk indoors as well as several other activities available. The guided walk will close at 11:30 but their labyrinth is outdoors just off Warner and open to all at any time.

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION: The next New Member Orientation is May 5 following the 10:00 service in Tempe and will meet there in Room 112 as well as via Zoom. Please contact the church office with questions or to sign up.

SIGN LANGUAGE CONCERT: The Hands of Joy Sign Language Choir has their spring concert at St. Matthew UMC on Sunday, May 5, at 3:00pm. The hearing audience will listen to the (recorded) music while watching the choir perform the lyrics in American Sign Language.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is making a splash on June 10 – 13 from 9:00 - noon. At this year's Scuba VBS, we'll dive deep into an amazing undersea adventure where kids will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Children must be three years old (and **MUST** be potty trained) through entering 6th grade. Register online at dayspring-umc.org/vbs. Email andrea@dayspring-umc.org with questions or to volunteer.

CITY OF TEMPE HEAT RELIEF DRIVE: We are collecting water bottles, electrolyte drinks, and nutritional snacks to support Tempe Cooling Centers this 2024 summer. We'll also take hygiene products, hand sanitizer, sunscreen, and socks. Please bring your donations to the collection box in the narthex. Please email nikki@dayspring-umc.org with any questions. Thank you!

SUNDAY LUNCH BUNCH welcomes Dayspringers to join us every week at local restaurants at 11:30 following the Sunday services. We share fun, fellowship and "family" support. Lunch locations are listed at the Welcome table in the narthex. We send a weekly email to members. Please email Mary at lunch@dayspringumc.org for more information. All are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY

- 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
- 11:00am - Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, Fellowship Hall
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Blackberry Café (Warner/Dobson)
- 4:00pm - Taizé, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 29

- 7:00pm - BS Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

- 6:00pm - DayspRingers, Kelley Music Room
- 7:00pm - Euphony Rehearsal, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

- 9:00am - Dayspring Stitchers, Palo Verde Room
- 6:00pm - Children's Choir, Room 206
- 6:30pm - Book Club, Room 112
- 6:45pm - BeTween, Room 203
- Youth Choir, Room 206
- 7:00pm - Celebration Chorale, Kelley Music Room

THURSDAY, MAY 2

- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Room 110
- 6:30pm - NA, Room 111 and 110
- 7:00pm - Centering Prayer, Dayspring Tempe Library
- Euphony Rehearsal, Kelley Music Room
- Time to Wonder, Zoom

FRIDAY, MAY 3

- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

SATURDAY, MAY 4

- 6:00am - Work Day, Tempe Campus
- 1:00pm - Euphony Rehearsal, Kelley Music Room

SUNDAY, MAY 5

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Adult Sunday School, Palo Verde Room
- First Aid Badge, Room 206
- 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
- 11:00am - Stephen Ministry Lunch, Palo Verde Room
- 11:15am - New Member Orientation, Room 112
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Blackberry Café (Warner/Dobson)
- 4:30pm - Youth Group, Fellowship Hall

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Please let us know!

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