



United Methodist Church

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February 16, 2025

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

Prelude and Fugue in G major
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Zachary Golden, organ

WELCOME

Pastor Jeff Procter-Murphy

INTROIT

"Amazing Grace"
Early American Melody, arr. John Coates, Jr.
Emily Gibson, soloist
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Kay Daller-Spear

Sustainer and Giver of Life, may all people be freed from the temptations of power, from the urge to control rather than enable.

Come, Spirit,

liberate us from the forces of domination.

Still Small Voice, may we learn to listen to each other,

and may those in authority understand the strength that comes from truly hearing each other.

**Come, Spirit of Understanding,
deepen our insights.**

Loving Creativity, may we affirm ourselves and others, understanding that we are all unique, and have voices that need to be heard.

**Come, Creator of Diversity,
and help us see the value of difference.**

Inclusive and Compassionate God, may we recognize and challenge discrimination based on gender, race, age, sexual orientation, and other excuses for exclusion.

**Come, Spirit of Equality,
and imbue us with the values of
interconnectedness with all your Creation,
human and non-human.**

OPENING HYMN
"Sing for God's Glory"

TUNE: Hymnal #139
vss 1-3

Sing for God's glory that colors the dawn of creation,
Painting the morning sky rosy with clouds of elation;
Sun of delight follows the velvet of night,
Warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power
that shatters the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us,
Praising God's name: Love that will never lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, conquering evil and slight,
offering peace and inclusion.

OPENING PRAYER

**Praise be to you, loving God,
for raising us to live in this challenging time,
on this nurturing earth,
with these caring friends,
for the labor of love and justice and beauty.**

We rejoice to be alive!

We rejoice to be in your presence!

**We rejoice for wounds healed, vision cleared,
strength found, laughter unleashed,
songs sung!**

**We rejoice that the rhythms of our lives
catch the cadences of your Kingdom
and, again and again, forever,
we are raised by you to new life with you.**

**With hearts filled with gratitude we pray.
Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

vs. 4

**Sing for God's saints
who have travelled faith's journey before us.
Who in our weariness
give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see God's new creation to be:
spirit of love reigning o'er us.**

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

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

"Keep Your Lamps!"
Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

PASTORAL PRAYER

Pastor Shirley Wells

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymnal #344

"Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 6:17-26

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

Living the Upside-Down Kingdom

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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OFFERTORY

"Lead Me To Calvary"
arr. Brian Buda
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

CLOSING HYMN

David Schildkret

"Blest Are You"

Blest are you, the broken in spirit:
Heaven belongs to you.
Blest are you, the grieving and mourning:
You shall find comfort anew.
Blest are you, the meek and the humble,
Earth and its bounty are your own.
And blest are you who hunger for justice:
Heaven's great mercy will soon be shown.
Rejoice! Leap for joy! For heaven will be your reward!
Rejoice! Leap for joy! For you are beloved of God!

Blest are you who show lovingkindness:
You shall know love in return.
Blest are you whose hearts are the purest:
God's loving face you'll discern.
Blest are you who seek peace and concord:
Children of God you shall be known.
And blest are you, oppressed and rejected:
God's glorious kingdom you'll call your own.
Rejoice! Leap for joy! For heaven will be your reward!
Rejoice! Leap for joy! For you are beloved of God!

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"
Gordon Young (1919-1998)
Zachary Golden, organ

The flowers on the table are given by Marianne Lopez in thanksgiving for the choir and the loving community it is.



PRAYERS

The family and friends of Eugene Tiede, father of Larry Tiede, following his death on February 9; **the family and friends of Katrina Smail**, niece of Kay Block, following her death on February 10 in Illinois; **the family and friends of Doug Klocke**, following his sudden death on February 5; **Suzanne Koivun**, hospitalized with severe back issues; **the family and friends of Melody Mason**, friend of Ryan King, who was hit by a car and killed while riding her e-bike on Tuesday night; **the family and friends of Steve Chapman**, uncle of Kris Kroeger, following his death on February 8; **for the Jarus family**, as Sally had a number of medical tests this week; **Bob Carnahan**, hospitalized for testing after passing out during a choir rehearsal at Friendship Village; **Adam**, 13-year-old son of Nick, best friend of Chris Berns, who has serious health issues continued prayers for peace in Haiti, Sudan, Yemen, the Middle East, and 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, and Joan Wheeler.

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

HOSPITALITY TEAM TRAINING: Are you interested in joining Dayspring's hospitality team? Please join us in the sanctuary after the 10:00 service on February 16 for a brief training. By joining the hospitality team, you will have the opportunity to make others feel welcome, help with the offering, guide the congregation during communion, and build a sense of community. It's also a great way to meet new people. Email andrea@dayspring-umc.org for more information.

AFRICAN LUNCH: Everyone is invited to join us in the Fellowship Hall today at 11:30 for a traditional West African meal celebrating Black History Month. The Mayson family will share family recipes, including Attieke, Jollof Rice, Chuck Rice and Gravy, Kala (puff-puff), and Liberian Rice Bread for dessert.

PARABLE OF THE TALENTS: Parable of the Talents is coming up on February 23. Our children have been working hard and will showcase their talents following the 10:00 service. All money earned goes to the Project Hope clean water project in Africa. Please email andrea@dayspring-umc.org to sign up or if you have any questions. This event is open to all children, so join us as we put this parable into action to do some good in our world.

BLOOD DRIVE: One of our preschool families is hosting a blood drive next Sunday, February 23, from 1:00 - 5:00pm in our parking lot. To make an appointment visit donors.vitalant.org (Drive Code: P2Y753). Thank you in advance for participating in this life-saving event!

DISABILITY INCLUSION SURVEY: The city of Tempe is seeking responses on a disability inclusion survey. If you are interested in sharing your experiences or ideas, please fill out the survey by February 28, 2025. The survey can be submitted in a variety of formats at: https://communityfeedback.opengov.com/portals/tempez/Issue_14211.

TRIVIA NIGHT: Tempe Leadership is holding a trivia fundraiser for Lost Our Home pet rescue on Friday, March 7 at 7 pm at Boondocks (1024 E Broadway) and Dayspring is putting together a team! Tickets are \$15 in advance per person; \$20 per person at the door. Each ticket includes one adult beverage and snacks. Additional food and drink will be available for purchase. Email kris@dayspring-umc.org if you are interested.

DAYSPRING MEDICAL TEAM: Our annual medical caravan is scheduled for April 22-29. We serve the community of Tochimizolco, Mexico with medical, dental, eyeglasses, and many other services. If you have a hearty spirit and a desire to join us, please reach out with any questions to Bill Chauvin at wjcrph@gmail.com or 270-723-7195.

UWFaith SHOES FOR MISSIONS: Are you thinking about spring cleaning? Dayspring United Women in Faith are collecting gently worn, used and new shoes to support services to the homeless, women and children in need. Collected shoes not only support our missions, but they will be reused and given a second life in developing countries. Donation boxes can be found in the narthex (lobby) through March 30.

STEPHEN MINISTERS are trained members of our congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are going through tough times. The Christ-centered care you'll receive is confidential, free, and very helpful. Please email stephenministers@dayspringumc.org for more information.

THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
 - Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, PV
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
 - Nursery Care, Room 117
 - Pre-K - Kindergarten Sunday School, 116
 - 1st-3rd Grade Sunday School, Room 202
 - 4th-6th Grade Sunday School, Room 201
 - Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:15am - African Lunch, Fellowship Hall
 - Confirmation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Rigatony's (McClintock/Warner)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

PRESIDENTS' DAY - church office closed

- 10:30am - Memory Loss Caregivers' Support, Zoom
- 5:30pm - Saving Jesus, Palo Verde Room
- 6:30pm - Grief Support, Zoom
- 7:00pm - Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

- 3:00pm - Praying Together, Zoom
- 4:30pm - GS Troop 07431, Room 201
- 6:00pm - Dayspringers Rehearsal, Kelley Music Room
- 6:30pm - SPRC Meeting, Palo Verde Room

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

- 6:00pm - Children's Choir, Room 206
- 6:45pm - BeTween, Room 201
 - Youth Choir, Room 206
- 7:00pm - Dayspring Celebration Chorale, Music Room

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Palo Verde
- 6:15pm - Cantilena Rehearsal, Music Room
- 6:30pm - NA, Room 111 and 110
- 7:00pm - Centering Prayer, Dayspring Library

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- 6:00am - Borderlands, Dayspring Arcadia Parking Lot
- 2:00pm - Virginia Holm Memorial Service, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
 - Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, PV
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
 - Nursery Care, Room 117
 - Pre-K - Kindergarten Sunday School, 116
 - 1st-3rd Grade Sunday School, Room 202
 - 4th-6th Grade Sunday School, Room 201
 - Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:00am - Parable of the Talents, Patio
- 11:15am - Confirmation, Room 111
 - Trustees Orientation
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Macayo's (Warner and 48th St.)
- 1:00pm - Blood Drive, Parking Lot
- 4:00pm - Taizé Service, Fellowship Hall

Has your mailing address, phone, or email changed?
Please let us know!

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