

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Robert Mills, piano

WELCOME

Pastor Jeff Procter-Murphy

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Beth Cadman

*From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,
from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,*

COME, LORD JESUS.

*To heal the sick, to mend the broken-hearted, to comfort the
disturbed, to disturb the comfortable, to cleanse the temple,
to liberate faith from convention,*

COME, LORD JESUS.

*To carry the cross, to lead the way, to embody love and
forgiveness for all,*

COME, LORD JESUS.

Today, to this place, to us,

COME, LORD JESUS.

OPENING HYMN
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

Hymnal #269
vss. 1&4

OPENING PRAYER

**God our deliverer,
you led your people of old
through the wilderness and
brought them to the promised land.
Guide now the people of your church,
that, following Jesus,
we may walk through the wilderness of this world
helping to usher in the Kingdom of God.
We pray as humble and grateful followers of Jesus.
Amen.**

HYMN RESPONSE

vs. 5

**Abide with us, that so, this life
of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy
we may attain at last.**

MUSIC MOMENT

David Schildkret

ANTHEM

"Come, Ye Disconsolate"
David Rasbach
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

PRAYER

Pastor Shirley Wells

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION

FWS #2152

"Change My Heart, O God"

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 4:1-12

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

Forty Days in the Wilderness

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

give securely online at: dayspringumc.org/give

OFFERTORY

Largo in E-flat
J. S. Bach (1685-1750)
Zachary Golden, organ

**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

“O Young and Fearless Prophet”

Hymnal #444

vss 1, 2 & 5

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“Begin My Tongue, Some Heavenly Theme”
arr. Penny Rodriguez
Robert Mills, piano

Today's flowers are given by Carolyn Lee in honor of her mother, Pauline Stringfield, and sister, Barbara Link, in celebration of their March birthdays.



PRAYERS

Sally Jarus and family, as Sally is now recovering at home following 30 days in the Hospital & Rehab; **Wes Press**, in the Health Care Center of Friendship Village after ankle surgery resulting from a fall; **Melissa Todd**, healing at home following knee replacement surgery on February 24. Prayers for courage, strength and grace; **Steve Todd**, prayers for patience and peace as he continues with significant health issues; **Merlin**, father of Kevita Bernstein, prayers of gratitude as he is now two months cancer free after fighting Stage 4 metastatic prostate cancer; **The family and friends of Patty Stremsterfer**, lifelong friend of Carolyn Lee, following her death on February 24; **Jack Black Feather**, hospitalized following a reaction to medication; **Suzanne Koivun**, hospitalized with ongoing health issues; **Mike and Kelly Murray**, as Mike has been moved to Barrow Hospital for neurological testing; thanksgiving and gratitude for **Baby Eleanor**, friend of Jan and Sal Mele, who was discharged from the hospital and is healing at home; 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

PROTECTING YOURSELF FROM FRAUD: Scam artists and fraudsters look for ways to take advantage of consumers. Nancy Juarez from the AZ Attorney General's Office will present information on how to protect yourself from fraud, warning signs it might be a scam, and common scams to look out for TODAY at 11:15 in the Sanctuary.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL & DISCUSSION: *The Hardest Part, Hurt We Carry, Hope We Find* by Kate Bowler is a Lenten study that explores the fragile and complex nature of life—balancing joy and sorrow, love and loss. Lent is a time to acknowledge life's hardships rather than ignore them, reflecting on our struggles while seeking hope and grace. Small group discussions will be held via Zoom on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (March 12–April 23) and Thursdays at 4:00 p.m. (March 6–April 24). To participate, please register with Andrea (andrea@dayspring-umc.org) and visit katebowler.com/lent to download the study guide.

LENTEN BOOK STUDY: Join us for a study of the book *Solito* by Javier Zamora. Written in the voice of little Javier, an unaccompanied minor journeying from his home country of El Salvador to the U.S., where his parents await, the book is raw, beautiful, painful, life- and heart-transforming. The study is facilitated by Revs. Jeff and Janette Miller on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. starting March 16.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL registration is open! This year's theme is True North and it will run June 9-12 from 9:00am to noon. As kids trek the Alaskan tundra, they'll explore how easy it is to lose sight of what's true in our wild world today. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North! VBS is for children ages 3 (by Jan. 1 of this year and must be potty trained) through entering 6th grade. Register online at dayspring-umc.org/vbs. Email andrea@dayspring-umc.org with questions or if you would like to volunteer.

UW Faith 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.

SHAMPOO+ COLLECTION: We are collecting Shampoo, Conditioner, and other new hygiene items for one of our Tempe Resilience partners, City Hope Center, during the month of March. Needed items include: Shampoo/conditioner, bar soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, toilet paper, and diapers/wipes. Please bring donations to the church office or look for the donation bins in the church lobby on Sunday mornings.

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.

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

THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

SUNDAY, MARCH 9

SECOND SUNDAY

- 8:30am - Breakfast and Coffee, Fellowship Hall
- Self-Guided Labyrinth Walk, Patio
- 8:50am - Celebrating the Divine Feminine, Palo Verde Room
- Childcare, Room 116
- Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- 9:00am - Adult Sunday School, Room 112
- 9:20am - Communion and Prayer Corners, Sanctuary
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
- Kids' Church, Room 206
- 10:30am - Jr. & Sr. High Formation, Room 111
- 10:45am - Communion & Prayer, Sanctuary
- 11:15am - Affirming LGBTQIA+ Ministry, Room 110
- How to Protect Yourself from Common Scams, S
- Love Lessons, Palo Verde Room
- Yoga Nidra/Sound Healing, Room 112
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Bisbee Breakfast Club (Ray/54th)

MONDAY, MARCH 10

- 7:00pm - Mary Martha Circle, Palo Verde Room
- Trustees Meeting, Room 112
- Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

- 6:00pm - Dayspringers Rehearsal, Kelley Music Room
- 6:30pm - SPRC Meeting, Palo Verde Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

- 9:00am - Stitchers, Palo Verde Room
- 5:30pm - Lent Devotional Discussion, Zoom
- 6:00pm - Children's Choir, Room 206
- 6:45pm - Youth Choir, Room 206
- 7:00pm - Dayspring Celebration Chorale, Music Room

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

- 9:30am - Connie Reading Circle, Room 112
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Palo Verde
- 6:15pm - Cantilena Rehearsal, Music Room
- 6:30pm - NA, Room 111 and 110
- Stephen Ministry Meeting, Palo Verde Room

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, PV
- *Solito* Book Study, Room 112
- 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
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Olive Garden (Elliot and Hardy)

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Please let us know!

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