

# 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](http://www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin)

### THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

#### MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Robert Mills, piano

#### WELCOME

Pastors Michael Long and  
Jeff Procter-Murphy

#### CALL TO CELEBRATION

Dazz Crain

*We are here because we have heard the call of Jesus  
in our lives.*

**We are here to challenge and support one another  
to rise up and follow.**

*We are here because we want to be God's people.*

**We want to learn more about what it means to be  
the people of God.**

*We come, seeking to be moved, changed, and made whole by  
the Spirit of the living God.*

**Let us open our hearts to the moving of the Spirit,  
and prepare to leave this experience as followers of Jesus.  
Amen.**

#### OPENING HYMN

"Morning Has Broken"

Hymnal #145

vss. 1&2

## OPENING PRAYER

**Praise be to you, O God,  
who spin shining stars  
across the wondrous heavens  
and stretch out the seas,  
who lift the dawn into place  
and set boundaries for the night,  
who awe the earth with storms  
and gentle it with autumn gold,  
who give everything a season  
and breathe life and love  
into the dust of us,  
who seed our lives with  
wondrous possibilities,  
unutterable beauty, mysterious longings,  
praise be to you!  
Praise for what has been, what is,  
and what can yet be;  
the reach toward justice,  
the deepening love,  
the tended wound,  
the saving laugh,  
the healing mercy,  
the blessing of friends  
the sharing of peace,  
for the miracles of the daily,  
the mysteries of the eternal,  
the presence of you.  
Praise be to you for amazing grace;  
we pray as humble and grateful followers of Jesus.  
Amen**

## HYMN RESPONSE

vs.3

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!**

## 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

**"How Great His Love"**  
words and music by Ruth Elaine Schram  
Dayspring Celebration Chorale  
JulieAnne Weissberg, conductor

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at [dayspringumc.org/prayer](http://dayspringumc.org/prayer)

## CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

"Spirit of the Living God"

## PRAYER

Pastor Shirley Wells

THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF PREPARATION  
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

Hymnal #474

SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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 Michael Long

*For Such a Time as This*

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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OFFERTORY

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"  
Paul Bunjes (1914-1998)  
Zachary Golden, organ

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

TUNE: Hymnal #415

"When Earth Is Changed and Waters Roar"

When earth is changed and waters roar,  
and mountains tremble, strong no more,  
when tumult floods our lives, our homes,  
God, be our help when trouble comes.

When death takes those we love the best  
when illness robs our ease and rest,  
O Holy Lover, hold us fast  
as long as grief and trouble last.

When answers die on silent lips  
and truth slips through our fingertips,  
God, stay beside us in our hell,  
that we may live the questions well.

God, keep us safe till peace returns  
and raised from ashes, new hope burns.  
God, shelter us till storms are gone  
and hope arises with the dawn.

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

"Joyful Day"  
Mark Hayes  
Robert Mills, piano

# PRAYERS

**The family and friends of Owen Jackson**, husband of Pat, following his death on March 17; **The family and friends of Wes Ridley**, significant other of Janet Fagan, who died on March 10; **Liz Thompson**, extended family member of Maureen Rojas and Suzanne Harbster, and her family, as Liz is hospitalized and in a medical coma due to complications from double pneumonia; **Suzanne Koivun**, healing in the Health Care Center following surgery; prayers of grace for the people of the United States and other countries in our world affected by decisions being made; **Kathryn Barnes**, daughter of Connie Swanson, as she continues to recover from a stroke that she suffered on February 23; **Ginny Thielking**, mother of Anne Kneuss, recovering after receiving a pacemaker on March 10; **Thommy Stuart**, friend of Connie Jo Swanson, who is trying to heal after having his third serious back surgery in the span of one year; **Brenda**, sister of Narae, for guidance and healing; 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.

**Today's food basket** is given by Becky Ashworth in celebration of her grandson Ryan LaFave's 17th birthday.

Do you have a prayer concern you would like to submit? Please go to [www.dayspringumc.org/prayer](http://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

**DAYSPRINGERS HANDBELL CONCERT:** Celebrate spring by attending a handbell concert featuring three area choirs! Your own Dayspringers will join with St. Matthew's and Arizona Community Church's handbell choirs TODAY at 3:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Bring your friends and listen to the bells ring in the spring! Free-will donations are always accepted.

**TAIZÉ SERVICE:** Does your nervous system need a reset? Our next afternoon taizé service is TODAY at 4:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Gathered in the presence of Christ, this is a meditative time of common prayer. Silence draws us closer to that inner place where we know God is truly with us.

**FAMILY PROMISE** starts next Sunday, March 30. We offer temporary shelter for a week to displaced families while they seek permanent housing. You can help by setting up Sunday school rooms into bedrooms before they arrive for the week, preparing a meal, hosting an evening activity (yoga, music, games, crafts, etc), providing food items for the week, clean up - laundering linens and restoring our Sunday school rooms at the end of the week. Email Robert at [r85249@hotmail.com](mailto:r85249@hotmail.com) for more information or stop by the sign up table outside.

**NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION:** Whether you're new to Dayspring or want to explore more about what membership is all about, you're invited to join us for a new member orientation session next Sunday, March 30, from 11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Room 112. Please let the church office know that you will be attending by contacting the church office at 480-838-1446 or [churchoffice@dayspring-umc.org](mailto:churchoffice@dayspring-umc.org).

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL** registration is open! This year's super cool Alaska-based theme is called True North and it will run June 9-12 from 9:00am to noon. 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](http://dayspring-umc.org/vbs). Email [andrea@dayspring-umc.org](mailto:andrea@dayspring-umc.org) with questions or if you would like to volunteer.

**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.

**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 look for the donation bins in the church lobby.

**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. Email [stephenministers@dayspringumc.org](mailto:stephenministers@dayspringumc.org) for info.

**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](mailto:lunch@dayspringumc.org) for more information.** All are welcome.

# THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

## SUNDAY, MARCH 23

- 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
- 11:15am - Affirming Ministry, Room 110
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Cheddar's (Chandler Blvd.)
- 3:00pm - DayspRingers Handbell Concert, Sanctuary
- 4:00pm - Taizé Service, Fellowship Hall

## MONDAY, MARCH 24

- 10:00am - Compassionate Care Team, Palo Verde Room
- 6:00pm - Saving Jesus Part 2, Palo Verde Room
- 7:00pm - Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

## TUESDAY, MARCH 25

- 5:00pm - Prison Ministry, Room 112
- 6:00pm - DayspRingers Rehearsal, Kelley Music Room

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26

- 8:00am - Board of Ordained Ministry, Downstairs Campus
- 5:30pm - Lent Study, Zoom
- 6:00pm - Children's Choir, Room 206
- 6:45pm - BeTween, Room 201
  - Youth Choir, Room 206
- 7:00pm - Celebration Chorale Rehearsal, Kelley Music Room

## THURSDAY, MARCH 27

- 8:00am - Board of Ordained Ministry, Downstairs Campus
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Palo Verde
- 4:00pm - Lent Study, Zoom
- 6:15pm - Cantilena Rehearsal, Music Room
- 6:30pm - NA, Room 111 and 110
- 7:00pm - United Women in Faith, Palo Verde Room

## FRIDAY, MARCH 28

- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

## SATURDAY, MARCH 29

- 10:00am - Joe Spracale Memorial Service, Sanctuary & FH
- 2:00pm - Court of Honor, Sancatury
- 4:45pm - Feed My Starving Children, Tempe

## SUNDAY, MARCH 30

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
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  - *Solito* Book Study, Room 112
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
  - Nursery Care, Room 117
  - Pre-K - Kindergarten Sunday School, 116
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  - 4th-6th Grade Sunday School, Room 201
  - Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:15am - Confirmation, Room 111
  - New Member Orientation, Room 112
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Abuelo's (Chandler Blvd.)

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Please let us know!

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