

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.

Dayspring United Methodist Church in Tempe is situated on the homeland of the ancestral Huhugam people, the Akimel O'Odham (known as the Pima), and the Pee Posh (known as the Maricopa). We respectfully acknowledge and honor all Tribal Communities — past, present and future — for their ongoing relationship to this region.

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THE CHURCH GATHERS TO CELEBRATE

Please check in at www.dayspringumc.org/bulletin

EARTH DAY & NATIVE AMERICAN AWARENESS SUNDAY

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

Prelude & Fugue in B-flat
Johann Krebs (1713-1780)
Zachary Golden, organ

WELCOME

Pastor Jeff Procter-Murphy

INTRODUCTION TO THE DIVINE FEMININE Suzanne Harbster

CHORAL INTROIT

"Child of God"
Mark Hayes
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

CALL TO CELEBRATION

Anne Kneuss

Creator made all that is and proclaimed that 'it is good.'

**Creator, help us to discover in all You have made
in Nature, the good wisdom about the interconnected-
ness of all things about balance and about living in
harmony.**

We are not above nature; we are part of Creation; we live by the same laws as all of nature and need to learn from what our Mother has made.

Creator, help us discover the power that lies in the wisdom and understanding of our role in the Great Mystery and in honoring every living thing as a teacher.

ALL: El Shaddai, may our spirits be in harmony with Yours as we gather in this celebration.

OPENING HYMN

“Circles of Freedom”

There are circles of freedom that empower,
that lift every voice to be heard
In circles the Spirit will flower,
as Her kindness in each one is stirred

Oh, come, come, come, come,
come to the circles of freedom;
oh, come to the circles of peace;
come, join in the sharing of wisdom,
as all graces and gifts are released.

In the circles together we find courage
to challenge oppression and strife.
By sharing our stories we flourish,
helping all of creation to thrive.

Oh, come, come, come, come,
come to the circles of freedom;
oh, come to the circles of peace;
come, join in the sharing of wisdom,
as all graces and gifts are released.

OPENING PRAYER

Patie Hawley

Creator, we seek your wisdom and understanding to guide us through life's challenges. Open our hearts and minds to Your teachings and the wisdom of the ancestors. Help us make decisions that are in alignment with Your will and for the good of all.

Great Spirit, we pray for peace and harmony in our lives and in the world. Help us be an instrument of Your peace, bringing love and understanding to those around us. May we live in harmony with all people, respecting the diversity of life and honoring the sacred bond we share.

Holy Mother, help us see your creation through the eyes of love and to treat all creatures and our earth with kindness and respect. Amen.

HYMN RESPONSE

vs. 4

**Round the world we can see the circles growing,
connecting us all everywhere.**

**The Spirit in each one is flowering,
as She calls us to dream and to dare.**

**Oh, come, come, come, come,
come to the circles of freedom;
oh, come to the circles of peace;
come, join in the sharing of wisdom,
as all graces and gifts are released.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Evander Hudson

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.**

CELEBRATING THE DIVINE FEMININE

Laura Hudson

ANTHEM

"Look at the World"

John Rutter

Celebration Chorale and Dayspring Youth Choir

Amara Carrier and Genevieve Hall, soloists

Dani Miller, flute

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

submit prayers online at dayspringumc.org/prayer

SUNG CALL TO PRAYER

"Spirit of the Living God"

PRAYER

Rev. Karen Spencer-Barnes

DINÉ PRAYER

**In beauty I walk
With beauty before me I walk
With beauty behind me I walk
With beauty above me I walk
With beauty around me I walk
It has become beauty again
It has become beauty again
It has become beauty again
It has become beauty again. Amen.**

HYMN OF PREPARATION

Hymnal #92

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

adapted verses 1,2,4,6

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;
Creator God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
El Shaddai, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;
Loving God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven.
God of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

SCRIPTURE READING

1Corinthians 15:40-43

RESPONSE

Hear what the Feminine Spirit is saying to us today!
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

Maureen Rojas

Creation's Beauty and the Divine Feminine

OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

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OFFERTORY VIDEO

“Blackbird”
The Beatles
Sung in Mi’kmaq
Emma Stevens

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

“We Must Follow Her Way”

There’s a time when we’ll see justice reign;
there’s a future that’s honest and fair,
for our Mother will show us the way.
We must act! We must follow Her there.

We must follow Her way
to a future where justice holds sway;
we must follow Her way
to a future where justice holds sway.

We’ll all vote in the beautiful place,
all our voices will ring loud and clear.
Not one person will then be erased,
nor be guided by hatred and fear.

We must follow Her way
to a future where justice holds sway;
we must follow Her way
to a future where justice holds sway.

To our Mother within and above,
we will offer our actions as praise;
for the transforming gift of Her love
guides our work for reform every day.

We must follow Her way
to a future where justice holds sway;
we must follow Her way
to a future where justice holds sway.

WORDS OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE

“In Christ Alone”
arr. Lloyd Larson
Robert Mills, piano

PRAYERS

The family and friends of Jeri Dermanelian, cousin of Cindy VanVleet, following her sudden death on Sunday, April 20; **Sharon Hester**, dear friend of Barb Breitwieser and Sandy Reinhardt, for peace and strength following the death of her wife of many years, Nancy Alder; **The family and friends of Juana Cadena**, aunt of Morgan Robins, for comfort following Juana's death; **Larry**, younger brother of Jim O'Neal, facing upcoming heart bypass surgery; **Katie Jordan**, cousin of Morgan Robins, for healing and to beat cancer as she undergoes a double mastectomy; **Carol**, friend of Mary Thielemeir, following the death of her her brother Bob on Saturday, April 19; **Dave Harbster**, recovering following surgery on Wednesday, April 16; **Tom McLaughlin**, recovering in a rehab facility after open heart surgery; for the health and safety of our Tochimizolco Medical and Dental Team as they travel to Mexico on Tuesday, and for all the people they care for while at the clinic; 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

MONTHLY TAIZÉ SERVICE: Join us for our monthly Taizé Service today at 4:00 p.m. This peaceful, candlelit service features simple chants, scripture, and silent prayer in a quiet, reflective setting. Taizé services are designed to be inclusive, peaceful, and spiritually nourishing, making them especially meaningful for those seeking rest and renewal in the midst of a busy world. All are welcome. Come as you are and experience the stillness.

REFUGEE FOCUS: A huge thanks to the Dayspring community for responding to last Sunday's Refugee Focus presentation with amazing generosity and love! Donations are still welcome, but please email Janie Magruder to avoid duplications. Looking for other ways to help? Go to dayspring-umc.org/refugee-focus.

MAY DAY MARCH: May 1 has traditionally been a day of action - and this year is no different! Be part of the national, nonpartisan movement to protect our communities from attacks on immigrants, workers, and essential programs like Medicaid and Social Security. The time to mobilize is NOW! Rally details: bit.ly/PHXMayDay

CREATIVE CONTAINER GARDENING CLASS: Join Master Gardener Jo Setliff on Thursday, May 1, at 6:30 in the Palo Verde Room as she discusses original, exciting, easy care container gardening. You will learn how to select containers, soils, plants, locations and watering methods in our tough desert climate. Please R.S.V.P. to garden@dayspring-umc.org.

CANTILENA CONCERT: Take a stroll through Cantilena's rich history which began with the vision of Dr. Glenn Bennett, carrying on in growth with Dr. Dave Thye, and continues thriving under the direction of Dr. David Schildkret! Come see their 20th Anniversary concert this Saturday May 3, at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary, featuring Cantilena's favorites, both old and new! No tickets are needed; a \$15 donation is suggested.

BURN CITY STRING QUARTET CONCERT: Our Quartet in presents their second Dayspring concert this year, next Sunday, May 4, at 3:00pm in our Sanctuary. They will perform their own arrangements of North American Folk, Pop, and Art Songs (from Canada, USA, and Mexico) and celebrated ASU composer Daniel Bernard Roumain's String Quartet No. 5 "Parks". Tickets are available at: burncitysq.com.

CINCO DE MAYO FIESTA: As the covenant grows stronger between Iglesia Aliento and Dayspring, we are invited to Aliento's Cinco de Mayo block party! The block in front of the church will be closed on May 4 from 9am-2pm. The party will include a time of worship (outside!) at 12:30. Bounce houses and slides will be open for kids the whole time, and there will be plenty of food and fellowship opportunities! iglesiaaliento.org

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 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 for more information.** All are welcome.

THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

SUNDAY, APRIL 27

FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE

- 8:50am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
 - Child Care, Room 116
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, Palo Verde Room
- 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 - Confirmation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, Nando's Mexican (Dobson/Germann)
- 3:00pm - CGCC Choir Concert, Sanctuary
- 4:00pm - Taizé Service, Fellowship Hall

MONDAY, APRIL 28

- 10:00am - Compassionate Care Team, Palo Verde Room
- 5:30pm - Saving Jesus Part 2, Palo Verde Room
- 7:00pm - Scout Troop 172, Fellowship Hall

TUESDAY, APRIL 29

- 1:00pm - Divine Feminine Meeting, Palo Verde Room
- 6:00pm - Dayspringers Rehearsal, Kelley Music Room
- 7:00pm - Brahms Rehearsal, Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

- 5:30pm - Sacred Story, Zoom

THURSDAY, MAY 1

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

FRIDAY, MAY 2

- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

SATURDAY, MAY 3

- 7:00am - Habitat for Humanity build day, Phoenix
- 8:00am - United Methodist Men Meeting, Palo Verde Room
- 3:00pm - Cantilena, Sanctuary

SUNDAY, MAY 4

CONFIRMATION SUNDAY

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- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, Palo Verde Room
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
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 - Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:30am - Lunch Bunch, D.T.C Sports Grill, (Near 101/Elliot)
- 3:00pm - Burn City String Quartet Concert, Sanctuary

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Please let us know!

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