



## United Methodist Church

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### 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.

As followers of Jesus, we are striving to make God's world more sustainable, 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)

#### MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. SUNDAY

#### MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND CENTERING

##### PRELUDE

Robert Mills, piano

##### WELCOME

Rev. Michael Long

#### CALL TO CELEBRATION

*Love is creative and redemptive!*

**Love builds up and unites!**

*Hate tears down and destroys.*

**Love creates a beloved community.**

*Physical force can repress, restrain, coerce, destroy,*

**But it cannot create and organize anything permanent;**

*Only love can do that!*

**Understanding!**

*Goodwill!*

**Yes, LOVE!**

*Even for one's enemies—*

**Love is the solution!**

#### OPENING HYMN

"Freedom is Coming"

FWS #2192

## OPENING PRAYER

**O God, we come to you today,  
grateful that you have kept us  
through the long night of the past  
and ushered us into the challenge of the present  
and the bright hope for the future.**

**Give us strength to love our enemies  
and to do good to those who spitefully  
use us and persecute us.**

**We thank you for the church  
that challenges us to do more than sing and pray,  
but to go out and work as though  
the very answer to our prayers  
depended upon us and not upon you.**

**Keep us, we pray, in perfect peace.**

**Help us to walk together, pray together,  
sing together, and live together  
until that day when all God's children:  
Black, White, Indigenous, and Asian,  
will rejoice in one common band of humanity  
in the reign of our Lord and of our God. Amen.**

(Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.)

## HYMN RESPONSE

**Freedom is coming,  
Freedom is coming,  
Freedom is coming, O yes, I know.  
Freedom is coming,  
Freedom is coming,  
Freedom is coming, O yes, I know.  
O yes, I know.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## VIDEO

"I Have a Dream"

## SPECIAL MUSIC

**"Thanks be to God"**  
Marty Haugen  
Dayspring Children's Choir, John Epps, conductor  
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

## A TIME FOR OUR CHILDREN

Jessica Nuñez-LaMarre  
Children's Ministries Coordinator

## 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.**

## POEM

David Schildket

"A dead man's dream" by Carl Wendell Hines Jr.

## ANTHEM

**"Glory" from the motion picture *Selma***  
John Stephens, Lonnie Lynn, and Che Smith  
arr. Mark Brymer  
Michael Long, soloist  
Dayspring Celebration Chorale

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

## CONGREGATIONAL CALL TO PRAYER

"I Am the Light of the World"

**"I am the light of the world!**

**You people come and follow me!"**

**If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery  
of what you were meant to do and be.**

## PRAYER

Rev. Shirley Wells

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

## HYMN OF PREPARATION

FWS #2158

## SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:6-8

## 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

Rev. Michael Long

*A Moral Blueprint*

## OFFERING OF OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

give securely online at: [dayspringumc.org/give](https://dayspringumc.org/give)

## OFFERTORY

Video: *A Visual Poem for MLK Day*

March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom: Archival Footage

The SALT Project

"Sweet By and By"

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

## CLOSING HYMN

"Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Hymnal #519

vss. 1&2

## WORDS OF BLESSING

## RESPONSE

vs. 3

**God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;  
thou who hast by thy might led us into the light,  
keep us forever in the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,  
where we met thee;**

**lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the world,  
we forget thee;**

**shadowed beneath thy hand, may we forever stand,  
true to our God, true to our native land.**

## POSTLUDE

“When I Can Read My Title Clear”

arr. Mark Hayes  
Robert Mills, piano

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## PRAYERS

**Steve Todd**, under hospice care; **Skip Hughes**, hospitalized following a stroke; **Robin Wagar**, mother of Pam Smith and grandmother of Lilly and Emily, for recovery of mind and body following a stroke while struggling with late-stage Parkinson’s; **Jerry Nuñez**, father of Jessica Nuñez-LaMarre, recovering following surgery on Thursday while preparing for surgery next week; **The family and friends of Renee Nicole Good**, especially her three young children, following her death on January 7 in Minneapolis; **The family and friends of Lu Sanford**, following her death on January 6; **The family and friends of Mike Colbert**, cousin of the Olivarez family, following his death on January 3; **Marilyn Miller and family**, following the unexpected death of her brother, Martin Miller, on January 3; **Jan Babinec**, friend of Susan Staley, following the death of Jan’s mother, Jean Carlson, who died on Jan 1 at the age of 100; **Yadira**, daughter of Eric Cadman’s friend Maria Madrid, battling Stage 3 uterine cancer; **Simon and Andrea**, friends of Cathy Janssen, as their baby Winnie, born prematurely, continues to grow in the hospital; for all the people of the world who face pain and uncertainty, and lift up all who are feeling overwhelmed or burdened by witnessing these events; for all those who are languishing in detention; 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

Lynn Potts, Kitty Moran, Gail Valenti, Stacey and Megan O’Rourke, Joan Wheeler, Star Lyn Mathias, Brian Weinberger, and Beth Miller.

**Today’s food basket** is given by Ric and Kim Garza  
in celebration of Sally Eichman’s 100th 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

THE CHURCH OFFICE will be closed tomorrow in observance of MLK Day.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH: Join Pastor Jeff for *Spiritual Walks: Sauntering on Holy Ground* at the United Women in Faith unit meeting this Thursday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. Drawing inspiration from naturalist John Muir, this gathering invites us to slow our pace, awaken our senses, and rediscover the sacred in ordinary paths and everyday moments. Whether you love walking or are simply curious about new spiritual practices, this thoughtful evening offers fresh insight and connection.

FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE: We are collecting non-perishable items for our neighbors through Tempe Community Action Agency next Sunday, October 26. Donations may be left on the benches at the front gate to be collected and delivered to TCAA following Sunday's services.

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, January 25, from 11:15am to 12:30pm in Room 112.

MONTHLY TAIZÉ SERVICE: Step into a peaceful space of candlelight, silence, and song at our monthly taizé service next Sunday, January 25, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Rooted in tradition, this contemplative service uses simple chants, scripture, and quiet reflection to create a deeply calming and prayerful experience. Especially meaningful for anyone seeking rest, healing, or spiritual grounding, this service offers a gentle close to the weekend and a chance to breathe deeply in God's presence.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Join us for our first build day of 2026 on Saturday, January 31 (note the new date!), as we jump into framing—one of the most exciting stages of a build! No experience needed—just bring your energy and willingness to help. Email Mark at [ruthandmarkboyle@gmail.com](mailto:ruthandmarkboyle@gmail.com) to register and be part of building hope, one wall at a time.

THE CHANDLER TERRY FOX RUN honors the inspiring legacy of Terry Fox, who, after losing his leg to cancer at age 18, ran 3,339 miles across Canada in his Marathon of Hope to raise funds and awareness for cancer research. This inclusive, family-friendly run/walk takes place on Sunday, February 1, at Desert Breeze Park, with registration starting at noon and the event from 1:00–2:30. Learn more/register at: <http://bit.ly/4sERg3Z>

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. Locations are listed at the Welcome table in the Narthex. **We send a weekly email to members so we can make reservations. Email [lunch@dayspringumc.org](mailto:lunch@dayspringumc.org) for info.**

# THIS WEEK AT DAYSPRING TEMPE

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:30am - Nursery Care, Room 117
- 8:45am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, Palo Verde Room
  - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
  - Nursery Care (0-2), Room 117
  - 3-4 year olds, Room 116
  - K - 3rd Grades, Room 202
  - 4th - 6th Grades, Room 201
- 11:30am - Haubrock Reception, Fellowship Hall
  - Sunday Lunch Bunch, Chili's (Chandler Blvd.)

## MONDAY, JANUARY 19

*MLK Day - Church Office Closed*

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 10:30am - Memory Loss Caregivers' Support Group, Zoom
- 6:30pm - Grief Support Group, Zoom

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 3:00pm - Praying Together, Zoom
- 4:00pm - GS Troop 07431, Room 201
- 5:00pm - Women's Prison Ministry, Room 112
- 6:00pm - Dayspringers Rehearsal, Music Room

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 5:30pm - Sacred Story, Zoom
- 6:00pm - Children's Choir, Room 206
- 6:45pm - BeTween, Room 203
  - Youth Choir, Room 206
- 7:00pm - Celebration Chorale Rehearsal, Music Room

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 22

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 10:30am - Chair Yoga, Palo Verde Room
- 6:15pm - Cantilena Rehearsal, Music Room
- 6:30pm - NA (Men), Room 111
- 7:00pm - United Women in Faith, Palo Verde Room

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:00am - Morning Meditation, Zoom
- 10:30am - Opening to God, Zoom

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

*FOURTH SUNDAY FOOD DRIVE*

- 8:30am - Nursery Care, Room 117
- 8:45am - Sacred Space, Sanctuary
- 9:00am - Exploring Contemporary Issues, Palo Verde Room
  - Prayer Shawl Ministry, Fellowship Hall
- 10:00am - Worship, Sanctuary
  - Nursery Care (0-2), Room 117
  - 3-4 year olds, Room 116
  - K - 3rd Grades, Room 202
  - 4th - 6th Grades, Room 201
  - Youth Formation, Room 111
- 11:15am - New Member Orientation, Room 112
- 11:30am - Sunday Lunch Bunch, Chili's (Chandler Blvd.)
  - Confirmation, Room 111
- 4:00pm - Taizé Service, Fellowship Hall

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Please let us know!

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and by appointment  
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