



ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Sunday, June 14th – Fellowship Hour

We're kicking things off with the universal language of joy: **ICE CREAM!**

Trade survival techniques with your summertime neighbors who will be braving the Arizona heat over scoops of frozen goodness.

Hello Summer

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP!

Sunday, May 17, 2026 at 9:30am



Season of Eastertide

Hearing Assistance is available! Please ask a sound technician.

Orange Visitor Cards are available in the pew racks — drop in the Joash Box offering plate or give it to the Pastor.

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MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Mary Jo Meyer, Piano

WELCOME AND CHURCH NOTICES

Stewart Porter

PRELUDE

UNISON responses are in **CAPITAL BOLD** text

*indicates to please stand, in body or in spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist

Leader: With abundance upon abundance, Almighty God,
You have seen to our needs.

**PEOPLE: EVERY TIME WE WITNESS YOUR WORK
IN OUR MIDST, WE ARE BLESSED!**

Leader: We pray for the world and all that are in it:

**PEOPLE: TEACH US TO REMEMBER
WHAT IS PRECIOUS IN YOUR EYES.**

Leader: God’s Holy presence
has led us to this time and place of worship:

**PEOPLE: AS WE SING PRAISES TO THE LORD,
WE JOIN THE MIGHTY CHORUS OF VOICES
WHICH RING THROUGHOUT THE UNIVERSE!**

This Week’s Schedule

**Sunday,
May 17th**

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30am Fellowship in Swain Hall

**Monday,
May 18th**

Office Closed All Day
9:00am SilverSneakers Classic Class in Swain Hall
9:30am Prayer Shawls in Annex 2

**Tuesday,
May 19th**

Office Open from 8:30am to 3:00pm
4:30pm Session Meeting in Office Conference Rm.

**Wednesday,
May 20th**

Office Open from 8:30am to Noon
9:00am SilverSneakers Classic Class in Swain Hall
9:00am AA Serenity Meeting in Annex 1

**Thursday,
May 21st**

Office Open from 8:30am to 3:00pm
10:00am to 1:00pm Grand Canyon Minister
Cohort in Annex 1

**Friday,
May 22nd**

Office Closed All Day
9:00am SilverSneakers Classic Class in Swain Hall

**Sunday,
May 24th**

9:30am Worship in the Sanctuary
10:30am Fellowship in Swain Hall



24-Hour Senior HELP LINE

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We know...

caring for an adult friend or loved one can be overwhelming at times.

We understand...

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We care...

about you, the caregiver, and your loved one.

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*OPENING HYMN

No. 487 (vs. 1-3)

When Morning Gilds the Skies

When morning gilds the skies,
My heart awaking cries:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer
To Jesus I repair:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Does sadness fill my mind?
A solace here I find:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Or fades my earthly bliss?
My comfort still is this:
May Jesus Christ be praised!

Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised!
Let air and sea and sky
From depth to height reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised!



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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

Rev. Ann Utke

ETERNAL GOD, YOU HAVE LOVED US FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION. YOU HAVE SHOWN YOUR FAITHFULNESS MORE OFTEN THAN WE CAN RECALL. THE BIBLE TELLS US OF YOUR STEADFAST MERCY. YOUR SON, JESUS, PRAYED FOR US. YET IN MANY MOMENTS, WE NEGLECT TO LIVE AS PEOPLE OF YOUR NEW CREATION. FORGIVE US, WE PRAY
...*(SILENT PRAYER)*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON *(based on 2 Corinthians 4)*

We know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Believe the promise of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Liturgist

*May the words of my mouth,
and the meditations of all of our hearts,
be acceptable, even pleasing in your sight,
O Lord, our strength and redeemer. Amen.*



SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 68:1-10 p. 651

Liturgist: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **THANKS BE TO GOD.**



Announcements

As we gather to worship in “summer mode” offerings may be placed in the *JOASH BOX*, which is located in the front of the sanctuary (on the wall near the piano). You may also give electronically — instructions below:

To donate via mobile device, text FPCSunCity to 73256.
You may text STOP to cancel or HELP for assistance.



Jerry Cowdrey, Lead Docent at the Heard Museum in Phoenix and the Sun City Museum, will be leading a lecture at the Royal Oaks Auditorium on Monday, May 18th, at 2:00pm. This is a free event open to the public. The topic is "The Community that Changed the Nation" which explores the visionary leadership of Del Webb in developing the Sun City retirement community concept. Jerry is an engaging and articulate speaker, and always presents an interesting program. Royal Oaks is located at 10015 W. Royal Oak Road, Sun City, AZ 85351. The Auditorium can be a bit tricky to find, so plan to ask for directions at the front desk.

***CLOSING HYMN**

No. 555 (1-3)

Now Thank We All Our God

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,
To keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills of this world in the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

***BENEDICTION**



***POSTLUDE**



SUNG RESPONSE

No. 358 (vs. 1&2)

Help Us Accept Each Other

(sung to the tune of *The Church's One Foundation*)

Help us accept each other
As Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother,
Each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us
And bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted
And meant to love and live.



Teach us, O Lord, Your lessons,
As in our daily life
We struggle to be human
And search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people,
For all, not just for some,
To love them as we find them,
Or as they may become.



SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:6-14 p. 143

SERMON

SUNG RESPONSE (repeat twice)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying
Lord, send your Spirit in this place
Lord, listen to your children praying
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (UNISON)

*Remember in your prayers the congregation of
Orangewood, Phoenix (PCUSA); Habitat for Humanity;
and Willowbrook United Methodist Church.*

**OUR FATHER, WHO ART IN HEAVEN,
HALLOWED BE THY NAME.
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE
ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.
GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD,
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS,
AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.
AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,
BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM,
AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOREVER. AMEN.**



*Have a prayer request? Fill out the green pew card and drop it
in the Joash Box offering plate or give it to the Pastor.*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)

(FROM A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH)

**IN A BROKEN AND FEARFUL WORLD
THE SPIRIT GIVES US COURAGE
TO PRAY WITHOUT CEASING,
TO WITNESS AMONG ALL PEOPLES
TO CHRIST AS LORD AND SAVIOR,
TO UNMASK IDOLATRIES IN CHURCH AND CULTURE,
TO HEAR THE VOICES OF PEOPLES LONG SILENCED,
AND TO WORK WITH OTHERS FOR JUSTICE,
FREEDOM, AND PEACE.**



**WITH BELIEVERS IN EVERY TIME AND PLACE,
WE REJOICE THAT NOTHING IN LIFE OR IN DEATH
CAN SEPARATE US FROM THE LOVE OF GOD
IN CHRIST JESUS OUR LORD.
GLORY BE TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON,
AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

AMEN.

