

Sunday of Easter



“All are welcome at the table of Hope”

Welcome to new visitors and old friends; to believers, questioners, and questioning believers. Welcome to all people: any shape, size, color, culture, gender, age, ability, sexuality, and family type. We give thanks for the diversity of God’s family and our unity as God’s people. This is a safe place for celebration, healing, rejoicing and renewal.

WELCOME

Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed!** Alleluia! **Alleluia!**

GATHERING HYMN *see the song sheet*

GREETING

The power of the risen Christ who is the life beyond all death and the joy beyond all sorrow be with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE

In peace, in peace

Assistant: *Congregation:*

Let us pray — to the Lord, have mer - cy,

Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have

mer - - - cy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all...(Refrain)

For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word...(Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de - fend us, O God.

Congregation:

A - - - - - men.

NOW THE FEAST

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel - e - bra-tion,

all of cre - a - tion sings for joy

to the God of life and love and

free-dom: praise and glo - ry for ev -
er - - more! _____

Verse 1

Congregation or Congregation 1:

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, _____ whose blood has freed and u -
nit-ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God. _____ *to Refrain*

Verse 2

Congregation or congregation 2:

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ _____
_____ for - ev - er. _____ *to Refrain*

GOSPEL VERSE

Congregation:

Al-lc-lu - ia, al-lc-lu - ia, Lord, to whom shall we
go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
life: Al - lc - lu ia!

GOSPEL READING / FAITH IN MOTION

Matthew 28:1-10

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *see the song sheet*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Each petition concludes: Hear us, O God, **and make all things new.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

OFFERTORY "As the Grains of Wheat"

ELW #465

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Merciful God, **everything in heaven and earth belongs to you. We joyfully release what you have entrusted to us. May these gifts be signs of our whole lives returned to you, dedicated to the healing and unity of all creation, through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: The ___ Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And ___ al - so with

Presider: you. *Congregation:* Lift up your hearts. We

Presider: lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation: thanks to the Lord our God. It is

right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and

might: — Heav-en and earth are filled with your

glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Bless - ed is the

One who comes in your name. — Ho - san - na in the

high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

Holy Communion at Esperanza is by "intinction." Please take the bread, and dip it into the chalice of non-alcoholic wine. For those who prefer, individual cups of non-alcoholic wine are available as are gluten-free wafers. All are welcome at the table of hope!

1. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
2. Lamb of God, you break the chains of hatred and fear:
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace:
4. Lamb of God, you are the way of mercy and love:

Congregation:



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us.

Final time:

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN *see the song sheet*

TABLE BLESSING

PRAYER OF DISCERNMENT

God of grace and love, **you have a dream for us. Open the eyes of our hearts to see you at work. Unstop our ears to hear the call of your spirit. Unbind us from our fears that we might go where you lead.**

Silence for reflection: Where might God be leading us?

We pray by the power of Jesus' name. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine on us and be gracious to us. May God look upon us with favor and give us peace. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG *see the song sheet*

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Share the good news that Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE



Easter Flower Donations

Given in Honor Of:

Betty Nied

From: Bonnie Nied

In Celebration Of:

Our Children & Grandchildren

From: Steven & Joni Thorpe

James Kirkpatrick

From: Diane Kirkpatrick

Our family & grandchildren

From: The Henrichsen family

In Memory Of:

Archbishop Oscar Romero

From: Pastor Sarah

Dorothy Day
From: Pastor Sarah

Faith Paradise
From: The Paradise family

Christopher Benhoff
From: Jackie Benhoff

Christ & Gail Henrichsen
From: The Henrichsen Family

Nick & Joe Nicolosi
From: Donna & Rick Sparber

Violet Withers
From: Robert Withers

Richard Withers
From: Robert Withers

Those who have gone before us
From: The Thorpe Family

Kent Hoover
From: The Hoover Family

Flowers Given:

Dorwart Family

Craig Peck

Announcements

*You can also get announcements and calendar of events at
www.MyEsperanza.org*

Do you have a graduate? Please send Joni a photo, and let us know where they are graduating from and what they will be doing next! Please submit by May 17th.

Journeying through the New Testament in 2023-

During 2023, we are reading our way through the New Testament. The reading list is on the Narthex counter and on the website. Here are the readings for the next few days. Everyone reading through the NT is welcome to check in each 3rd Sunday of the month at 10:15 am in the sanctuary.

Sunday, April 9, 2023	Philippians 1
Monday, April 10, 2023	Philippians 2
Tuesday, April 11, 2023	Philippians 3
Wednesday, April 12, 2023	Philippians 4
Thursday, April 13, 2023	Romans 1
Friday, April 14, 2023	Romans 2
Saturday, April 15, 2023	Romans 3
Sunday, April 16, 2023	Romans 4

Kyrene Family Resource Center Food Donations

While KFRC welcomes a variety of non-perishable foods, there is a current need for jelly, dry beans, and diapers (sizes 6 and 7). Place donations in box/shopping cart in the Fellowship Hall. Through March 2023, Esperanza has donated 355 lbs. of food to KFRC. Thank you! Any questions, please contact Peggy or Larry Hanson.

Habitat House 2023- Our 26th year !! Site: 3610 S Roosevelt St. Tempe, AZ. If tools are not your thing they also need volunteers to provide lunch for the volunteers! Contact John Fisher, Jim Gisselquist or John Gemma if you have any questions. Thank you to all who have made our past builds a success.

Voices For CASA- On an ongoing basis, we support Voices for CASA with \$10 fast-food gift cards. These gift cards go to CASAs (Court Appointed Special Advocates) for their meetings with the foster children they help. Please bring any gift cards to the church office. If you have any questions about this program or about Voices, please contact John Gemma at jgemma@cox.net.

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This Week At Esperanza

Sunday, April 9th

6:30am Worship (lower courtyard)

7:15am Pancake breakfast

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Easter Egg Hunt

NO Sunday Funday (CR)

NO Adult Sunday School (SAN)

Monday, April 10th

9:00am Women's AA group (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Tuesday, April 11th

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Wednesday, April 12th

6:30am Toastmasters(FH)

9:00am 12 Step (CR)

10:00am Mary Circle (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

1:30pm Staff meeting (FH)

7:00pm Boy Scouts (CR)

Thursday, April 12th

7:00am AA (CR)

10:00am Thursday Matters (FH)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

5:30pm Ladies Bible Study (GAR)

Friday, April 13th

8:00am Toast Masters (FH)

9:00am AA (CR)

11:30am Ahwatukee Nooners (CR)

Saturday, April 14th

8:00 am Men's AA (CR)

Sunday, April 15th

9:00am Worship (SAN)

10:15am Sunday Funday (CR)

10:15am Adult Sunday School (SAN)

CR – Community Room (upstairs)

SAN – Sanctuary

FH – Fellowship Hall

GAR – Garden of Eatin'

Today's Worship Leaders

Greeter- Dennis & Yvonne Fox

Lector- Kristie Wright

Communion Assistants- Todd & Jayne Peterson

Power Point- Not needed

Assisting Minister- Deacon Connie

Ushers- Paul Wagner, Duane Fish

Counters- Peggy & Larry Hanson