



UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

JOYFULLY SHARING GOD'S BOUNDLESS LOVE WITH ALL IN OUR
COMMUNITY WITHOUT LIMITATION, EXCEPTION, OR CONDITION

WHAT ARE YOU KNOWN FOR?

EXPLORING HOW
THE LAST YEAR
HAS SHAPED
OUR FUTURE

+ JUNE 13, 2021 +



+ WELCOME TO UPC +

We are happy you chose to spend your morning with us, and hope you make yourself feel at home. Feel free to follow along, or simply observe, as you feel comfortable. Restrooms are located in the lobby to the left of the Sanctuary.

New to UPC?

For more information about our church, fill out a blue Connection Card located near your seat and drop it by the Welcome Center on your way out. Or complete a Connection Card digitally at upcfresno.org/connect We invite you to any of our Sunday morning worship gatherings. The 9 a.m. gathering is a traditional service with a choir and organ located in our Sanctuary. The 11 a.m. gathering is a contemporary service featuring a casual atmosphere and a band in the Great Room. Our Lao Language service meets at 11a.m. in the Lao Worship Room for worship, a sermon and prayer. The first Sunday of the month, both 11 a.m. communities worship together in the Great Room.

Children in Worship

Here at UPC, we value children being a part of our faith community and not an accessory to it. Children are welcome to stay in worship with us and sing, dance, clap, draw, and move about as they feel comfortable. Children's Bulletins are available at the Welcome Center. There is a Family Room located at the back of the Sanctuary with a changing table, toys for the kids, and windows and audio. We also have a Nursery (across the Courtyard) for children from birth to age 4.

Current Sermon Series: "What Are You Known For?"

After a time of upheaval we are compelled to ask: who are we, and where are we going? Join us for a new sermon series in the month of June as we explore how the last year has shaped our future: as individuals, as a community, as the church.

COVID-19 Precautions.

Out of an abundance of love, we are asking that individuals 4+ remained masked throughout our worship services. Additional precautions including limiting physical contact, increased ventilation and rigorous cleaning procedures are being followed so that all members of our community can have a safe and meaningful worship experience with us today. For updates about our Covid precautions, be sure to join our mailing list at upcfresno.org/email.



+ WHAT ARE YOU KNOWN FOR? +

PRELUDE

Cactus Harris, Organ

WELCOME, CALL TO WORSHIP, & OPENING PRAYER

On this day, we gather with thanksgiving in our hearts.

For God's love is ever constant in our lives.

On this day, we would talk of all that is ours.

Grace upon grace has been poured into our lives.

On this day, we would speak of what we believe.

We will sing glad songs for all that God has done.

* SONG OF GATHERING

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" | No. 610

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 4:1-13 | page 951

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Nevin

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Cactus Harris

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

(see screens for words)

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

**God, you have given each of us gifts to use for the sake of your love. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, now and always.
Amen.**

** Please stand in body or in spirit*



*** SONG OF SENDING**

"Come Sing O Church in Song" | No. 305

*** BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

Cactus Harris, Organ

Worship Team: Rev. Renn Serna, Senior Pastor; Rev. April Alkema, Associate Pastor of Creative & Digital Ministries; Rev. Amanda Nevin, Associate Pastor of Adult Ministries; Cactus Harris, Director of Worship & Arts & Resident Organist; Anne McGrath, Vocalist; and Adrian Martinez, A/V Coordinator

Hosts: Andrea Smith

** Please stand in body or in spirit*



TODAY @ UPC +

Adult Ed | Live on Sundays @ 10:15 a.m. on Zoom | The adult study is using Walter Brueggemann's book *Living Toward a Vision: Biblical Reflections on Shalom*. Each week is self-contained so anyone can drop in or drop out. Although the study begins at 10:15 a.m., the Zoom room opens immediately after the 9 a.m. service for fellowship and sharing. Join the class at upcfresno.org/onlinegroups.

+ THIS WEEK @ UPC +

The Contemplative Prayer Group | Monday evenings @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom | All are welcome to join in at any time, and no previous experience is necessary. For more information, contact Greg Faulk at gnfrun@att.net or go to upcfresno.org/onlinegroups.

Women's Bible Study | Wednesdays @ 10 a.m. on Zoom | For more information, contact Laura Lindegren at 299-1838.

Men's Bible Study | Wednesdays @ 9 a.m. on Zoom | This small group of men are opening up their study to all who would like to join. Currently they are studying Isaiah. For more information contact Ken Jones at 313-0992 or Dave Eaton at 229-2402.

+ COMING UP @ UPC +

Concerts @ UPC | Text "Music" to 559-206-4480 for information about upcoming concerts.

Book Group | Monday, June 28th @ 6:30 p.m. on Zoom | During the month of June, the Monday Night Book Club will be reading the historical novel, [The Girl Who Wrote in Silk: A Novel of Chinese Immigration to the Pacific Northwest](#) by Kelli Estes. This novel is inspired by true events and tells the poignant tale of two women determined to do the right thing. Book Club will meet on June 28th at 6:30 PM on Zoom and all are welcome!



+ WAYS TO SERVE @ UPC +

Regathering Volunteers Needed | In light of our regathering in person we need your help—YOU the church, stepping forward to make this ministry possible! We will need volunteers to welcome people to worship on Sunday mornings and provide care for our children in a safe and loving way.

Signup to volunteer at upcfresno.org/volunteer or email renn@upcfresno.org with questions.

Food Pantry Update | Food will be distributed on the THIRD Saturday of the month beginning in June | The Central California Food Bank is changing the way we will be allowed to serve the community as more and more of us are vaccinated, infection rates have declined, and folks are starting to get back to work. Starting in June we will be moving back to a once-a-month distribution as the U S Department of Agriculture (USDA) allotment is only allowed one time per month per family per agency.

We still need your help financially and physically. The food we buy and pay for we have bagged every week, and now all the allotment we receive from USDA will not be pre-bagged as it has been for all these months, and we will have to bag it ourselves. So, we need your hands, and feet, and arms, and willing hearts on one Friday and one Saturday each month. In June, we will be bagging on Friday, June 18th between 9 and 11 AM and distributing food on Saturday, June 19th between 7:30 and 9 AM.

Many thanks! If you would like to help please email Linda Jean at lindajeanvoth34@gmail.com and you will be added to our Sign Up Genius where you can pick and choose any date and/or times you would like to lend a hand.

Food Items Needed | Drop off Monday through Thursday @ 9 am-4 pm

- canned, fresh, or frozen chicken, turkey, beef, or pork (we won't be repackaging any fresh or frozen food, so please provide these items in "family size")
- canned tuna, salmon, or Spam
- any kind of nut butter
- bread (loaves and buns)



+ CARING FOR EACH OTHER @ UPC +

We lift up in prayer members and friends of the UPC congregation who are facing health concerns or difficult times. We pray for Jeanne Ayars, Roland Bergthold, Kim Johnson, Mary Rose, Lorraine Yerxa, and the Lawrence family. Prayers of condolence for the family of Jim Glass with his passing on June 3rd.

Congratulations to Lou & Christi Paradise, as they welcome their tenth grandchild, Amara Jiyun Bruce!

If you would like to be placed on the prayer chain, contact Pam Higgins at (559) 970-4103 or email higgyn@comcast.net. If you want your name to be listed for prayer in this publication, contact the office at upc@upcfresno.org.

If you have a pastoral emergency when the office is closed, call (559) 387-4250, leave a message, and a pastor will get back to you.



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