



UNIVERSITY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

WHAT ARE YOU KNOWN FOR?

EXPLORING HOW
THE LAST YEAR
HAS SHAPED
OUR FUTURE

[JUNE 13, 2021]

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

+ WELCOME TO UPC +

Welcome to our 11 a.m. worship service. We hope you make yourself feel at home. The baskets on each table contain contact cards, giving envelopes, pens & pencils, and some crayons. The restrooms are out the door and to the right along the corridor.

New to UPC?

For more information about our church, fill out a blue Connection Card located in the baskets on the tables 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 and various toys and books are available along the north wall. We also have a Nursery (outside and to the left) 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 NKOWN FOR? +

WELCOME

SONG

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please fill out a blue connection card in the baskets

READING

Ephesians 4:1-13 | see page 4

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Nevin

COMMUNION

All are welcome to participate. No pressure. Our Communion consists of individually packaged gluten free bread and grape juice.

PRAYER

OFFERING

You can use envelopes in the baskets, or online at upcfresno.org/give

SENDING SONG

BLESSING



Ephesians 4:1-13

Unity in the Body of Christ

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.”

⁹ (When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ.

Worship Team: Rev. Renn Serna, Senior Pastor; Rev. April Alkema, Associate Pastor of Creative & Digital Ministries; Rev. Amanda Nevin, Pastor of Adult Ministries; Cactus Harris, Piano; and Anne McGrath, Vocalist

Contemporary Worship Band: Patrick Aguirre, Electric Guitar; Josh Lara, Percussion; Destiny Munoz, Bass; Cactus Harris, Piano; and Anne McGrath, Vocalist



+ 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 higgryn@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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