



# UNIVERSITY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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



May 12, 2024

# 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 [upfresno.org/connect](http://upfresno.org/connect).

**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 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 to participate in worship. A Nursery (across the Courtyard) is available for children from birth to age 4. Children ages 5-4th grade will be welcomed to attend Godly Play at the time of the announcements should they choose.

## **Current Sermon Series: Practices: Core Practices of the Christian Faith**

Whether you've been a Christian your whole life, or are just getting started in learning the ways of Jesus, there are seven key practices that draw us ever deeper into the mystery of God's love. Join us as we explore these ancient traditions and "practice" our faith together.

**Scan here** to discover other opportunities to connect and serve. You can also take a minute and introduce yourself through our digital Connection Cards, or make a gift online to support the life and ministry of UPC.



# PRACTICES: CORE PRACTICES OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH

## PRELUDE

"Holy Manna" arr. by Dale Wood  
Cactus Harris, Organ

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Let's look today beyond -isms and -ologies  
**to see generosity as a kingdom call.**

Let's look inward to find  
**where enough is enough,  
how to ask for help,  
how to give away,  
how not to worry.**

Let's look outward to find  
**where to put to use the love, compassion, and community  
already built into us and ready to be used.**

## \* GATHERING SONG

"Build Your Kingdom Here"

## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL TO GODLY PLAY

## \* SONG

"Build My Life"

## SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 16:1-5, 11-20

## SERMON

Rev. Renn Serna

*\* please stand in body or in spirit*



## **MUSICAL REFLECTION**

"They Shall Soar Like Eagles" by Laura Manzo  
Chancel Choir | Krista Harris, Flute | Hailey Groves, Piano

## **COMMUNION**

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

## **COMMUNION MUSIC**

"Like a Mother Who Has Borne Us" No. 44

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER**

### **OFFERING PRAYER**

We give in grateful thanksgiving for all that God has given us.

**In the upside down world of the gospel,  
we measure our wealth not by what we have,  
but what we can give away.**

**Let us give away generously,  
To bless your church, your people, your creation. Amen.**

### **\* DOXOLOGY**

### **\* SONG OF SENDING**

"Standing on the Promises" No. 838

### **\* BLESSING**

**Worship Team:** Rev. Renn Serna, Senior Pastor; Rev. Kent Leydens, Care Pastor & Director of Community Life; Cactus Harris, Music Director; Josh Lara, Contemporary Worship Leader; Anne Webster, Vocalist; and Bradford Boyajian, A/V Coordinator

**Contemporary Worship Band:** Patrick Aguirre, Guitar; Josh Lara, Percussion; Destiny Lara, Bass; Hailey Groves, Piano; and Anne Webster, Vocalist.

**Hosts:** Rose Rager and Tracy Krauter

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# TODAY AT UPC

**Second Sunday Potluck | Today after worship | Great Room |** Join us for food and fellowship after church in the Great Room! No need to have brought a dish. Homemade and store bought dishes joyfully welcome.

**Godly Play |** Our Montessori-based program centers wonder and play for children ages 5-4th grade. Children will be welcomed to attend at the time of the announcements and a volunteer will lead them to our Godly Play classroom for the remainder of worship.

**Youth | Sundays at 10 a.m. | Youth Room |** Youth 5th grade and up gather to creatively engage with stories from Scripture and wrestle with all the hard questions that this time of life brings up. Youth meet on Sundays in the Youth Room (next to the playground) from 10-11am. First Sunday of the month youth worship with the whole community.

**Lunch with the Lord | Sundays at 11:30 a.m. or 12 p.m. | Church Office & Zoom |** Our Adult Ed class gathers for Bible Study and community. We begin at 11:30 or 12, depending on churchwide activity schedules. To receive the Zoom link or find out more, contact Dawn Lawrence or the Church Office.

**Fresno Master Chorale: Coro Piccolo | Sunday, May 12 at 2:30 pm |** Coro Piccolo, conducted by Dr. Anna Hamre, presents Benjamin Britten's Saint Nicolas with organ, piano four hands, string ensemble, and percussion. Tenor soloist is Aaron Burdick. Tickets are \$20 and available at [fresnocommunitychorus.org](http://fresnocommunitychorus.org)

**Grant Writers Needed |** As part of our goal to support the life and ministry of UPC in creative ways, we are in need of a few individuals to help research and apply for grants. Please contact Pastor Renn if this is an area you'd be willing to help us explore further.



# THIS WEEK AT UPC

## **Presbyterian Women | May 14 at 10 a.m. | The Vineyards |** Presbyterian

Women will travel to The Vineyards retirement community for a tour and picnic lunch on Tuesday, May 14. Meet at UPC to carpool at 10:00 a.m. or meet us at The Vineyards by 10:30. It is located at Temperance and Kings Canyon. Park near the Memory Care building and meet in front of the main building. We are their guests for the picnic lunch. Must RSVP no later than May 10 to Ruth Kallenberg or Gloria Tolladay.

**Sungawa Duo | May 14 at 7 p.m. | Sanctuary |** Join us for an evening of music written for the warm mellow sounds of the clarinet. The Sungawa Duo is made up of Dr. Amelia Smith (CSU Fresno Clarinet Professor) and Kristin Nakagawa (CSU Bakersfield Clarinet Professor). Tickets \$20 available at the door.

**Sacred Space | Tuesdays at 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. | Youth Room |** This small group engages with prayer, readings from Scripture and simple meditative tools informed by the Judeo-Christian and Indian traditions. Led by Ettore Vitali. All are welcome. Sign up: [upcfresno.org/smallgroups](http://upcfresno.org/smallgroups).

**Men's In Person Bible Study | Wednesdays at 7 a.m. | Fireside Room |** Help give shape to this new weekly men's gathering. Contact Craig Sullivan or the Church Office for information, or grab some coffee and just come!

**Men's Bible Study | Wednesdays at 9 a.m. | Zoom |** A place for men to grow in love through studying God's word. For more information contact Ken Jones or the Church Office.

**Women's In Person Bible Study | Wednesdays at 10 a.m. | Fireside Room |** We welcome you to join us to connect and grow through weekly Bible Study. For more information contact Claudia Kruse or the Church Office.

**Women's Online Bible Study | Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. | Zoom |** Women's Weekly Bible Study on Zoom is studying the Gospel of Luke. We welcome you to join us! For information about the group, contact Ceci Johnson or the Church Office.



**Community Playgroup | Thursday at 10 a.m.** | Calling all kiddos! Join us weekly at the UPC Playground for snacks, story time and play. This outdoor event is open to children ages 0-5. RSVP at [upcfresno.org/play](http://upcfresno.org/play) to join the fun.

**Food Distribution — Bagging | Friday, May 17 at 9 a.m. | Food Distribution | May 18 at 7:30 a.m.** | For more information, contact Linda Jean Voth or the Church Office.

**Food Items Needed** | Drop off Monday through Thursday at 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Community Garden Volunteers** | Help feed our neighbors by volunteering once or twice a month to water, weed, and harvest our newly planted community garden. Signup at [upcfresno.org/garden](http://upcfresno.org/garden) or contact Bob Berend for more information.

## COMING UP AT UPC

**UPC Book Club | Monday, May 20 at 6:30 p.m. | Patrice Sander's house |**

This month we will be reading [The Reading List](#) by Sara Nisha Adams. This is a heartwarming novel about how a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people. All are welcome to join us for the discussion. For more information contact Andrea Smith or the church office.

**Pentecost | Sunday, May 19** | We invite you to wear red on Pentecost Sunday to remind us of the fire of the Holy Spirit. Additionally, the sanctuary will be decorated in red symbolizing the tongues of flame that appeared above those who were assembled on the original Pentecost (Acts 2:3)

## CARING AT UPC

**If you would like to be placed on the prayer chain**, contact the office at [upc@upcfresno.org](mailto: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.



# MAY CONCERTS AT UPC

**Concerts Newsletter** | Sign up to receive monthly updates about music events at [upcfresno.org/concerts](http://upcfresno.org/concerts) or by scanning the QR code on page 2.

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**Musica Viva presents "Americana: A Memorial Day Tribute" | May 22 at 7 p.m.** Audience favorite pianist Faith DeBow (music faculty member at Texas State University, San Marcos) will join Susan Doering (violin) and Dieter Wulfhorst (cello) in performing a diverse program of compositions by American composers. Admission is free, donations are welcome.

**Tower Quartet presents "Valse Impressions" | May 25 at 7 p.m.** | Forget the swirling gowns and grand ballrooms as we explore the unexpected side of the waltz! Each piece on the program features a movement that takes familiar elements of the waltz and spins them into something fresh and surprising, with swirling melodies, unexpected harmonies, and a lot of musical intrigue. Suggested donation \$20 general / \$10 student - cash or check (please make checks payable to Music Performance Foundation)

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