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9:30AM



**Third Sunday After Epiphany  
In God Alone**

*Scottsdale United Methodist Church*

*...becoming a Christ-led community.*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE:

GREETING

### WE ENTER

*We enter into a time and spirit of worship.*

OPENING

God Is Holding Your Life

OPENING PRAYER

Leader: God of our devotion,  
you are the one constant in life.  
Open us this day to see the things that hold us in their grip  
so that we might shed unnecessary distractions that keep us from seeing  
your reign on earth as it is in heaven.

People: **We praise you for being our rock,  
holding our lives together in the ways that matter most.  
Amen.**

HYMN:

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

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### WE PROCLAIM

*We hear and receive God's word of hope proclaimed.*

SCRIPTURE:

Psalms 62:5-12

THE WITNESS OF MUSIC

REFLECTION

Rev. Ann Lyter

TESTIMONY

Lisa Martin

### WE RESPOND

*We respond to God's love for us*

MUSICAL RESPONSE

God is Holding Your Life

**God is holding your life, God is holding your life  
God is holding your life, we believe (repeat)**

“SELAH” MOMENT

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor: Let us pray for the leaders of this world and this church community...

People: **God of Justice, hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Let us pray for those who live in conflict around the world...

**People:** **Prince of Peace, hear our prayer.**  
Pastor: Let us pray for all who are experiencing loss of any kind in this pandemic...  
**People:** **Comforting Healer, hear our prayer.**  
Pastor: Let us pray for those who are homeless, hungry and alone...  
**People:** **Emmanuel, God-With-Us, hear our prayer.**  
Pastor: Let us pray for those who live in comfort,  
for Christ-like hospitality and generosity...  
**People:** **Transforming Spirit, hear our prayer.**  
Pastor: Holy and Living One,  
For those we have named and the ones whose names we do not know,  
**People:** **hear our prayer.**

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

\*MUSICAL PRAYER RESPONSE

“Put Peace Into Each Other’s Hands”

*[sung]*

**Put peace into each other’s hands  
and like a treasure hold it,  
protect it like a candle flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.**

**Put peace into each other’s hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God’s creation.**

THE PEACE

Pastor:: The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**People:** **And also with you.**

*[after a moment, continue with this verse]*

**Give thanks for strong yet tender hands  
held out in trust and blessing.  
Where words fall short let hands speak out;  
the heights of love expressing.**

OFFERING AND OPPORTUNITIES TO RESPOND

**WE GO FORTH**

*We take the message of God’s care and love into the world  
knowing you are held in the palm of God’s hand.*

HYMN: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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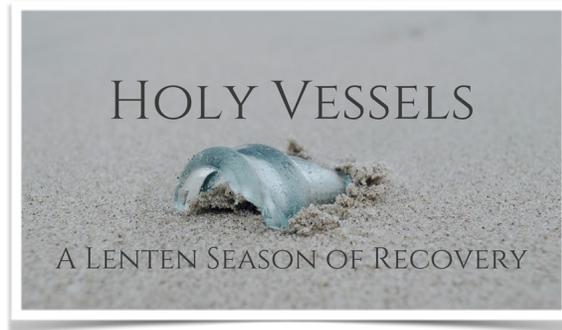
BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### EPIPHONY WORSHIP SERIES: “God Is Holding Your Life”

Just as Pastor Ann’s mom, Sandy Lyter, provided a witness to God, you too can be part of this worship series by sharing your stories of how God has held you, where you have encountered God and felt God surround you, even in this dark time. It could be something recent, something that has grown over time, or a story from any time in your life journey with and to God. You can send your stories to [pastorann@scottsdaleumc.org](mailto:pastorann@scottsdaleumc.org). Those who are willing may even have the chance to share their stories with the congregation by recording their story so it can be included in worship in your own words and voice.



*“He took our infirmities and bore our diseases.” Matthew 8: 17b*

**ASH WEDNESDAY BAGS:** After a difficult past year, with the pandemic that hit epic proportions during last Lent, and the civil unrest and political division of recent times, this year we turn to a Lent of healing and recovery. Each of us is created a precious and holy vessel of embodied love. We have been through a harrowing time since last Lent that has shattered our sense of wholeness—body, mind, and spirit—like a glass vessel fractured into pieces. In this Lenten “season of recovery” for our physical, communal, mental, intellectual, and environmental health, we will explore the healing narratives of Jesus that tell of divine solidarity with human suffering and remind us that we can begin a journey toward making something beautiful from that which is seemingly broken. We begin with Seven Symbols of Ash, a self-guided meditation for Ash Wednesday. Lenten gift bags, with your Ash Wednesday supplies will be available for pick-up or delivery beginning February 8. If you do not usually receive our seasonal packages and would like our Ash Wednesday/Lenten package, please contact our church office.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS:** You can give your tithes and offerings online through our website [www.scottsdaleumc.org](http://www.scottsdaleumc.org) or mail them to SUMC, 4140 N. Miller Rd., Scottsdale AZ 85251.