

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY
“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”
*All may rise, in body or spirit.
Congregational response in bold
Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 21, 2023

PRELUDE

“Andante” P.I. Tchaikovsky
(from Sixth Symphony)
Beverly Fletcher, organ

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

“To Be Your Song” Joseph Martin
Choir

***UNISON PRAYER**

Lord, today we think about what we look like as we live. Are our actions pleasing to you and representative of you on this earth? Do others see us and think of you? We pray that the answer to those questions is yes, at least more than no. It should be. We have your example and your teachings. Perhaps it would help if we would share more of our Christian love. In your name we pray, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN** **“They’ll Know We Are Christians”** (words on the screen)

SILENT REFLECTION, PRAYER, THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**PRAYER
RESPONSE**

“Heavenly Sunlight” arr. Larry Shackley
Floyd Ellison, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 1:1-11

SPECIAL MUSIC

“People Need The Lord” Phil McHugh
Craig Zimmerman, Soloist Greg Nelson

SERMON

“Work, Wait, Watch, Pray”
Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM

“Songs for the Journey” arr. Joseph Martin
Choir

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

**CLOSING
RESPONSE**

“He Lives!” (words on the screen)
Congregation

POSTLUDE

“Hornpipe” G.F. Handel
(from Water Music)
Beverly Fletcher, organ



What's Happening This Week....

May 21 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room Worship Coffee, Cookies and Conversation
May 22 7:30 am 1:00 pm	MONDAY TAI CHI in the Beehive Walking Group
May 23 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	TUESDAY SilverSneakers Classic in the Beehive SilverSneakers Strength and Balance in the Beehive
May 24 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Healthy Living, Learning and Connection will not meet again until May 31 Walking Group
May 25 11:00 am 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study ~ Pastor's office SilverSneakers Classic in the Beehive SilverSneakers Strength and Balance in the Beehive
May 26	FRIDAY Office Closed
May 27	SATURDAY Office Closed
May 28 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	PENTECOST SUNDAY (Wear your RED/White/Blue) Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Coffee, Cookies and Conversation
May 29	MONDAY – Memorial Day Office Closed

Weekly Word

Welcome! Wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here! Our prayer is that you will feel United Church is your spiritual home.

Please do not hesitate to contact our pastor with questions. We hope you will return soon to worship at United Church!

STAFF

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God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Debbie Still
Ushers/Greeters: Pat Graham, Norm Still
Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason
Tellers: Nancy Nay, Diane Gahm

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY – 87

DID YOU KNOW . . . God is calling you today . . . but not on your cell phone! Please silence yours. ☺

BIBLE STUDY – In-person study will continue on Thursday, May 25 at 11:00 am in Pastor’s office. E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Don & June Stampfl; Laurie Allen; Shari Spishak-Spielberger; Diane Gahm and Diane’s brother Andy; Pat Koopman’s brother Ken; prayers for Ron Standley and Ginger Dawson; Vickie Zimmerman’s granddaughter Sara; and Kris Purtle’s former pastor, Jill. Rev. Dr. Barb Doerrer-Peacock and family and daughter Hannah. Please keep Rev. Dr. Toni Hawkins, our Southwest Conference Transitional Conference Minister in your prayers for the loss of her mother, Lula Mae Hawkins. We continue to pray for peace and for the people of Ukraine.

WELCOME! Are you visiting with us today? We are so glad to see you! We hope you are blessed today as we worship The Lord together. We invite you to stay for coffee fellowship following our service. If you have any questions about our Church, feel free to ask the pastor, usher, or contact us another way. We are so glad you are here and hope to see you again.

WEAR RED! Next Sunday we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday and Memorial Day. Pentecost is the Christian festival celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit on the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Celebrate with us on May 28 and wear your RED, White and Blue!

STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH (STC) reflects the shared commitment of people across the UCC to cooperatively build up the UCC. Conferences and the national setting equally share the gifts given by members and friends through their local congregations. The funds raised support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ. Special envelopes for the STC offering will be in the pews next Sunday, May 28. Please consider your donation.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP will be going on hiatus for the summer after Sunday, May 28. We currently have plenty of cookies and goodies to last through the month of May. Mark your calendars to begin baking and contributing cookies again in September when Coffee Fellowship will resume. Watch the bulletin for more information.

HEALTHY LIVING, LEARNING AND CONNECTION will be on hiatus until Wednesday, May 31. At that time, the group will resume meeting at 10:00 am and will begin studying *the 30 day praise challenge* by Becky Harling. Becky guides you in praising God for twenty minutes every day for one month. All are welcome.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the June newsletter are due Monday, May 22 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.

SILVERSNEAKERS: Will continue meeting through the summer months on Tuesdays and Thursdays: Classic Class begins at 1:00 pm and the Strength and Balance class will begin at 2:30 pm in the Beehive. Invite others to join you. Please contact Ginger Dawson at 623-695-6489.

VALLEY VIEW FOOD BANK – Located at 10771 W. Peoria Ave. in Sun City, one of the missions supported by United Church, is facing unprecedented demand for help: food, personal hygiene items, and cleaning and sanitation supplies. Monetary donations to facilitate the purchase of needed resources is extremely helpful. Volunteers are also needed (contact Jesse Ramirez at vvcfb@yahoo.com or at 62-486-4285.) Food items can be collected in the food barrels located in the Beehive and near the Welcome Table entrance door in the Sanctuary.

AA MEETINGS are held in the church meeting room by the breezeway on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE – Dial 988. May is Mental Health Awareness Month (MHAM). MHAM was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans’ lives and to celebrate recovery from mental illness. If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat 988lifeline.org. The Lifeline provides 24/7, confidential and free emotional support for people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress.

THE NATIONAL FRIENDSHIP LINE: A phone number for seniors (60 years of age and older) who can call if they would like social interaction or to ask health questions. Trained volunteers are available. The Friendship Line is FREE and is sponsored by the Institute of Aging (IOA). Call 1-800-971-0016.