

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 7, 2022

PRELUDE

**“Angel’s Serenade”
Beverly Fletcher, organ**

Gaetano Braga

GREETING, CENTERING, AND CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

**“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”
Praise Team**

Don Marsh

***UNISON PRAYER**

Loving God, in whose everlasting arms we find our identity, come among us, journey with us, and direct our steps. Teach us to walk through all the distractions that lead us astray. Turn our striving for contentment and comfort into opportunities of service for one another. Encourage us to celebrate the gift of faith you make possible. With faith, we have hope and we thank you. Amen.

***HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (words on screen)

SILENT REFLECTION, PRAYER, FOLLOWED BY 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**

**“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”
Floyd Ellison, piano**

arr. Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 11:1-13

**SPECIAL
MUSIC**

**“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”
Jan Simmons, Soloist**

American Spiritual

SERMON

**“Faith Journey”
Rev. Brady Abel**

COMMUNION MUSIC

**“Give Me Jesus”
Praise Team**

Tom Fettke

HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

**“A Celebration of Spirituals”
Praise Team**

Joseph Martin

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**“On Eagle’s Wings”
Beverly Fletcher, organ**

Michael Joncas



What's Happening This Week....

August 7 10:00 am	SUNDAY Worship with Holy Communion (Coffee Fellowship will resume again on September 11)
August 8 7:30 am 1:00 pm	MONDAY Tai Chi class in the Beehive Walking group
August 9	TUESDAY
August 10 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Walking group
August 11 11:00 am	THURSDAY Bible Study – Pastor's office
August 12	FRIDAY Office closed
August 13	SATURDAY Office closed
August 14 10:00 am	SUNDAY Worship

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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

Rev. Brady Abel, Senior Pastor
 Bill Zimmer, Moderator
 Diana Graettinger, Vice Moderator
 Alan Paulson, Minister of Music
 Beverly Fletcher, Organist
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 Brenda Goodenberger, Kendra Goodenberger Soloists
 Robin Lemkuil, Office Manager/Assistant to the Pastor
 Donna Halasz, Office Assistant
 Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse
 Karen Crawford, Finance Secretary
 Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Visual Tech
 Greg Yagi, Video Tech
 Steve Halasz, Sexton, Team Supervisor & Facilities Manager
 Roger Cole, Sexton Team Member

All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News.

God is still speaking,
**UNITED CHURCH
 OF CHRIST**



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 – 67

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

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**BIBLE STUDY** – In-person study will continue on Thursday, August 4 at 11:00 am in Pastor’s office. E-mail will be sent out early in the week.

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Donna Halasz, Audrey Goudy, Don and June Stampfl, Rusty and Joni Babbitt, Kathy Geiger, Alan Paulson, Gigi Juarez, Gerri Crothers, friend of Donna Halasz, Pat Koopmans brother Ken, Donna Bone’s son Chuck, Diane Gahm’s brother Andy, and Bill Hallam, son of the late George Hallam. Please keep the families of Phyllis Swickard and Marilyn Zwier in your prayers. (Phyllis Swickard’s memorial service will be August 13 at 2:00 pm in Grace Chapel.) Pray for everyone in Kentucky affected by the flood.

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**TAI CHI** classes every Monday at 7:30 am in the Beehive. If you are interested in joining this group or have any questions about Tai Chi, please contact Bill Zimmer at 480-492-5364.

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FOREVER 55 (+/-) LADIES LUNCHEON: Aloha! Lunch will be ('Ono Grinds) at George’s Lakeview Café on Thursday, August 18 at 1:00 pm. Wear Hawaiian! Please RSVP with Hedy or the Church office (623-933-0058) Aloha!

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**WALKING GROUP:** Every Monday and Wednesday, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm people can get their mile or more walking inside this cool, calm and friendly environment. You don’t have to be a member of the church to participate. Led by Lisa Dunbar.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the September newsletter are due Monday, August 22 to Donna at officeasst@uccsc.com.

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**BOOK STUDY** has ended for the summer. This group will begin again September 7 with a new book. Please read the August newsletter for more details.

**TREASURES 4 TEACHERS:** We have temporarily discontinued the collection of treasures 4 teachers. *Please do not drop off any treasures at the church until further notice.* Thank you.

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COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is on hiatus for the remainder of the summer and will resume again on Sunday, September 11, 2022. (Please be reminded, no food or drink into the Sanctuary area except for water. Thank you!)

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**SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE** – Dial 988. The Lifeline provides 24/7, confidential and free emotional support for people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress. You can also dial 988 if you are worried about a loved one who may need crisis support.

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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.



CDC COVID-19 Guidelines

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Maricopa County is currently under a High Level of Safety

- Wear a mask indoors in public.
- Stay up-to-date with COVID-19 vaccines.
- Get tested if you have symptoms.
- Additional precautions may be needed for people at high risk for illness.

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

You may contact Lisa Dunbar, the parish nurse with any questions or concerns you may have. (There are test kits available at UCCSC).

Free at-home COVID-19 test kit. 4 tests in one kit. 3 orders allowed. 1-800-232-0233 or www.covidtests.gov.