

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

**All may rise, in body or spirit.*

Congregational response in bold
Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 17, 2024

PRELUDE

“The Swan”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

C. Saint-Saëns

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

“The Garden of Tears”
Choir

Joseph Martin

***UNISON PRAYER**

Lord, as our Lenten journey continues, we think about new life in your name. What will tomorrow bring? We never know for sure. What we do know, is that you remain true. Your generous gifts never expire and you never tire of caring for us. You are always faithful. We hope and pray to live with the same unfailing commitment to you. That would be new. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (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**

“On Christ, the Solid Rock, I Stand” arr. Cindy Berry
Floyd Ellison, piano

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NRSV)

**SPECIAL
MUSIC**

“Halleluiah”
Andrea Dixon, Soloist

Leonard Cohen

SERMON

“A Plugged In Fatih”
Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM

“A Celtic Hosannah”
Choir

Joseph Martin

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

**CLOSING
RESPONSE**

“On Eagle’s Wings” (words on the screen)
Congregation

POSTLUDE

“Springs of Living Water”
Beverly Fletcher, organ **Peterson/DeCou**



March 17 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY - St. Patrick's Day Choir and Praise Team Rehearsal Worship Fellowship – Rev. Dr. Floyd Ellison Celebration
March 18 7:30 am 1:00 pm	MONDAY – Newsletter Deadline! Tai Chi in the Beehive Walking Group
March 19 10:00 am 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	TUESDAY Paint N Sip in the Beehive SilverSneakers Classic in the Beehive SilverSneakers Strength and Balance
March 20 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Converse and Connect in the Meeting Room Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group
March 21 11:00 am 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office SilverSneakers Classic in the Beehive SilverSneakers Strength and Balance
March 22	FRIDAY Office Closed
March 23 10:00 am	SATURDAY Office Closed Cantata Rehearsal
March 24 8:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 11:15 am	PALM SUNDAY! Rehearsal Cantata with the Phoenix Symphony! Coffee Fellowship Baptismal Service in Grace Chapel

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
Greg Bradley, Moderator
Bill Zimmer, Past Moderator
Alan Paulson, Minister of Music
Beverly Fletcher, Organist
Praise Team: Kira Kadel-Funk, Brenda Goodenberger, Cheryl Tucker
Robin Lemkuil, Office Manager/Assistant to the Pastor
Craig Zimmerman, Office Assistant
Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse
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Greg Yagi and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech
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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Debbie Still

Ushers/Greeters: Pat Graham/Randy Skanes

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Nancy Nay, Diane Gahm

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 113

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, March 21 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: Fran Flick; Tom Leander; Dean Stryker; Steve Halasz; Dennis Bates; Laurie Allen; Keith Curtis; Donna Bone; Kris Purtle; Nancy Wohlhuter; Daniella Radoiu's son Raoul; Ron Standley; Mary Bryant, Pastor Brady's Aunt; David O'Brien's daughter Shawn; Michael Cavalier and Ronald Gregorwicz relatives of Dolores Belevich; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason's niece Susan Armstrong; Jean Braun and Mary Mitchell's relative Chuck Campin; Arlen and Rose Freeman's grandson Carson; Laurie Allen's friend Gracie Preston; Diane Gahm's brother Andy; and Karen Crawford's cousin Keith. Prayers of Peace for the people of Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.

ORDINATION CELEBRATION for Rev. Dr. Floyd Ellison: Today we celebrate Rev. Floyd's 60 years of Ordained Ministry! Join us for a special fellowship of sandwiches, chips, fruit and Girl Scout cookies after worship today to celebrate Floyd's milestone in his service to God.

OFFICE ASSISTANT: Please welcome Craig Zimmerman as our new Office Assistant. Craig has been a member of United Church since 2018 and is a member of our Choir. You may begin hearing Craig's voice on the phone or greet you at the door as he will be assisting with some of the duties in the church office. Please welcome Craig to the United Church Staff!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the April newsletter are due Monday, March 18 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.

PARKING LOT TRANSPORT: You may have noticed Bill Lemkuil offering you a ride before and after worship on Sunday mornings. Bill is volunteering his services to provide assistance for those that would like help to the door. Bill has been a member of United Church since 2019 and would like to offer you his help.

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

SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE – Dial 988 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.

POWER OF THE PAUSE: Our Conference Minister Rev. Dr. Toni Hawkins encourages us to pray for each other every Wednesday at 12:00 noon. There is power in prayer... practice the pause.

Easter 2024

**Please join us for Easter Sunrise Service
at the RCSC Sun Bowl**

(10220 N 107th Ave., Sun City)

Sunday, March 31, 2024, at 7:00 am.

(Gathering music at 6:45 am; remember to bring your lawn chair)

A special message from Pastor Brady, Holy Communion, and beautiful music as we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All cash donations will go to support Soldier's Best Friend, Peoria, AZ

You are welcome to join us for a Continental Breakfast, Easter Service at UCCSC at 10:00 am as we celebrate the Risen Christ with Holy Communion, a reflection, praise music, and delicious refreshments in the fellowship area.

Join us for the **Easter Cantata** at 10:00 am on Sunday, March 24 at United Church. The Choir, guest singers and the Phoenix Symphony will perform a Cantata by Joseph Martin entitled: ***Canticle of the Cross***.

Maundy Thursday Community Service at Desert Garden United Church of Christ (18818 N 128th Ave., Sun City West) – 5:00 pm Thursday March 28. Pastor Brady will be participating in this Ecumenical service along with the Church of the Palms UCC. Please plan to attend this service in your preparation for Easter.

Plan to attend **Holy Humor Sunday** here at United Church on April 7 at 10:00 am as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with an extra emphasis on laughter, joy, and sacred silliness. Special guest actress and Christian Comedian Terey Summers. You won't want to miss this Sunday!