

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY
"Where Everyone Is Someone Special."

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold
Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 19, 2023

PRELUDE

"Supplication"
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Frank W. Asper

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

"The Call to Faith"
Choir

Joseph Martin

*UNISON PRAYER

God of Grace, We listen for your voice today and the reassuring promises you offer. Serenity is a natural gift. Righteousness is your way. With you there is no need to fear. Your comfort is great. Your blessings overflow. You offer goodness and mercy as constant companions. And at the last there is eternal dwelling in your name. With thanks we pray, Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

(words on the screen)

REMEMBRANCE of DONNA HALASZ

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

"Here I Am, Lord"
Praise Team

Mark Hayes

SCRIPTURE READING

23rd Psalm

MEDITATION

"As Time Goes By"
Floyd Ellison, piano

Herman Hupfeld
(from Casablanca)

SERMON

"Goodness and Mercy"
Rev. Brady Abel

HEALING SONG

"Jealous of the Angels"
Kira Kadel-Funk, Soloist

Jenn Bostic

HEALING SERVICE

ANTHEM

"They Crucified My Lord"
Choir

Joseph Martin

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING
RESPONSE

"In the Garden"
Congregation

(words on the screen)

POSTLUDE

"Postlude"
Beverly Fletcher, organ

J. Cramer



What's Happening This Week....

March 19 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – Fourth Sunday in Lent Choir Rehearsal in the Music Room Worship with Healing Service Time of Remembrance for Donna Halasz New Member Class Coffee, Cookies and Conversation
March 20 7:30 am 1:00 pm	MONDAY – Newsletter Deadline TAI CHI in the Beehive Walking Group
March 21 1:00 pm	TUESDAY SilverSneakers Classes suspended until further notice Donna Halasz Memorial service at Faith Presbyterian
March 22 10:00 am 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Healthy Living, Learning and Connection - Meeting Room Walking Group
March 23 11:00 am	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office SilverSneakers Classes suspended until further notice
March 24	FRIDAY Office Closed
March 25	SATURDAY Office Closed
March 26 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – Fifth Sunday in Lent Choir rehearsal in the Music Room Worship – New Member Reception Coffee, Cookies and Conversation

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
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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 – 103

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 23 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 and June Stampfl, Laurie Allan, Joe and Elise Ford’s son Sean, Steve Halasz, and Monte and Linda Thornton for the loss of Linda’s mother. Adalynn a student at Sally Schwenker’s school, prayers for Carl, Dwight Ammeson’s brother, prayers for Ron, Ginger Dawson’s husband and prayers for Jay Rivera, a friend of Everett & Nancy Jolly. Continued prayers for the people of Turkey and Syria following the earthquakes.~~

NEW MEMBER CLASS: There will be a new member class today following the worship service. If you are interested in joining United Church, or just want some information about the church, please join us. All are welcome! New members will be received during worship on Sunday, March 26, 2023.

A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE for Donna Halasz will be during worship today. We give thanks for her life. There will be a Memorial Service for Donna at Faith Presbyterian Church (16000 N Del Webb Blvd., SC) on Tuesday, March 21 at 1:00 pm.

HEALING SERVICE: There will be a Healing Service during worship this morning. The Healing service is not about cure, but is a reminder of God’s caring presence and provision for what we most need. All are welcome to participate.

CPR CLASS: On Monday, March 27, we will be hosting a 3-hour CPR class from 5:00—8:00 pm in the Beehive. A min. of 10 people are required to attend at \$25.00 per person. Please sign up to attend on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table. These are great skills to have available for our church and community.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: This special mission offering transforms lives through support that provides clean water, food, medicines, shelter, healthcare, education and disaster relief in the US and internationally. Please consider your donation today using the special offering envelopes located in the pews. Make checks payable to United Church and mark OGHS in the memo.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the April (Easter) newsletter are due Monday, March 20 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.

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.

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.

COVID: The Maricopa County COVID level is LOW. Please wear a mask if you are unsure or feeling under the weather.

Easter 2023
Please join us for Easter Sunrise Service
at the RCSC Sun Bowl
(10220 N 107th Ave., Sun City)
Sunday, April 9, 2023, at 7:00 am.
(Gathering music at 6:45 am)

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

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, April 2 at United Church. The Choir, guest singers and the Phoenix Symphony will perform a Cantata by Joseph Martin entitled: *A Journey to Hope*.

Maundy Thursday Community Service at Sun City Christian Church (Disciples of Christ: 9745 W. Palmeras Drive, Sun City, AZ) – 5:00 pm Thursday April 6. Pastor Brady will be participating in this Ecumenical service along with the Church of the Palms UCC and Desert Garden UCC.

Plan to attend **Holy Humor Sunday** here at United Church on April 16 at 10:00 am as we continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with an extra emphasis on laughter, joy, and sacred silliness. Wear bright clothes.