

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 29, 2024

PRELUDE

“Chanson”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Gordon Young

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

“God of Wonders” Paul Baloché
Kira Kadel-Funk, Kendra Goodenberger, Brenda Goodenberger

*UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, there is so much we have to share about you, especially your gracious and abundant blessings, your creative power, and your eternal care. So, we seek to live for you in word and in deed helping others to know more about your glory. But for right now in this place, we worship you, and we rejoice together, with grateful hearts. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

“Rejoice, You Pure in Heart” (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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER
RESPONSE

“We Are Climbing Jacob’s Ladder” arr. Cindy Berry
Floyd Ellison, piano

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:38-50 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Philip Bliss
Horatio Spafford

Kira Kadel-Funk, Kendra Goodenberger, Brenda Goodenberger

SERMON

“Not Against is For”
Rev. Brady Abel

*CLOSING HYMN

“I Love to Tell the Story” (words on the screen)

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BLESSING

*CLOSING
RESPONSE

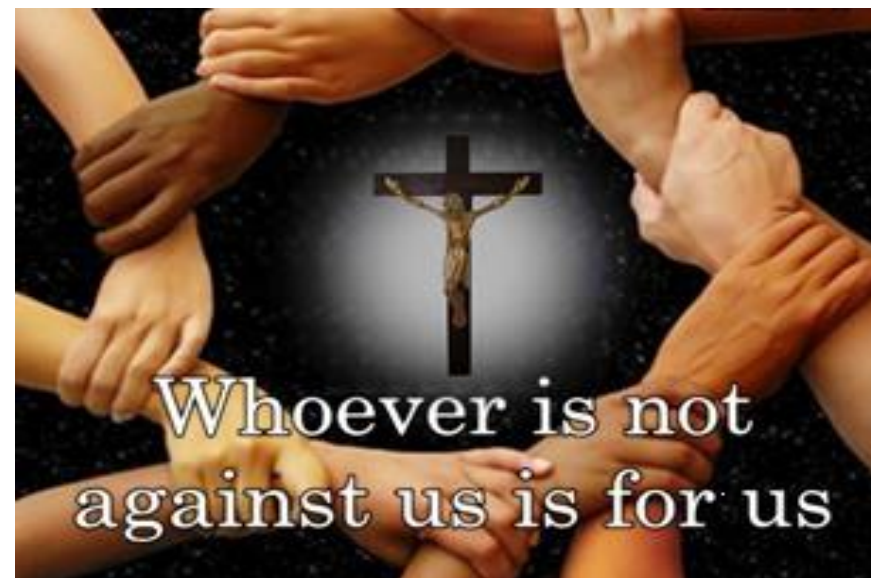
“Standing on the Promises”
Congregation

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
list’ning every moment to the Spirit’s call,
resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promise of God.

POSTLUDE

“Come To Us”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Heather Sorenson



What's Happening This Week....

September 29 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY - ♥♥♥Love Offering♥♥♥ Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with Love Offering Coffee Fellowship
September 30 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive
October 1 8:00 am 1:00 pm	TUESDAY Men's Breakfast at George's Lakeview Café Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
October 2 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 7:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Converse and Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group Flower Arranging 101 in the Beehive AA Meeting in the meeting room
October 3 11:00 am 1:00 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
October 4	FRIDAY Office Closed
October 5	SATURDAY Office Closed
October 6 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – World Communion Sunday Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with the Sacrament Of Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship

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
 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
 Karen Crawford, Finance Secretary
 Greg Yagi and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech
 Dickie Duniver, Sexton
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God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeter: Linda Zimmerman & Alison Jacobs

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 103

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Ginger Dawson and the family of Ron Standley with the passing of Ron Standley on September 18, 2024; Tom Leander; Bill Lemkuil; Penny Miller; Steven and Diane Gahm's son Doug; Kayla Wiebold; Elise and Joe Ford; Mary Koscielny's brother Robert Scheider; Lisa Dunbar's brother-in-law Ron Coppess; Arthur and Leslie Chrissan; Mary Mitchell and family; Laurie Allen and her friend Jennifer; Clayton Blom; Nancy Wohlhuter; Debbie Still's sister Gale; Carol McDade's son; Dana and Mike Annis; Kathy Geiger's sister Sarah; Karen Crawford's cousin Keith; Philip Atem; Prayers for the people who work and live out in the heat and prayers of Peace for the people of Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.

WELCOME! Are you visiting with us today? Welcome to United Church of Sun City! 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 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.

BIBLE STUDY: In-person study will continue on Thursday, October 3 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

LOVE OFFERING will be collected today. This offering provides emergency relief funds for members of United Church of Sun City. The Love offering is collected on the last Sunday of any month containing five Sundays (March 31, June 30, September 29, December 29). Your church family thanks you for your support!

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Join the Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, October 1 at 8:00 am at George's Lakeview Café, 10502 W. Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City.

FLOWER ARRANGING 101: On Wednesday, October 2 at 2:00 pm in the Beehive, our very own Joyce Symmonds, former owner of "Joyce's Bud Bouquet", will provide you with a free flower arranging demonstration. Joyce will provide door prizes for some lucky participants! There is a sign-up sheet at the welcome table.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is next Sunday, October 6. Through God, we will bring the world a little closer together as we celebrate this worldly event during the Sacrament of Holy Communion as we offer special breads from around the world.

NEIGHBORS IN NEED (NIN) is a special mission offering of the United Church of Christ that supports ministries of justice and compassion in the United States. In 2024, the Neighbors in Need "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on environmental justice. Plastics, electronics, and other non-compostable wastes are being shipped across, and even tossed into, our waterways, launched into space, as well as buried in landfills. As people of faith, we believe these egregious acts are sinful and unholy. We must be better stewards of our planet! Please consider donating. Special NIN envelopes will be available in the pews next Sunday, October 6.

SPEAKER SERIES: Join us as Sun Health presents information on "Scams and Online Safety" on Tuesday, October 8 at 10:30 am in the Beehive. *Please register in advance on the sign-up sheet near the Welcome Table.*

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH will be at 1:00 on Thursday, October 10 at George's Lakeview Café. Please RSVP with Hedy or the Church office (623-933-0058).

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH and October 1, 2024 is Pastor's 12 year anniversary with UCCSC. We will honor and celebrate our shared ministry with Pastor Brady Abel on Sunday, October 13, 2024. There are many ways to show appreciation to your pastor. A simple word of encouragement, verbal or written, is always nice. Send a card, write a note, call or email Pastor at the church office or srpastor@uccsc.com. There will be a basket on the back table of the sanctuary on Sunday October 13, for your cards.

RON STANDLEY MEMORIAL SERVICE will be on Sunday, October 13 at 11:30 am at United Church of Sun City.

ANNUAL BLANKET AND SOCK DRIVE: We are accepting new, clean/gently used blankets and socks for Veterans Furniture Center (VFC) as our October Mission Blanket and Sock Drive. Please bring your items of donation on Sunday, October 20. VFC plays a unique role in coordinating the move of homeless veterans into permanent housing. The Mission Board thanks you for making a difference in the lives of many individuals.

GREETER SCHEDULE: A big THANK YOU goes out to those who have offered to serve as greeters. A reminder that October greeters are Joyce Symmonds and Barb Kolacki. If you'd like to become better acquainted with your church family while also serving the church as a greeter, please sign up at the back of the church.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AND AWARENESS MONTH: Dial 988 if you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available. Call or text 988 or chat [988lifeline.org](https://www.988lifeline.org). The Lifeline provides 24/7, confidential and free emotional support for people in suicidal crisis or mental health-related distress.