

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, July 28, 2024

PRELUDE

“Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Will Thompson

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

“Worthy of Glory”
Praise Team

Tom Fettke

***UNISON PRAYER**

Creator and Provider, everything we have comes from you. While we get to be in possession of some things, it all belongs to you. Still, there are times we are called to be places and to share what we have available. When we do, we help to create goodness and abundance made possible by your blessing. Today we hope to see more of those opportunities. Seeking to serve in your name, we pray, Amen.

***OPENING**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service” (words on the screen)

HYMN

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**

“Whiter than Snow”
Floyd Ellison, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

GOSPEL READING

John 6:1-15 (NRSV)

**SPECIAL
MUSIC**

“He Loved Us More / More Than Wonderful”
Andrea Dixon and Alan Paulson, Duet

Mike Speck

SERMON

“Blessed Abundance”
Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM

“Blessed Assurance”
Praise Team

Lloyd Larson

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENECTION

***CLOSING
RESPONSE**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” (words on the screen)
Congregation

POSTLUDE

“Poème”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Léon Boëllmann



Weekly Word

What's Happening This Week....

July 28 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship New Member Class after worship
July 29 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive
July 30 1:00 pm	TUESDAY Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
July 31 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Converse and Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group
August 1 11:00 am 1:00 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
August 2	FRIDAY Office Closed
August 3	SATURDAY Office Closed
August 4 8:30 am 10:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship with Holy Communion and Reception of New Members

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

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God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes
Greeter: Linda Zimmerman
Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason
Tellers: Nancy Nay, Diane Gahm

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 96

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

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**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Ron Standley; Ginger Dawson; Nancy Nay; Matt Stewart, acquaintance of Pastor Brady; Susan Aurich's daughter-in-law Brenda Aurich; Mary Koscielny's brother Robert Scheider; Ron and Kayla Wiebold; Alison Jacob's mother Carol Forestall; Lisa Dunbar's brother-in-law Ron Coppess; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason; Gary and Kathy Geiger and family along with Kathy's sister Sara and her husband; Arthur and Leslie Chrissan; Kris Purtle; Mary Mitchell's brother Ed Braun and mother Jean Braun; Clayton Blom; Nancy Wohlhuter; Debbie Still's sister Gale; Carol McDade's son; Steve and Diane Gahm's friend Jenna; Dana Annis' husband Mike; Karen Crawford's cousin Keith; Philip Atem; The people who work in the heat and those who live out in the heat; Prayers of Peace for the people of Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.

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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. If you have any questions about our Church, feel free to ask the pastor, usher, or contact the Church office. We are so glad you are here and hope to see you again for worship or for one of our calendar activities.

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**BIBLE STUDY:** In-person study will continue on Thursday, August 1 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

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NEW MEMBERS CLASS: There will be a new member class today (July 28) 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, August 4, 2024.

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**CONVERSE AND CONNECT:** Lisa Dunbar, our Parish Nurse, continues to lead this discussion group on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 am. Please note that the location will now be in the Beehive. The July 31 discussion introduces A new book, *Two Steps Forward*, by Sharon Garlough Brown. Come join in the sharing together as we learn and practice loving communication.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST: Join the Men's Breakfast for fellowship on Tuesday, August 6 at 8:00 am at George's Lakeview Café, 10502 W. Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE BEGINS NOW...School starts August 6 and we will collect through August 25. This year's theme is "Rule the Schools". School supply collection tables will be near the Welcome Table. Monetary donations can be made out to United Church of Sun City or by using the "Other – School Supplies" designation on the church envelopes in the pews. See the August Newsletter for more information.

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**GREETERS/USHERS WANTED:** A second greeter is still needed for the month of August to assist Susan Thacker with welcoming members and guests. Would YOU like to become better acquainted with your church family while also serving the church? If so, this is an opportunity made just for you. If this excites your spirit, you may sign up at the back of the church or contact the Church office.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: UCCSC is currently looking for volunteers to be on our Teller Team. Each week, two tellers meet to sort the offering envelopes, verify checks and cash, record the transactions and make the bank deposit. If you would like to be a part of this team, please contact the Church office for a more detailed description of the policy and procedures for being part of this Teller Team.

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

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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.

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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.

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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.

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**PRAYER REQUEST:** You are welcome to share your prayer requests with us at any time. You can contact us at the office, leave a message, send an e-mail, let us know on Sunday morning or fill out a prayer request slip (on the Welcome table in the back of church) and leave it in the collection plate.