

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost, September 25, 2022

PRELUDE

“Pavane”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Gabriel Fauré

GREETING, CENTERING, AND CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

“There is a Redeemer”
Praise Team

Melody Green

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Come, all who live in the shelter of the Most High.

All: We gather here to praise God.

One: God reigns through all generations.

All: We trust in God, our refuge and our fortress.

One: Count on God’s faithfulness now and forever.

All: We worship the One who keeps the faith.

*HYMN

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (words on screen)

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

STATEMENT OF FAITH

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 Surrender All”
Floyd Ellison, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”
Kira Kadel-Funk, Soloist

Chris Tomlin

SERMON

“The Life of Lazarus”
Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM

“Lord, I Run to You”
Praise Team

Tommy Walker

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING RESPONSE

“God, Be With Us ‘til we Meet Again”
Congregation

William Tomer

POSTLUDE

“When Peace Like a River”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

F. Bliss/B. Fletcher



What's Happening This Week....

September 25 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY Choir Rehearsal in the Music room Worship and New Member Reception Coffee Fellowship
September 26 7:30 am 1:00 pm	MONDAY TAI CHI in the Beehive Walking Group
September 27	TUESDAY
September 28 10:00 AM 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Book Study in the Meeting room Walking Group
September 29	THURSDAY
September 30	FRIDAY Office Closed
October 1	SATURDAY Office Closed
October 2 8:30 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – World Communion Sunday Choir rehearsal in the Music room Worship with Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship

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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
 Alan Paulson, Minister of Music
 Beverly Fletcher, Organist
 Alan Paulson, Kira Kadel-Funk,
 Caryl Leander, Brenda 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 – 82

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, September 29 at 11:00 am in Pastor’s office. E-mail will be sent out early in the week.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Donna Halasz, Debbie Still, Audrey Goudy, Don and June Stampfl, Rusty and Joni Babbitt, Sharlene MacPhee, Pat Koopmans brother and sister Ken and Jane, Donna Bone’s son Chuck, Diane Gahm’s brother Andy, Lisa Dunbar’s friend Mike, Karen Crawford’s ex-husband Gene Byrer who passed away and Steve and Donna Halasz’s friend Tom Gibson who passed away.

UNITED CHURCH is looking for individuals who would like to serve on boards or committees in the coming year. No experience necessary. Your insight, input and participation are all that is required. Please contact the office to volunteer!

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION: Please welcome these newest members to our UCCSC Church family: Leslie Chrissan, Shirley Cribbet, Ginger Dawson, Fran Flick, Brenda Goodenberger, Tom and Caryl Leander and Sheila Rooney. We Welcome You!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: There is no way to fully express our gratitude to you. Thank you, Thank you for your generosity in the annual school supply drive. As ever, we cannot do the work we do without YOU and we are incredibly appreciative of your support. Sally Schwenker, Nancy Wohlhuter and Hedy Hall, Mission Board.

MEN’S BREAKFAST: Join the Men’s Breakfast on Tuesday, October 4 at 8:00 am for breakfast at George’s Lakeview Café, 10502 W. Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City.

SILVER SNEAKERS: This is an exercise program to keep you active, healthy and out of the hospital! Please plan to attend the informational meeting on Tuesday, October 4 at 1:00 pm in the Beehive. Regular class begins on Thursday, October 6.

TREASURES 4 TEACHERS: Due to scheduling and staffing issues for pick up, collection of items/treasures will be discontinued. Please do not bring your saved items/treasures to the church (recycle them). Also, we will not be meeting in the future for Journal Making ☺ Thank you, members, family and friends for your generous support and participation through the years (2013 – 2022).

WOMEN’S RETREAT: First United Methodist Church (9849 N 105th Ave., Sun City) is hosting a Women’s Retreat on October 21 and 22. The retreat will celebrate how Jesus brings healing and restoration to each of us. There is a flyer with additional information on the table in the back of church or you can contact FUMC at 623-974-3631 for more information.

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**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. Join us by supporting this year’s NIN “Behold!” campaign. One-third of the offering supports *Council for American Indian Ministry*. Two-thirds are used by Justice and Witness Ministries to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations as well as supporting a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects. Please consider your donation. Special NIN envelopes will be available in the pews on Sunday, October 2, 2022.**

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World Kindness Day is on November 13. Pat Koopmans is collecting the AZ State Quarters for a Kindness project for the Dysart School kids that she needs your help with. If you have any Arizona Statehood Quarters, bring them to church and she will be happy to pay you for them or you are welcome to donate them. Please check your quarters and bring them in by Sunday, October 9! (See display on back table)

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**CLERGY APPRECIATION SUNDAY: October 1 is Pastor Brady’s 10-year anniversary here at United Church and October 9 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday. We will honor and show our gratitude to Pastor Brady on Sunday, October 9 with a special dinner following worship at 11:00 am. Please let us know if you will be staying for the meal by contacting the church office or send an e-mail to [office@uccsc.com](mailto:office@uccsc.com). 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](mailto:srpastor@uccsc.com). There will be a basket on the back table of the sanctuary on Sunday October 9, to place your kind expressions.**

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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.

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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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COVID: The COVID level of safety is low. There is a new booster available and now is also a good time to get a flu shot. You may contact Lisa Dunbar, the parish nurse with any questions or concerns you may have.