

**UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY**  
***“Where Everyone Is Someone Special”***

\*All may rise, in body or spirit  
Congregational response in bold  
Reign of Christ  
November 24, 2019

**PRELUDE**

**“Sheep May Safely Graze”**  
Beverly Fletcher, *organ*

J.S. Bach/E.P. Biggs

**GREETING AND CENTERING**

**INTROIT**

**“We Gather Together”**

Soloists

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**\*HYMN #718**

**“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

O Present One, draw us away from all that would distract  
and guide us to focus on you.

Open our eyes to see the wonder of your works in the world.

Open our ears to hear your word.

Open our hearts for caring and sharing.

Open our mouths for prayer and praise.

In all we do and say, we pray that it is obvious that we are your people.  
Amen.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**ANTHEM**

**“Christians All, Come Sing His Praises”**  
~ Choir ~

Mary Kay Beall  
and John Carter

**MISSION MOMENT**

**“Sunny Crest Youth Ranch”**

Ron Coppess

**SILENT PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER and LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**“Simple Gifts”**  
~ Alan Paulson ~

Shaker Hymn  
Arr. by Mark Hayes

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\*HYMN #586**

**“Open My Eyes, That I May See”**

**SCRIPTURE**

Psalm 46

**SERMON**

**“Thanksgiving”**  
Reverend Brady Abel

**\*HYMN #715**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE # 562**  
(Refrain)

**“Because He Lives”**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Exultate Deo”**  
Beverly Fletcher, *organ*

Vincent Williams

What's Happening This Week

<b>November 24</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> Choir Rehearsal Worship Coffee Fellowship - Blood Pressures Taken in Sanctuary New Member Class in Grace Chapel
<b>November 25</b> 7:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 1:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>MONDAY</b> Tai Chi in Beehive Between the Lines Coloring Group in Beehive Walking Group Meets in Sanctuary All Star Band Rehearsal
<b>November 26</b> 9:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m.	<b>TUESDAY</b> Friendly Service in Beehive Speaker Series-Excercising our Brains Memories Pt. 2
<b>November 27</b> 8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Men's Breakfast at Royal Café Small Group Study in Grace Chapel Walking Group Meets in Sanctuary
<b>November 28</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b> Thanksgiving Day - Office Closed No Bible Study
<b>November 29</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b> Office Closed
<b>November 30</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> Office Closed
<b>December 1</b> 8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	<b>SUNDAY</b> Choir Rehearsal Worship - Communion - Receive New Members Special Offering - Veterans of the Cross Coffee Fellowship

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**(Office Closed on Fridays)**

# 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!  
If you are new or visiting, please take a look at the table in the back of the sanctuary marked "Visitor Center."

You will find various brochures to learn about United Church and the United Church of Christ.  
Please don't hesitate to contact one of the pastors with questions. We invite all in attendance to sign the red registration book and to stay for coffee and cookies following the service. We hope you will return soon to worship at United Church!

**STAFF**

Rev. Brady Abel, Senior Pastor  
Norm Still, Moderator  
Pastor Susan Aurich, Assistant Pastor  
Ginni Summers, Minister of Music  
Beverly Fletcher, Organist  
Ron Cammel, Kira Kadel, Alan Paulson - Soloists  
Caroline Bittman, Administrative Assistant  
Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse  
Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Visual Tech  
Doug Gourley, Custodian  
Steve Halasz, Sunday Custodian  
Sara Shryock, Finance Administrator  
Luanne Hanks, Finance Secretary  
All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News



**MONTHLY PARTICIPATION**

**Head Usher:** Debbie Still

**Assistant Head Usher:** Maurice Kelsall

**Ushers/Greeters:** Jack Fett, Bea Parisi, Jerry Walter, Donna Walter

**Candle Lighters:** Rusty Babbitt, Jonathan Foote, Nancy Wohlhuter, Norm Still

**Fellowship Coordinator:** Nancy Bain

**Fellowship Servers:** Pat Dilmore, Sue Stryker and Audrey Goudy

**Head Teller:** Mary Sue Andreason

**Tellers:** Nancy Nay, Audrey Goudy


**Communion Preparers:** Pat Dilmore, Audrey Goudy

**LAST SUNDAY'S ATTENDANCE: 170**

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

**Remember in your prayers:** Edith Brozka; Byron Gettle; Shirley Lindquist; Phyllis Swickard; Grace Havlik; Mal and Lucy Summers; Bette Schlie; Betty Dettering-Fox; Rachel Breen; John Burton; Custodian Doug Gourley; and safe travel for Ginni Summers.

 **Friendly Reminder – The campus of United Church is smoke free. Thank you.**

 **You are kindly requested to not bring any food or drink into the Sanctuary except for water. Thank you!**



**Want to stay abreast of what's happening at United Church?  
Check us out on Facebook or on [uccsc.com](http://uccsc.com)!**

Our pledge goal for 2020 is \$159,000 and, to date, we have received \$51,903.76 in pledges. If you have not returned your pledge card, please remember this is your *best estimate* of your giving for the year. If your circumstances change, any changes in giving will not be questioned, and your giving *is confidential*. You may deposit your pledge cards in the offering plate or mail them to the church. If you do not have a pledge card but would like one, they are available on the desk at the rear of the Sanctuary. Pledges will be blessed on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

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**Ladies Luncheon at Good China Restaurant, Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at 11:30 a.m.** Reservations are required. All are welcome – bring a friend! See Hedy Hall to sign up after worship service.  
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**Coming, Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.!** Join us for “*Jazzy Little Christmas*” featuring Dan Reed. Ice cream after the concert! All are welcome! Bring your friends!  
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**HARVEST TABLE:** Thank you for all your generous donations of fresh vegetables, fruits and food items placed on the harvest table today. All donations will be given to the Olive Branch Senior Center. Again, thank you for helping to make a difference in the lives of many individuals. The Mission Board.  
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Your generous donations of nonperishable foods are appreciated by Valley View Food Bank, for December the “most needed” foods are Christmas food items such as stuffing mix, canned pie filling, canned vegetables, cranberry sauce, roll and muffin mixes, etc. Also on the much needed list are personal hygiene products, paper products, baggies and diapers. Thank you for your support of our community!  
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**National Suicide Prevention Hotline, 1-800-273-8255.** The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources.  
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The National Friendship Line, 1-800-971-0016. The Friendship Line is a phone number for seniors (60 years of age and older) who can call once a day, every day, if they would like social interaction or ask health questions. Trained volunteers are available to take the calls. The Friendship Line is sponsored by the Institute of Aging (IOA). This service is FREE.  
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***HAPPY THANKSGIVING!***