



**UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY**

*“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”*

\*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold

Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany, February 23, 2025

PRELUDE

“Jesus Medley”  
Beverly Fletcher, organ

arr. Tim Doran

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

“Goin’ to the Holy City”  
Praise Team featuring Cheryl Tucker

Joseph Martin

\*UNISON PRAYER

Lord, we are grateful to gather again for worship, but we are hesitant because we know your expectations for us are high; higher than what we care to try and achieve. However, because of your love and your example, because of your presence and all that you give for us, we will seek to follow your loving commands. You make it all worthwhile. Amen.

\*OPENING

“Because He Lives”

(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, and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER

“Soon and Very Soon”  
Floyd Ellison, piano

arr. Cindy Berry

RESPONSE

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:27-36 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Good Old Gospel Music”

Tom Fettke

Brenda Goodenberger, Kendra Goodenberger, Cheryl Tucker

SERMON

“Love is the Lord’s Way”

Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM

“He Never Failed Me Yet”  
Praise Team featuring Alan Paulson

Robert Ray

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING  
RESPONSE

“Fly Away Medley”  
Praise Team and Congregation

Mark Hayes  
(words on the screen)

POSTLUDE

“He Lives”  
Beverly Fletcher, organ

Alfred Henry Ackley



*What's Happening This Week...*

<b>February 23</b> 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>SUNDAY - Gospel Music Sunday</b> 🎵 <b>Praise Team Rehearsal</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship</b>
<b>February 24</b> 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	<b>MONDAY</b> <b>Walking Group</b> <b>Tai Chi in the Beehive</b>
<b>February 25</b> 1:00 pm	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>SilverSneakers Strength &amp; Balance in the Beehive</b>
<b>February 26</b> 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> <b>Converse and Connect in the Beehive</b> <b>Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray</b> <b>Walking Group</b> <b>AA Meeting in the meeting room</b>
<b>February 27</b> 11:00 am 1:00 pm	<b>THURSDAY</b> <b>Bible Study, Pastor's office</b> <b>SilverSneakers Strength &amp; Balance in the Beehive</b>
<b>February 28</b> 9:30 am	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>A Matter of Balance Class in the Beehive</b>
<b>March 1</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>March 2</b> 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>SUNDAY – The Sacrament of Holy Communion Birthdays Celebration!</b> <b>Praise Team Rehearsal</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>Worship with guest violinist Lan Qui</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship with Birthdays Celebration!</b>

## 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, Lester Atkinson and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech  
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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:** Mary Segers-Koscielny, Mary Lynn Heyne

**Head Teller:** Mary Sue Andreason

**Tellers:** Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

**ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 126**

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

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Floyd Ellison’s friend Nicole and unborn baby Roy; Ann Mordt’s friend Sheila; Larry Brownlee; Lisa Dunbar; Vicki Bradley; Gerry Paul’s grandson, Shane; Elly Mae Ullman’s Sister-in-law Eilein Patra; Phil Costa’s ex-wife Sue; Fay Dee Hamilton; Kathy Geiger; Arthur and Leslie Chrissan; Greg Yagi’s mom Nancy; Craig Zimmerman’s sister Colleen; Brenda Gunther’s daughter Bonnie and her family; Mary Segers-Koscielny’s brother Robert Schneider; Lisa Dunbar’s brother-in-law Ron Coppess; Nancy Wohlhuter; Philip Atem. Prayers for Randy Skanes and the family of Bill Block who passed away. Prayers for anyone who is suffering from coughs, colds, flu or COVID. Prayers for all those impacted by the California fires and the firefighters. Prayers for Peace in 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 the church office. We are so glad you are here and hope to see you again!

**BIBLE STUDY:** In-person study will continue on Thursday, February 27 at 11:00 am in Pastor’s office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

**GOSPEL MUSIC SUNDAY** 🎵: Enjoy today’s spirit lifting soulful gospel music selections presented by our Music Ministry Team.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** The Activity and Fellowship Committee invites you to enjoy coffee and a “Birthday Treat” after worship next Sunday, March 2. Wishing you many Happy Birthday moments...the kind that leave you feeling special and loved all day long. Join us as we celebrate all birthdays in 2025!

**GREETER SCHEDULE:** A big THANK YOU goes out to those who have offered to serve as greeters. A reminder that March greeters are Bud and Mary Sue Andreason. If you would 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.

**LAN QIU** (professional violinist with the Phoenix Symphony) will join the Music Ministry Team to enhance our worship service next Sunday, March 2.

**SILVERSNEAKERS CLASSIC** has been added to the weekly schedule beginning March 3. It will be offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at 11:00 am in the Beehive. SilverSneakers Strength and Balance will continue at it’s regularly scheduled time Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 pm. Bring a friend and join them!

**BIBLES** and **HYMNALS** are located on a rack near the door in the back of the Sanctuary. if you would like to use one during today’s service, please take one with you to your seat. You are also welcome to follow along using the YouVersion Bible App or BibleGateway.com on your silenced phone.

**CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES:** Today will be the last Sunday for donations to the people of California. Monetary gifts can be made in cash or by writing out a separate check to United Church of Sun City; mark in the memo line “California Wildfires”. Pew envelopes are available by using the "Other (specify)" line adding "California Wildfires" with your name and address. Funds will be forwarded to the South Wisconsin Conference. 100% will go directly to disaster relief efforts.

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

**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.

**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.

**1940’s RADIO HOUR:** Presented by the Sun City Players Community Theater from March 14 – 23 at Mountain View Center. You’ll witness the talent of some from our own church as you are transformed back to the nostalgic 1940s. For more information, pick up a flyer from the welcome table.

**COMING IN MARCH**

March 2: Holy Communion, guest violinist and the all church Birthday Party

March 5: Ash Wednesday – The season of Lent begins

March 11: Sun Health: Understanding Grief & Mourning

March 16: Healing Service during Worship

March 30: One Great Hour of Sharing and Volunteer Sunday