



**UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY**

***“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”***

*\*All may rise, in body or spirit.*

**Congregational response in bold**

**Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany, February 16, 2025**

**PRELUDE**

**“A Celtic Pastoral”  
Beverly Fletcher, organ**

**George Leroy Lindsey**

**GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING**

**INTROIT**

**“Friends in Christ”  
Choir**

**Don Besig**

**\*UNISON PRAYER**

**God of Heaven and Earth, we pray today thankful for this time of worship and for all the assurances we receive from you. Life is challenging at times; you are comforting all the time. Troubles arise; you are greater. Our concerns get heavy; you give us a lift. We thank you, Lord, and we always seek to know more about you. Amen.**

**\*OPENING**

**“More About Jesus Would I Know” (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**

**“The Old Rugged Cross”  
Floyd Ellison, piano**

**arr. Brent Edstrom**

**RESPONSE**

**GOSPEL READING**

**Luke 6:17-26 (NRSV)**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

**“Love Like This”  
Brenda Goodenberger, Soloist**

**Lauren Daigle**

**SERMON**

**“On the Level”  
Rev. Brady Abel**

**ANTHEM**

**“Melodies of Love”  
Choir**

**Joseph Martin**

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING  
RESPONSE**

**“Go, My Children, with my Blessing” (words on the screen)  
Congregation**

**POSTLUDE**

**“Song of Triumph”  
Beverly Fletcher, organ**

**Carl Pflueger**



*What's Happening This Week...*

**Weekly Word**

<b>February 16</b> 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	<b>SUNDAY</b> <b>Praise Team Rehearsal</b> <b>Choir Rehearsal</b> <b>Worship</b> <b>Coffee Fellowship</b>
<b>February 17</b>  1:00 pm 2:00 pm	<b>MONDAY – Presidents Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>Walking Group</b> <b>Tai Chi in the Beehive</b> <b>Newsletter is due today</b>
<b>February 18</b> 1:00 pm	<b>TUESDAY</b> <b>SilverSneakers Strength &amp; Balance in the Beehive</b>
<b>February 19</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 20</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 21</b>  9:30 am	<b>FRIDAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b> <b>A Matter of Balance Class in the Beehive</b>
<b>February 22</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<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>

**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  
 Lester Atkinson, Greg Yagi and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech  
 Dickie Duniver, Sexton  
 Tracy McRoy, Assistant Sexton  
 All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News.

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**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: 138**

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

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** 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; Ann Mordt’s friend Sheila; and Philip Atem. Prayers for Randy Skanes and the family of Bill Block who passed away. Prayers for anyone who is suffering from illness. 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 20 at 11:00 am in Pastor’s office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Newsletter articles for the March newsletter are due Monday, February 17 to Robin at [office@uccsc.com](mailto:office@uccsc.com).

**PRESIDENTS DAY:** The office will be closed on Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents Day. The Walking Group will meet at 1:00 pm and Tai Chi at 2:00 pm.

**Gospel Music Sunday** 🎵: Next Sunday, February 23 during worship, the Music Ministry team will lift your spirits with selections of soulful gospel music. In two weeks, special guest Lan Qui will be with us sharing his violin talent.

**GREETER SCHEDULE:** A big THANK YOU goes out to those who have offered to serve as greeters. A reminder that we are still in need of greeters for March. 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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** The Activity and Fellowship Committee invites you to enjoy coffee and a “Birthday Treat” after worship on 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!

**CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES:** If you would like to donate 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 and 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 collected during the month of February will get forwarded to the South Wisconsin Conference. 100% of your donation 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.

**LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT:** Changing lives, one pair at a time. Conveniently donate your old eyeglasses to the Surprise Grand Lions International. There is a collection box on the table at the back of church. The Lions club collects recycled eyeglasses and hearing aids and delivers them to the Sight and Hearing Office in Phoenix for distribution to needy persons all over the world. Did you know they also collect used cell phones and re-condition them to be used as 911 call phones for battered women and children. Great place to recycle your used eyeglasses, hearing aids and cell phones!

**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