

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

"Where Everyone Is Someone Special."

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold

Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 18, 2026

PRELUDE

"Theme"
(from "Andante" 5th Symphony)
Beverly Fletcher, organ

P.I. Tchaikovsky

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

"We Three Kings" John Hopkins
Choir featuring Lester Atkinson, Ellyn Mae Ullman,
and Mark Dickinson, Soloists

*UNISON PRAYER

Most Holy One, we gather today to worship you coming in from a world where we are offered chances to worship so much else. We spend our time and energy on matters that don't often measure up to any great importance. With you, there is nothing more important. So, as we gather, we recommit to being your children and to serving you in the world that needs you more and more. Amen.

*OPENING HYMN

"This Is My Father's World" (words on the screen)

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 RESPONSE

"Take the Name of Jesus with You" arr. Cindy Berry
Floyd Ellison, piano

GOSPEL READING

John 1:29-34 (NRV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"Light of the World"
Brenda Goodenberger, Soloist

Lauren Daigle

SERMON

"Seeing Jesus"
Reverend Brady Abel

ANTHEM

"Christmas Dreams"
Choir

Heather Sorenson

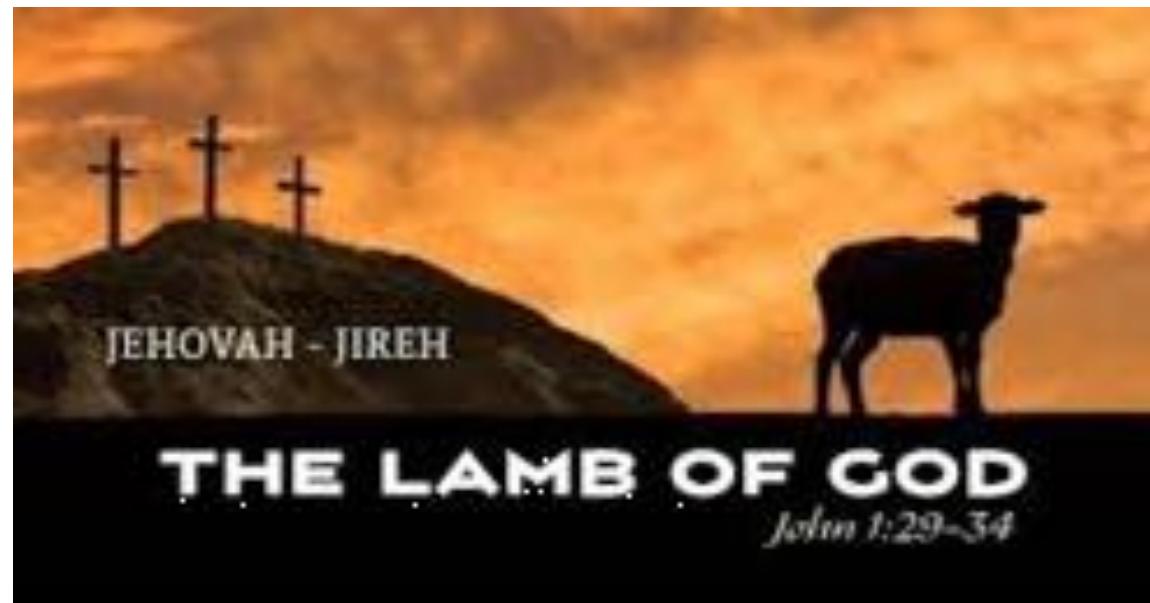
CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE **"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"** Congregation

(words on the screen)

POSTLUDE **"Exultate Deo"** Beverly Fletcher, organ

Vincent Williams



What's Happening This Week...

January 18	SUNDAY – Employee Appreciation Sunday Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship Coffee Fellowship
January 19	MONDAY – Office Closed – Martin Luther King Jr. Day Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive Newsletter Deadline
January 20	TUESDAY Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
January 21	WEDNESDAY Converse & Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group
January 22	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
January 23	FRIDAY Office Closed A Matter of Balance Class in the Beehive
January 24	SATURDAY Office Closed
January 25	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship Town Hall Gathering / Soup Luncheon

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 or church leaders with questions. We hope you will return soon to worship at United Church!

STAFF

Rev. Brady Abel, Senior Pastor
Greg Bradley, Moderator
Heather Purtle, Vice Moderator
Bill Zimmer, Past Moderator
Alan Paulson, Minister of Music
Beverly Fletcher, Organist

Praise Team: Kira Kadel-Funk, Brenda Goodenberger, Michael Nanney
Robin Lemkuil, Office Manager/Assistant to the Pastor
Craig Zimmerman, Boni Locke, Office Assistants

Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse
Karen Crawford, Finance Secretary
Greg Yagi, Lester Atkinson and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech

Dickie Duniver, Sexton
Holly Lentini, Assistant Sexton

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

Greeters: Hedy Hall & Diane Gahm

Head Teller: Diane Gahm

Tellers: Gerry Paul, Donna Bone, Leslie Chrissan

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 114

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Greg Yagi and family as Nancy Yagi passed away on January 9; Sandy Krahm; Rita Staeckeler; Mary Ann Anderson; Whitney Pennington; Andrew David Hilger; Laurie Allen; Art and Leslie Chrissan; Bonnie Newton; Ralph, Kathy, and Gary Warren; Craig Dawson; Scott Nickles; Bob Spishak; Bob Connor; Sarah and Gale Gerber; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman; Carson, Jason, and Allison; Steve; Theresa; Dean and Sue Stryker; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason; Sue Roden; Rosanne Pruitt; Jerry and Donna Walter; Mike and Dana Annis; Jean Braun; Chuck; Carson; Adam; Nancy Wohlhuter; Jason Bradley; Philip Atem; Pray for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

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 glad you are worshiping with us today!

BIBLE STUDY: In-person study will continue on Thursday, January 22 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

TODAY we recognize and thank our United Church employees and contractors.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the February newsletter are due Monday, January 19 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.

OFFICE CLOSED: Just a reminder, the church office will be closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

TOWN HALL GATHERING & SOUP LUNCHEON: On Sunday, January 25 after worship during Fellowship time, enjoy a soup luncheon while getting answers to any questions you may have about the upcoming Annual Meeting scheduled for Sunday, February 8, immediately following worship. Watch your mailbox for important information related to our Annual Membership Meeting and your 2025 giving statements. Bring your questions to the Town Hall gathering on January 25.

A MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS: A.T. Still University is discussing practical strategies for managing fall risks including balance, flexibility, and strength exercise to enable increased activity. Class is held on Fridays through March 6, 2026 from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Beehive.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2026: Campaign kicked off January 4 and runs through February 8. All donations of soup cans, bowls, packages, non-perishable food items and checks/cash will be given to Valley View Food Bank. For more information, contact the church office.

COME MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! Now is the perfect time to join our Music Ministry and let your voice be heard as we begin our 2026 choir season and Easter Cantata rehearsing. Please see Alan Paulson, a member of the Praise Team, or join the choir for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 8:40 am!

CHECK US OUT ON YouTube! Go to YouTube.com in your web browser and in the search bar, enter: United Church of Sun City. Click on the big orange "U" and subscribe to our page. ([80 United Church of Christ Sun City - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/@UnitedChurchofSunCity)) From there, you can watch any of our services (by date) and enjoy special sermons and music from each Sunday. Worship services are uploaded to YouTube by 11:30 every Sunday. Check us out! More information about who we are and what we do is available on our website at www.uccsc.com.

CHURCH LIBRARY: The shelves of the Friendship Center have a great variety of multi-faceted fiction, non-fiction, mystery, biographies, thrillers, spiritual and self-improvement books available for your reading pleasure. Help yourself and enjoy!

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.

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.