

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY
“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”
*All may rise, in body or spirit.
Congregational response in bold
Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 13, 2025

PRELUDE **“Sweet By and By”** Webster/DeCou
 Beverly Fletcher, organ

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT **“Open the Eyes of My Heart with Be Thou My Vision”**
 Praise Team arr. Mark Hayes

***UNISON PRAYER**

God of the caterpillar, the butterfly, and the wide-open sky. You meet us in our stillness before our wings unfold. You sit with us when we feel stuck in our cocoons and whisper hope when we are unsure of who we are becoming. Give us the courage to stay in the process, to trust in your transformation of us, and to believe in the beauty that is coming. Amen.

***OPENING** **“Here I Am, Lord”** (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 **“O, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”** arr. Cindy Berry
RESPONSE Floyd Ellison, piano

GOSPEL READING **Luke 10:25-37 (NRSV)**

SPECIAL MUSIC **“Amazing Grace, My Chains are Gone”** arr. Dan Galbraith
 Kira Kadel-Funk and Brenda Goodenberger, Soloists

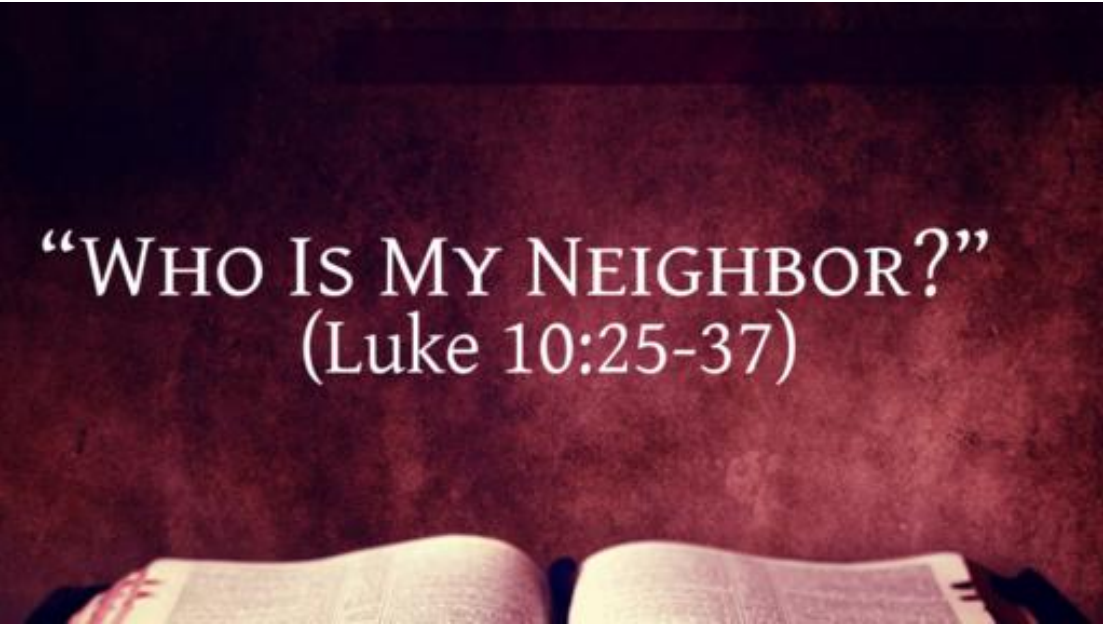
SERMON **“The Sacred Work of Becoming”**
 Pastor Brenda Goodenberger

ANTHEM **“Give Me Jesus”** Tom Fettke
 Praise Team

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

***CLOSING** **“Because He Lives”** (words on the screen)
RESPONSE Congregation

POSTLUDE **“Faith Is the Victory”** Sankey/DeCou
 Beverly Fletcher, organ



Weekly Word

What’s Happening This Week...

July 13 8:15 am 10:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship
July 14 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive
July 15 1:00 pm	TUESDAY Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
July 16 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Converse & Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group AA Meeting in the meeting room
July 17 11:00 am 1:00 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor’s office Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
July 18	FRIDAY Office Closed
July 19	SATURDAY Office Closed
July 20 8:15 am 10:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship

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, Andrea Dixon
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
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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeters: Laurie Allen, Bud and Mary Sue Andreason

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 66

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: The family of Clayton Blom who passed away Sunday, July 6; Greg Yagi's mom Nancy; Betty Abel; Joe Ford; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason's niece Sue Armstrong; Mary Lynn Heyne; Mary Mitchell's Uncle Ken; Bruce and Mary Ann Anderson; Bob Allen's friend Dave; Craig Zimmerman's sister Colleen; Donna Bone and her son Chuck; Robin Lemkuil's friend Sharon Mohs; Nancy Wohlhuter; Ron Patton; Monte Thornton; Leslie Chrissan; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman's grandson Carson and their friend Bill; Ginger Dawson's son Craig; Joyce Symmonds; Karen Crawford's friend Kathy; Ann Mordt's friend Sheila; Phil Costa' ex-wife Sue; Mary Segers-Koscielny's brother Robert; Gerry Paul's son-in-law Steve and sister-in-law Theresa; Philip Atem. Prayers for the families of the tragic flooding in TX and NM. Peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Iran and all around the world.

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 so glad you are here today.

BIBLE STUDY – In-person study will begin again on Thursday, July 17 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the August newsletter are due Monday, July 21 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.

WELCOME PASTOR BRENDA! In April 2025, Brenda was ordained through the Universal Life Church, a milestone that aligned with the completion of her master's degree in Positive Psychology. Brenda proudly serves as a member here at United Church. Her faith journey began before she could speak. She was raised in a household steeped in tradition, service and song. Over the decades, she has worn many ministry hats: music minister, praise and worship leader, youth choir director, VBS teacher, liturgical drama director and she has been a professional singer for over 25 years. At the heart of her faith is a simple but powerful conviction: the core message of Jesus is to love one another. "We are called to grace, compassion, and second chances – not condemnation."

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.

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.

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!

FRAUD: Please be reminded that neither United Church of Sun City nor anyone representing UCCSC, will ever request gift cards or a money wire. Any such request by phone, email or text is fraudulent. If ever you have a question or concern about something you may have received that looks like it might have come from UCCSC, always contact the office to verify its legitimacy before action upon it.

PRAYER REQUEST: you are welcome to share your prayer requests with us at any time. You can contact us at the office, leave a message, send an e-mail, or fill out a prayer request slip (on the Welcome table) and leave it in the collection plate. Prayer is essential, help us help you!

If you are looking to get a little exercise in a cool environment this summer, remember United Church has Tai Chi on Monday's at 2:00 pm in the Beehive. And every Monday and Wednesday, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm you can get your mile or more of walking inside this cool, calm and friendly environment. Tuesdays and Thursdays at 1:00 in the Beehive, join in Senior Exercise (led by Parish Nurse Lisa Dunbar) to keep your body moving! You don't have to be a member of the church to participate. Enjoy a healthy lifestyle, physically and spiritually.