

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

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

Congregational response in bold

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, August 24, 2025

PRELUDE

**“Ave Maria”
Beverly Fletcher, organ**

Bach/Gounod

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

**“In This Very Room”
Praise Team**

Ron and Carol Harris

***UNISON PRAYER**

Lord of All, it is with glad hearts that we gather to worship you. However, we admit that we often act in ways not representative of you. We have goals that don't align with your plan for us and for creation. So, we are reminded today that there is nothing more important, and no other purpose matters than to do all we can to help bring about your Kingdom, Amen.

***OPENING**

“This Is My Father's World”

(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
RESPONSE**

**“More Love to Thee”
Floyd Ellison, piano**

arr. Cindy Berry

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:10-18 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“I Believe”
Boni Locke, Soloist**

Ervin Drake

SERMON

**“The Freedom of the Kingdom”
Rev. Brady Abel**

ANTHEM

**“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart” arr. Lloyd Larson
Praise Team**

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

***CLOSING
RESPONSE**

**“Because He Lives”
Congregation**

(words on the screen)

POSTLUDE

**“Allegro”
Beverly Fletcher, organ**

JS Bach



Weekly Word

What’s Happening This Week...

August 24 8:15 am 10:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship
August 25 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive
August 26 1:00 pm	TUESDAY Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
August 27 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
August 28 11:00 am 1:00 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor’s office Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
August 29	FRIDAY Office Closed
August 30	SATURDAY Office Closed
August 31 8:15 am 10:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship with Love Offering

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, Boni Locke
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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All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News.

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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeters: Mary Segers-Koscielny, Bud and Mary Sue Andreason

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 79

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Susan Aurich; Nancy Jolly (former United Church secretary) and her family for the death of her mother Pat Chiarizia; Rozanne Freeman; Hedy Hall's niece and husband Cyndi and Ed Culver; Anne Scrivner's daughter Andrea and her husband Wayne; Clinton and Pamela Rockwood's daughter Abigail Rockwood; Bill Lemkuil; Betty Abel; Kathy Geiger's sister Mary; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason's niece Sue Armstrong and their son Jeff; Robin Lemkuil's friend Sharon Mohs; Sandy Krahm; Greg Yagi's mom Nancy; Lois Menefee's son-in-law Bob Conner; Mary Lynn Heyne; Donna Bone and her son Chuck; Nancy Wohlhuter; Leslie Chrissan; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman's grandson Carson and their friend Bill; Ginger Dawson's son Craig; Karen Crawford's friend Kathy; Ann Mordt's friends Sheila and Barbara; Phil Costa's ex-wife Sue; Mary Segers Koscielny's brother Robert; Gerry Paul's son-in-law Steve and sister-in-law Theresa; Philip Atem. Pray for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and 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 continue on Thursday, August 28 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

LOVE OFFERING will be collected next Sunday, August 31. This offering provides emergency relief funds for members of United Church of Sun City and the surrounding community. The Love offering is collected on the last Sunday of any month containing five Sundays. Please consider making a Love offering to assist your fellow congregants and community in need. Special envelopes will be located in the pews.

GREETER SCHEDULE: A big THANK YOU goes out to those who have offered to serve as greeters. A reminder that September greeters are Kris and Heather Purtle. If you'd like to become better acquainted with your church family while also serving the church as a greeter, please contact the church office.

SPEAKER SERIES: Join us on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:30 am as Sun Health, along with Doctor Kimberly Cox of Comprehensive Breast Center of Arizona, presents "Myths of Breast Cancer. Doctor Cox will talk about common misconceptions and why early detection is important. Please register in advance at the table near the Welcome Table.

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Arizona Disciples Women's Ministry Fall Retreat is September 12-14 at Chapel Rock Retreat Center in Prescott, AZ. Come and spend a weekend with other women in the cool pines of Prescott! Keynote speaker is Rev. Lori Tapia, National Pastor and president of the Obra Hispana of the Christian Church (DOC) in the US and Canada. Grab a flyer at the Welcome Table and register today!

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: We continue to collect much-needed school supplies. A list of the needed items can be found in the August Newsletter as well as on the flyers at the School Supply table. Shop now and take advantage of the sales. Bring your supplies through September 14. Thank you for helping to make a difference in a child's education!

COME MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE 🎵: Choir rehearsals will resume Sunday, September 14 and will continue through the season. If you would like to join our Music Ministry and let your voice be heard, please see Alan Paulson, a member of the Praise Team, or join the choir for rehearsal on Sunday mornings from 8:40 – 9:40 am.

DOO-WOP, DISCO, AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN 🎵: The Sounds Of The Southwest Singers will take you back in time on Sunday, September 21 at 3:00 pm with a concert featuring music from the 1960's and 1970's. The concert is free with a free will offering (to support the choir). Free ice cream sundaes will follow the concert. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors as this is a great way to introduce them to United Church Of Sun City!

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.