UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

"Where Everyone Is Someone Special."

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold Second Sunday in Lent, March 16, 2025

PRELUDE "Safe in the Arms of Jesus"

William H. Doane

Beverly Fletcher, piano

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

"Sometimes in the Silence"
Choir featuring Kira Funk

Joseph Martin

*UNISON PRAYER

Holy Spirit of God, we gather to worship and praise you today especially because your goodness is all around us and in us. Our cares and concerns don't stop, but with you they are quieted because your presence is everywhere. And so, we trust in you, the one who gives life. Gratefully, we pray. Amen

*OPENING

HYMN

"Wonderful Words of Life"

(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.

<u>PRAYER</u>

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. Joel Raney

RESPONSE Floyd Ellison, piano

GOSPEL READING

Luke 13:31-35 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

"In Jesus Name (God of Possible)"

Katy Nichole

Cheryl Tucker, Soloist

SERMON

"Divinity or Desolation" Rev. Brady Abel

HEALING SONG

"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

(words on the screen)

HEALING SERVICE

PRAYER of THANKSGIVING

We give thanks and praise to you O God. In Jesus you have offered a ministry of healing, that has been shared with the disciples, and now extended, through your Holy Spirit, to this very time and place. Focus us, we pray, in giving what we have been given here, a reminder of your loving and caring presence throughout the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Calling" Joseph Martin Choir featuring Brenda Goodenberger, Soloist

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

*CLOSING RESPONSE "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (

(words on the screen)

Congregation

POSTLUDE

"The Holy City"
Beverly Fletcher, piano

Stephen Adams



What's Happening This Week...

March 16	SUNDAY		
8:00 am	Praise Team Rehearsal		
8:40 am	Choir Rehearsal		
10:00 am	Worship with Healing Service		
11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship		
March 17	MONDAY - Newsletter Deadline		
11:00 am	SilverSneakers Classic in the Beehive		
1:00 pm	Walking Group		
2:00 pm	Tai Chi in the Beehive		
March 18	TUESDAY		
1:00 pm	SilverSneakers Strength & Balance in the Beehive		
March 19	WEDNESDAY		
9:00 am	Converse and Connect in the Beehive		
11:00 am	SilverSneakers Classic in the Beehive		
12:00 pm	Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray		
1:00 pm	Walking Group		
7:00 pm	AA Meeting in the meeting room		
March 20	THURSDAY		
11:00 am	Bible Study, Pastor's office		
1:00 pm	SilverSneakers Strength & Balance in the Beehive		
March 21	FRIDAY		
	Office Closed		
March 22	SATURDAY		
	Office Closed		
March 23	SUNDAY		
8:00 am	Praise Team Rehearsal		
8:40 am	Choir Rehearsal		
10:00 am	Worship		
11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship		

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
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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeters: Bud Andreason, Mary Sue Andreason Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 121

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

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REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: The family of Pastor Brady's cousin Jane Fabian; Pat Koopman's sister Jane; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman; Ginger Dawson's son Craig; Hedy's buddy Cliff Barker; Floyd Ellison's friend Nicole and her baby Roy; Bob Allen and Linda Whitley's friend Greg; Ann Mordt's friend Sheila; Laurie Allen; Gerry Paul's grandson Shane and her sister-in-law Theresa; Phil Costa's ex-wife Sue; 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 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, March 20 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

HEALING SERVICE: Today there is a Healing Service during our worship. The Healing service is not about cure, but is a reminder of God's caring presence and provision for what we most need. The service will include a time for anointment with oil. All are welcome to participate.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the April newsletter are due tomorrow, Monday, March 17 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.

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.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE at the Sun Bowl is fast approaching. We are looking for volunteers to assist with handing out bulletins, assist with communion during worship and collection at the end of the service. Worship is at 7:00 am, so if you are volunteering to hand out bulletins, you'll need to be at the Sun Bowl by 6:30 am. Some of you have volunteered before, we hope you'll help us out again. We are also looking for new volunteers. There is a sign-up sheet near the welcome table. Take a look at where you can be of service to United Church and to the community on this very special Easter Sunrise Service.

Are you on Facebook? If so, would you "Follow" The United Church of Sun City page and also, please "check in" on Facebook when you are at United Church. Plus, whenever you see a post from United Church, hit the like button. All of these actions will help bring more attention to United Church on Facebook.

CONVERSE & CONNECT study group is now meeting at 9:00 am on Wednesdays. Come to the study group and stay for SilverSneakers afterwards! Bring a friend!

SILVERSNEAKERS CLASSIC has been added to the weekly schedule and is 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.

GREETER SCHEDULE: A big THANK YOU goes out to those who have offered to serve as greeters. If <u>you</u> would like to become better acquainted with your church family while also serving the church as a greeter, there is a sign-up sheet near the Welcome Table at the back of the church.

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.