

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

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

Congregational response in bold

First Sunday in Lent, March 9, 2025

PRELUDE

“Jesu, Priceless Treasure”

Melchior Walther

Beverly Fletcher, piano

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

“Jacob’s Ladder”

Gilbert Martin

Cheryl Tucker, Brenda Goodenberger, and Alan Paulson

***UNISON PRAYER**

Loving God, we gather here as your people thinking of you and giving thanks for you. During this Season of Lent, we are especially mindful of who we are as your children and as ones who journey with you toward the cross. But we wonder, are we able to rely on faith as our guide or do we go our own way? We pray to follow the path taking us closest to the cross. Amen.

***OPENING**

“Are Ye Able,” Said the Master.

(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

“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?”

arr. Cindy Berry

RESPONSE

Floyd Ellison, piano, Rosanne Pruitt, ukulele

GOSPEL READING
SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 9:57-62 (NRSV)
Micah 6:8 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Be Thou My Vision”

Kira Kadel-Funk, Soloist

SERMON

“The Number One Reason”

Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Praise Team

Gilbert Martin

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

***CLOSING**
RESPONSE

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

Congregation

(words on the screen)

POSTLUDE

“The Lost Chord”

Beverly Fletcher, piano

Arthur Sullivan



What's Happening This Week...

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| March 9 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am | SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship Coffee Fellowship |
| March 10 11:00 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm | MONDAY SilverSneakers Classic in the Beehive Walking Group Activities & Fellowship Meeting Tai Chi in the Beehive |
| March 11 10:30 am 1:00 pm | TUESDAY Speaker Series - Understanding Grief and Mourning SilverSneakers Strength & Balance in the Beehive |
| March 12 9:00 am 11:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm | WEDNESDAY Converse and Connect in the Beehive SilverSneakers Classic in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group AA Meeting in the meeting room |
| March 13 9:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am 1:00 pm 1:00 pm | THURSDAY Board Meetings Council Meeting Bible Study, Pastor's office SilverSneakers Strength & Balance in the Beehive Ladies Lunch at George's Lakeview Café |
| March 14 | FRIDAY Office Closed |
| March 15 | SATURDAY Office Closed |
| March 16 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am | SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with Healing Service 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: 129

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:** Dana and Mike Annis and family; Arlen & Rozanne Freeman; 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 anyone who is suffering from coughs, colds, flu or COVID. Prayers for Peace in Ukraine.  
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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.
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**BIBLE STUDY:** In-person study will continue on Thursday, March 13 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!  
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SPEAKER SERIES: Tuesday, March 11, Sun Health Presents will speak about "Understanding Grief and Mourning". The presentation will be held at 10:30 am in the Beehive. *Please register on the sign-up sheet near the Welcome Table.*
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**LADIES LUNCH BUNCH** will be at 1:00 pm on Thursday, March 13 at George's Lakeview Café. Please RSVP with Hedy or the Church office (623-933-0058).  
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HEALING SERVICE: There will be a Healing Service during our regular Sunday morning worship on Sunday, March 16. 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.
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**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE:** Newsletter articles for the April newsletter are due Monday, March 17 to Robin at [office@uccsc.com](mailto:office@uccsc.com).  
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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!

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**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.  
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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.
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**GREETER SCHEDULE:** A big THANK YOU goes out to those who have offered to serve as greeters. If you would like to become better acquainted with your church family and serve the church as a greeter, please sign up at the back of the church.  
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AA MEETINGS are held in the church meeting room by the breezeway on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00 pm.
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**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.  
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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.
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**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!  
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1940's RADIO HOUR: Presented by the Sun City Players Community Theater from March 14 – 23 at Mountain View Center. You'll witness the talent of some from our own church as you are transformed back to the nostalgic 1940s. For more information, pick up a flyer from the welcome table.