

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY
“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”
*All may rise, in body or spirit.
Congregational response in bold
Forth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025

PRELUDE **“Andante Cantabile”** **Charles-Marie Widor**
 Beverly Fletcher, piano

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT **“Be Still and Know that I am God”** **David Lantz III**
 Praise Team

***UNISON PRAYER**

Risen One, you enter our lives offering us direction. When we follow you, we can count on an incredible abundance, not everything we want, but in your name, what we need. When we don’t follow your direction, who knows what will happen. So, today we commit again to being more attentive to you, your presence, and your guidance. Grant us, we pray, the wisdom and the courage in our efforts, Amen.

***OPENING** **“God of Grace and God of Glory”** (words on the screen)
HYMN

NEW MEMBER RECEPTION

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST STATEMENT OF FAITH

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

“How Firm a Foundation” **arr. Cindy Berry**
 Floyd Ellison, piano
 Rosanne Pruitt, ukulele

GOSPEL READING

John 21:1-14 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Thank God, I Do” **Lauren Daigle**
 Brenda Goodenberger, Soloist

SERMON

“Beachside Barbeque”
 Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM

“Consolation of the Cross” **Robert Lowry**
 Praise Team featuring Alan Paulson

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

***CLOSING**
RESPONSE

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

POSTLUDE

“Finale” **Charles-Marie Widor**
 Beverly Fletcher, piano



May 11 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – Happy Mother’s Day ♥ Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with New Members Received Coffee Fellowship
May 12 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive Activities and Fellowship
May 13 10:30 am 1:00 pm	TUESDAY Sun Health Presents: The Basics of Hearing Loss Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
May 14 9:00 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
May 15 11:00 am 1:00 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor’s office Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
May 16	FRIDAY Office Closed
May 17	SATURDAY Office Closed
May 18 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship Thank You Choir Fellowship Lunch

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
Heather Purtle, Vice 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
Greg Yagi, Lester Atkinson and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech
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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeters: Mary Segers-Koscielny, Diane Gahm

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 111

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:** Mary Mitchell's Uncle Sam Passero; Phil Costa; Carson Schrock; Clayton Blom; Ron and Suzanne Yankowski; Judy Chastain; Bill and Joyce Hill's daughter Kris and her husband Mark; Joe and Elise Ford; Anne Scrivner's friend Ray Kennedy; Ginger Dawson's son Craig; The family of Bob Allen and Linda Whitley for her brother Ward and his wife Pat; Bob Allen and Linda Whitley's neighbor Greg; Joyce Symmonds; Karen Crawford's friend Kathy; Karen Crawford's ex-mother-in-law Glenda Schwartz; Pat Koopman's sister Jane; Ann Mordt's friend Sheila; Ann Mordt's step-son Darryl Mordt; Donna Bone and her son Chuck; Floyd Ellison's friend Nicole and her baby Roy; Phil Costa's ex-wife Sue; Greg Yagi's mom Nancy; Mary Segers-Koscielny's brother Robert Schneider; Nancy Wohlhuter; Gerry Paul's sister-in-law Theresa; Philip Atem; Prayers for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and all around the world.

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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, May 15 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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NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED: Please welcome these newest members to our UCCSC Church family: Steve Gahm, Laura Hamrick, Dorothy Murray, Sara Ward. Welcome to your new Church family!

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**SPEAKER SERIES:** Tuesday, May 13 at 10:30 am, Sun Health along with Dan Hewson from Ascent Audiology presents "The Basics of Hearing Loss" in the Beehive. Learn about the auditory system and how hearing health is associated with balance problems, falls, social isolation, cardiovascular health, and cognitive decline. Please register in advance on the sign-up sheet at the Welcome Table.

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

THANK YOU UNITED CHURCH CHOIR MEMBERS! Please join us for fellowship following worship service next Sunday, May 18 as we celebrate the United Church Choir with a light lunch. We also want to express our thanks to Praise Team member Cheryl Tucker as we bid her farewell after her years of service with the Praise Team. May 18 will also be our last day of Fellowship before the summer months. We hope that you've enjoyed the social time throughout the season and perhaps even made some new friends! A very Special Thank You to Vicki Bradley and all her helpers for providing us with refreshments after worship each Sunday! Safe travels to those who will be returning to their summertime homes!

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**PAINT TUTORIAL CLASS:** On Monday, June 9 from 10:00 – 11:30 am you'll have an opportunity to exercise your creativity as Julie Larsson guides you step-by-step to create your own masterpiece. All supplies of acrylic paints, brushes and canvas will be supplied. The class is limited to 16 participants so sign up at the Welcome Table or call the Church office. Sponsored by the Ridges at Peoria Senior Living.

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MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH: Mental Health Awareness Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives and to celebrate recovery from mental illness. Although May 19 is Mental Health Sunday, we want to remind you that any Sunday is a great Sunday to focus on mental health.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available with the **SUICIDE & CRISIS LIFELINE**. 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. To locate treatment facilities or providers, visit FindTreatment.gov or call SAMHSA's National Helpline at 800-662-HELP (4357).

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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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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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**SENIOR EXERCISE GROUP:** While SilverSneakers classes are on hold, Senior Exercise Group will take place Tuesdays and Thursdays in the Beehive at 1:00 pm. Join them each week for exercise similar to SilverSneakers!

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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!