

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

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

Congregational response in bold

Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, November 16, 2025

PRELUDE

**“Panis Angelicus
Beverly Fletcher, organ**

**César Franck
Michael Case**

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

**“Great and Mighty”
Choir**

Marlene Bigley

***UNISON PRAYER**

Eternal God, in a world that has a short attention span, you call us to take a long-term view. The temporary comes and goes, but your way lasts forever. So, we pray to be more attuned to you. We seek to serve, despite any challenges, for the good of your creation. That makes a true difference rather than contributing to the flashy, fleeting, momentary focus, Amen.

***OPENING
HYMN**

**“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”
(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.

**PRAYER
RESPONSE**

**“Now Thank We All Our God”
“Come, Ye Thankful People, Come”
Floyd Ellison, piano**

arr. Cindy Berry

GOSPEL READING

Luke 21:5-19 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

**“Safe Within Your Arms”
Cheryl Tucker, Guest Soloist**

Mark Hayes

SERMON

**“Something Bigger Than Phil”
Rev. Brady Abel**

HEALING HYMN **“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry” (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, which has been shared with the disciples, and now extended, through your Holy Spirit, to this very time and place. Focus us, we pray, on sharing with others what we have been given here, a reminder of your calm and caring presence throughout the world. Amen.

ANTHEM

**“Open My Eyes”
Choir**

Gilbert M. Martin

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT and BENEDICTION

***CLOSING
RESPONSE**

**“To God Be the Glory”
Congregation** (words on the screen)

POSTLUDE

**“The Holy City”
Beverly Fletcher, organ**

Stephen Adams



What's Happening This Week...

November 16 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY - Healing Service Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with Healing Service Coffee Fellowship
November 17 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive Newsletter Deadline
November 18 1:00 pm	TUESDAY Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
November 19 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Converse & Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group
November 20 11:00 am 1:00 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
November 21	FRIDAY Office Closed
November 22	SATURDAY Office Closed
November 23 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY – Harvest Table Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship 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 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
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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: Barbara Grant & Joan Cassaw

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone, Leslie Chrissan

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 109

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Scott Nickles; Kevin Danzey; Robert Schneider; Craig Dawson; Ken Koopman; Mike Annis; Ellyn Mae Ullman; Linda Whitley; Bonnie Newton; Debbie Tischendorf; Bob Spishak; Robinson, Stella, Elijah, and Joshua; Mary; Bob Conner; Jason Bradley; Mary and Frank; Sadie Salvatore; Nancy Yagi; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman, Carson, Jason, Allison; Steve and Theresa; Jean Braun; Eva Bressler; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason; Jerry and Donna Walter; Kris Purtle; Chuck Bone; Nancy Wohlhuter; Art and Leslie Chrissan; Sue Costa; Philip Atem. Prayers for Peace in Ukraine, in Israel and Gaza. Prayers for all of those in Jamica and the Caribbean affected by Hurricane Melissa.

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, November 13 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

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

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.

SILVER SNEAKERS STRENGTH AND BALANCE is back on Tuesday and Thursday at 1:00 pm in the Beehive and has replaced the Senior Exercise Class.

HARVEST TABLE – Share your blessings on Sunday, November 23 as we will receive your gifts of fresh fruits vegetables, and non-perishable food items on the altar to benefit Valley View Food Bank.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING: Monday, November 24 at 9 a.m. It only takes your capable hands to help make our church a festive place for the Christmas Holiday!

Thank you, Cherly Tucker, for leading our Music Ministry this morning and for joining us during worship today!!

STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN: November 2, began the start of our annual Stewardship Campaign. This year's theme is "Dreaming God's Dream." Please read through the Stewardship materials you should have received by now and check out the Stewardship article in the November Newsletter. Prayerfully consider your pledge. Then, return your pledge card on or before Loyalty Sunday, December 14. Help us Dream God's Dream!

CONVERSE AND CONNECT: Lisa Dunbar and friends have begun a new book entitled *Redeeming Love* by Francine Rivers. It's a story of Love that won't let go-No Matter What. Join us in this fictional book that reflects the book of Hosea in the Bible. Contact Lisa Dunbar for a copy of the book!

GREETERS/USHERS WANTED - No experience necessary! Would you like to become better acquainted with your church family while also serving the church? If so, this is an opportunity made just for you. If this excites your spirit, you may sign up at the back of the church or contact the church office.

CALLING ALL CRAFTERS: United Church will be having a Craft Fair December 7 and 14. If you have crafts *that you have made* and would like to donate towards this sale, all proceeds will be going to the Audio/Visual Upgrade Project. Watch for more details in the near future but for now, start making more crafts to donate! Donated crafts need to be brought to Church by Sunday, November 30.

A MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS: A.T. Still University will be discussing practical strategies for managing fall risks including balance, flexibility, and strength exercise to enable increased activity. Class will be held on Fridays, January 16 through March 6, 2026 from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Beehive. Please register in advance on the sign-up sheet near the Welcome Table.

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.

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT: Conveniently donate your old eyeglasses, hearing aids and old cell phones to the Surprise Grand Lions International. There is a collection box on the table at the back of church.