

The Origin of Broadway Theatre...

New York City had a theatre presence as early as the mid 1700s, but not until the late 1800s did most theatres move uptown to the area we know today as the Theater District, which at the time was made up mostly of family residences and farms. As the area developed in the following decades, transportation improved, poverty decreased, and the neighborhood blossomed as a central hub to produce theatre. Some of the oldest Broadway theaters that are still in operation today were built in the first years of the 1900s.

Broadway, or Broadway theatre, is widely considered the highest form of theatrical entertainment in the world. Broadway shows are most often plays or musicals, but can sometimes come in the form of concerts and other special live events. Broadway has played an integral role in shaping popular culture, often branching beyond its onstage origins and taking new life in television, film, music, and more.

Technically any venue with 500 seats or more, located along Broadway in New York City's Theatre District is a Broadway theatre. Today, 41 theatres are technically Broadway houses, each with their own rich history of ground-breaking shows and legendary performers.

Long before European colonists arrived, Native Americans carved the Wickquasgeck trail as the main north-south thoroughfare through Manhattan Island. The Dutch widened and renamed the road (Heeren Wegh or Gentleman's Way) when they arrived in the 17th century. It wasn't until the English took over in 1664 that it was renamed 'Broadway' for its unusual width.

The word eventually evolved beyond just the name of the famous street to the artform that dominated its blocks.



UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY
“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”
*All may rise, in body or spirit.
Congregational response in bold
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 19, 2025

PRELUDE **“Sound of Music” Medley** **Rogers and**
 Beverly Fletcher, piano **Hammerstein**

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT **“Sabbath Prayer”** **Sheldon Harnack**
 from FIDDLER ON THE ROOF 1964 **Jerry Bock**
 Choir

***UNISON PRAYER**

Creator God, gathered today for worship we praise you for the glory of your creation that we find around us and in us. The wonderful gift of music speaks to us and today we celebrate that gift from some of our favorite shows. Giving thanks for all who write music, lyrics, and sing the songs, we acknowledge that nothing happens apart from you, the source of all. Amen.

***OPENING** **“Love Lifted Me”** **(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 **“Phantom of the Opera”** **Andrew Lloyd Webber**
RESPONSE **Beverly Fletcher, piano**

SCRIPTURE READING **1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NRSV)**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Prayer” **David Hein**
from COME FROM AWAY 2017
Praise Team

SERMON

“From Scripture to Stage to Life”
Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM

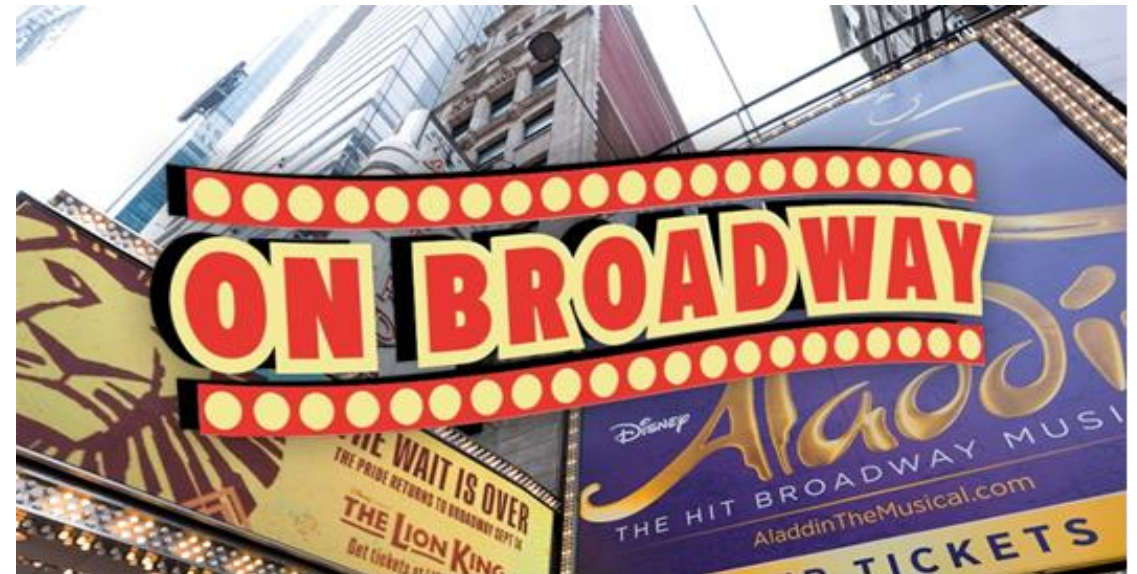
“You’ll Never Walk Alone” **Oscar Hammerstein Jr.**
from CAROUSEL 1945
Choir

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

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

CHORAL
POSTLUDE

“So Long, Farewell” **Rogers and**
from The Sound of Music **Hammerstein**
Beverly Fletcher, piano



What's Happening This Week....

October 19 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	BROADWAY SUNDAY 🎵🎵🎵 Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with Broadway Show Tunes Blanket and Sock Collection Today Coffee Fellowship
October 20 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Newsletter Deadline Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive
October 21 1:00 pm	TUESDAY Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
October 22 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Converse and Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group AA Meeting in the meeting room
October 23 11:00 am 1:00 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
October 24	FRIDAY Office Closed
October 25 10:00 am	SATURDAY – Pet Blessing Office Closed Blessing of the Pets under the covered parking area
October 26 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY 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!

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Rev. Brady Abel, Senior Pastor
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Heather Purtle, Vice Moderator
Bill Zimmer, Past Moderator
Alan Paulson, Minister of Music
Beverly Fletcher, Organist
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Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse
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Greg Yagi, Lester Atkinson and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech
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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeters: Bob Allen & Hedy Hall

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 86

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: All those impacted by the flooding in AZ; Ellyn Mae Ullman; Kris Purtle; Richard Mick; Robert Schneider; Brenda Aurich; Bonnie Newton; Ed and Jenny Braun; Craig Dawson; Bob Spishak; Jerry and Donna Walter; Robinson, Stella, Elijah, and Joshua; Mary; Bob Conner; Jason Bradley; Mary and Frank; Sadie Salvatore; Dr. Smith; Sharon Mohs; Sandy Krahm; Nancy Yagi; Mary Lynn Heyne; Chuck Bone; Nancy Wohlhuter; Leslie Chrissan; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman, Carson, Jason, and Allison; Sue Costa; Steve; Theresa; Philip Atem. Prayers for Peace in Ukraine, and let us give thanks for the Peace in Israel and Gaza being experienced right now.

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, October 23 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

ANNUAL BLANKET AND SOCK DRIVE: Today concludes the blanket and sock drive. Thank you to all who made donations to help those in need!

SUN CITY PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS..."Sun City Meets Broadway" tomorrow, Monday, October 20 at 7:00 pm. Performed at the Sun City Players Theater, Mountain View Recreation Center, 9749 107th Avenue, Sun City. Starring our own Andrea Dixon! Flyers are available at the welcome table. Admission is Free for this event.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the November newsletter are due Monday, October 20 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.

PET BLESSING will be held on Saturday, October 25 in the covered church parking lot area from 10:00 am to 11:00 am (this will be a drive through event). Bring your pet to have it blessed by Pastor Brady and consider bringing a pet toy, pet food or a donation for Sun Valley Animal Shelter. God loves all creatures great and small.

SENIOR HEALTH EXPO: The Church of the Palms will be hosting a Senior Health Expo on Saturday, October 25, at The Church of the Palms, UCC (14808 N Boswell Blvd., Sun City). There will be four professionals from the West Valley presenting topics on Medicare, Falls and Injuries, Probate and Estate planning and Centerwell Senior Services. Registration is requested by calling their church office at 623-977 8359. Light refreshments and coffee will be provided.

NEW MEMBERS CLASS will meet after worship service on Sunday, November 2, 2025. If you are interested in joining United Church, or just want some information about the church, please join us. All are welcome! New members will be received during worship on November 9, 2025.

VETERANS DAY – We will honor Veterans on Sunday, November 9 during worship services. If you are a Veteran, we ask you to wear something service connected, such as your uniform, shirt, hat, or medals in order to recognize you during our worship service. The church would like to take pictures for the newsletter.

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.

VALLEY VIEW FOOD BANK – Valley View Food Bank located at 10733 W. Peoria Ave. in Sun City is one of the missions supported by United Church and is always in need of food, personal hygiene items, and cleaning and sanitation supplies. Monetary donations to facilitate the purchase of needed resources is extremely helpful. Nonperishable food items are particularly needed as we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday and are collected in the food barrels located in the Beehive near the Welcome Table entrance door.

REMINDER to check the area around you before you leave for any miscellaneous items you may have left behind during the service. Thank you!