UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

"Where Everyone Is Someone Special."

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold Third Sunday in Lent, March 23, 2025

PRELUDE "Andante" Mathew Lundquist

Beverly Fletcher, organ

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT "Total Praise" Joel Raney
Praise Team

*UNISON PRAYER

Holy Teacher, once again we gather to offer our praise and to hear more about your lessons of life. We are tempted by signs of power, prestige, and places of honor. However, you know there is more to our existence than those fleeting indications of recognition and success. You show us, through earthly examples, about caring for the other and exalting them rather than seeking grandiose exaltations for ourselves. We pray to learn. Amen

*OPENING "Praise Him! Praise Him!" (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 "Oh Christ, the Solid Rock, I Stand" arr. Cindy Berry
RESPONSE Floyd Ellison, piano
Rosanne Pruitt, ukulele

GOSPEL READING Luke 14:1-14 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC "Every Season" Nichole Nordeman

Brenda Goodenberger, Soloist

SERMON "Seating Chart" Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM "Come Touch the Robe" Pepper Choplin

Praise Team featuring Cheryl Tucker

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

*CLOSING "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus" (words on the screen)

<u>RESPONSE</u> Congregation

POSTLUDE "Allegro moderato" J.S. Bach
Beverly Fletcher, organ



What's Happening This Week...

March 23	SUNDAY – One Great Hour of Sharing Offering		
8:00 am	Praise Team Rehearsal		
8:40 am	Choir Rehearsal		
10:00 am	Worship		
11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship		
March 24	MONDAY		
11:00 am	SilverSneakers Classic in the Beehive		
1:00 pm	Walking Group		
2:00 pm	Tai Chi in the Beehive		
March 25	TUESDAY		
1:00 pm	SilverSneakers Strength & Balance in the Beehive		
March 26	WEDNESDAY		
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		
	No Converse and Connect this week		
March 27	THURSDAY		
11:00 am	Bible Study, Pastor's office		
1:00 pm	SilverSneakers Strength & Balance in the Beehive		
March 28	FRIDAY		
	Office Closed		
March 29	SATURDAY		
	Office Closed		
March 30	SUNDAY - ♥♥ VOLUNTEER SUNDAY ♥♥		
8:00 am	Praise Team Rehearsal		
8:40 am	Choir Rehearsal		
10:00 am	Worship (Love Offering)		
11:00 am	Special 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

Greg Yagi, Lester Atkinson and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech

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All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News.

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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:122

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Mary Mitchell's niece Samantha Sujak; Ginger Dawson's son Craig; Lisa Dunbar's brother-in-law Ron Coppess; Pat Koopman's sister Jane; Floyd Ellison's friend Nicole and her baby Roy; Phil Costa's ex-wife Sue; Arthur and Leslie Chrissan; Greg Yagi's mom Nancy; Brenda Gunther's daughter Bonnie and her family; Mary Segers-Koscielny's brother Robert Schneider; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman; Delores Belevich; Nancy Wohlhuter; Gerry Paul's grandson Shane and her sister-in-law Theresa; Ann Mordt's friend Sheila; Laurie Allen; Bob Allen and Linda Whitley's friend Greg; 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 27 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

CONVERSE & CONNECT will <u>not</u> be meeting this coming Wednesday, March 26, but will resume on Wednesday, April 2 at 9:00 am in the Beehive.

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING: Today's special mission offering enables the United Church of Christ and our worldwide partners to make a difference in the lives and communities around the world. Together, we are responding to disasters, farming, education, and health initiatives. Consider your donation today using the special envelopes located in the pews. Make checks payable to United Church.

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.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION SUNDAY – is next Sunday, March 30. A special Thank You to all of our volunteers during worship and fellowship. Everyone, please plan to attend this special Sunday!

LOVE OFFERING will be collected next Sunday, March 30. This offering provides emergency relief funds for members of United Church of Sun City. The Love offering is collected on the last Sunday of any month containing five Sundays.

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MEN'S BREAKFAST: Join the Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, April 1 (no fooling!) at 8:00 am at George's Lakeview Café, 10502 W. Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City.

GREETER SCHEDULE: A big THANK YOU goes out to those who have offered to

serve as greeters. A reminder that April greeters are Ron and Lacy Patton.

EASTER CANTATA – Palm Sunday, APRIL 13 at 10:00 am. Join us as our Music Ministry Team led by Alan Paulson and the Phoenix Symphony present "From Silence to Song" by Joseph Martin. Join us in our journey to the Cross!

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE - April 20 at 7:00 am 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. *All are welcome to attend the service.*

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.