

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY
“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”
*All may rise, in body or spirit.
Congregational response in bold
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, August 3, 2025

PRELUDE **“Minué from Concerto No. 6”** **Antonio Soler**
 Beverly Fletcher, organ

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT **“As the Deer”** **Martin Nystrom**
 Praise Team

***UNISON PRAYER**

Almighty God, once again we gather rejoicing, fellowshiping, and giving thanks for our relationship with you. There are many things we feel drawn to pay attention to, but there is only one thing that really matters, and that is you. So, today we choose you as our priority. Tomorrow, we pray, to do the same. We seek to be rich toward you acknowledging that you are with us eternally. With heartfelt thanks, we pray, Amen.

***OPENING** **“Count Your Blessings”** (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 **“Lord, Plant My Feet on Higher Ground”** **arr. Cindy Berry**
RESPONSE **Floyd Ellison, piano**

GOSPEL READING **Luke 12:13-21 (NRSV)**

SPECIAL MUSIC

“I Can Only Imagine” **Bart Millard**
Alan Paulson, Soloist

SERMON

“The Folly of Full Barns”
Rev. Brady Abel

COMMUNION
SONG

“Come to the Table of Grace” **Joseph Martin**
PraiseTeam **Douglas Nolan**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION (Unison)

Holy Spirit of God, thank you for blessing the food and drink we share here as you bless everyone and everything, for all people and all things are created by and in service to you. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

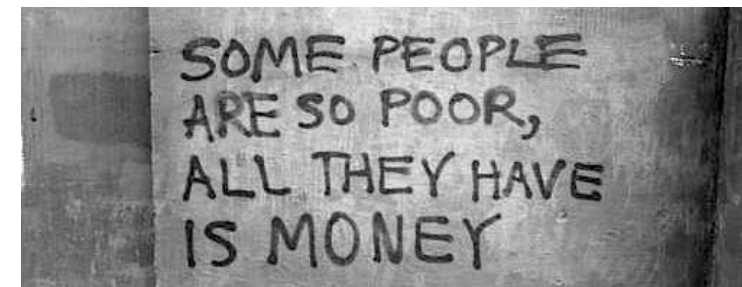
God of Heaven and Earth, thank you for the meal we have shared at this table, celebrating your presence with us here and in all places. As your followers, we will count on what matters most, and that is our relationship with you. Thankful for it we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM **“How Great Thou Art and Majesty”** **arr. Joel Raney**
 Praise Team

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE **“The Lost Chord”** **Arthur Sullivan**
 Beverly Fletcher, organ



What’s Happening This Week...

August 3 8:15 am 10:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship with The Sacrament of Holy Communion†
August 4 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive
August 5 8:00 am 1:00 pm	TUESDAY Men’s Breakfast at George’s Lakeview Café Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
August 6 10:00 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
August 7 11:00 am 1:00 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor’s office Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive
August 8	FRIDAY Office Closed
August 9	SATURDAY Office Closed
August 10 8:15 am 10:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship

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
Praise Team: Andrea Dixon & Boni Locke
Robin Lemkuil, Office Manager/Assistant to the Pastor
Craig Zimmerman, Boni Locke, Office Assistants
Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse
Karen Crawford, Finance Secretary
Greg Yagi, Lester Atkinson and Robin Lemkuil, Audio/Video Tech
Dickie Duniver, Sexton
All Members & Friends of United Church, Ministers of the Good News.

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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeters: Mary Segers-Koscielny, Bud and Mary Sue Andreason

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 80

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Elise Ford and the family of Joe Ford who passed away Wednesday, July 16; Randy Skanes; Greg Yagi's mom Nancy; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason's niece Sue Armstrong; Linda Whitley and Bob Allen; Mary Lynn Heyne; Mary Mitchell's Uncle Ken; Bob Allen's friend Dave; Donna Bone and her son Chuck; Robin Lemkuil's friend Sharon Mohs; Nancy Wohlhuter; Leslie Chrissan; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman's grandson Carson and their friend Bill; Ginger Dawson's son Craig; Karen Crawford's friend Kathy; Ann Mordt's friends Sheila and Barbara; Phil Costa's ex-wife Sue; Mary Segers Koscielny's brother Robert; Gerry Paul's son-in-law Steve and sister-in-law Theresa; Philip Atem. Prayers for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and all around the world.

WELCOME! Are you visiting with us today? Welcome to United Church of Sun City! We are so glad to see you! We invite you to join us in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. 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 and hope to see you again.

BIBLE STUDY – In-person study will continue on Thursday, August 7 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Join the Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, August 5 at 8:00 am at George's Lakeview Café, 10502 W. Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City.

LARRY JOE FORD'S MEMORIAL SERVICE will be on Sunday, August 10 at 2:30 pm at United Church of Sun City. All are welcome.

SPEAKER SERIES: Join us on Tuesday, August 12 at 10:30 am as Sun Health, along with Chris Haas of Haas Medical Equipment, presents "What is DME? A guide to Staying Independent". Chirs will educate on what is durable medical equipment (DME), what you need, and should you buy or rent. Chris will teach you everything you need to know about DME! Please register in advance at the Welcome Table.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: It's that time of year again! Nancy and Sally are asking for our help with much-needed school supplies. Watch the upcoming August Newsletter for the list of items needed and on flyers at the Welcome Desk. Start shopping now and take advantage of the sales. Bring your supplies through September 14. Thank you for helping to make a difference in a child's education!

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Arizona Disciples Women's Ministry Fall Retreat is September 2-14 at Chapel Rock Retreat Center in Prescott, AZ. Come and spend a weekend with other women in the cool pines of Prescott! Keynote speaker is Rev. Lori Tapia, National Pastor and president of the Obra Hispana of the Christian Church (DOC) in the US and Canada. Grab a flyer at the Welcome Table and register today!

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.

GREETING CARDS: Do you have an excessive amount of greeting cards taking up space in a drawer? We are looking for Birthday, Anniversary, Get Well, Sympathy, Thinking of You, To Cheer You and blank cards to use to send to our members and friends during the year. There will be a basket on the Welcome Table to donate any greeting cards you would like us to use. Thank you!

ARE YOU A VETERAN? Thank you for your service! In honor of our Veterans, we have established a "Veterans Honor Wall" on the south side of the Sanctuary. If you are a veteran, we would like to include you and recognize you for your service. Please provide us with a service picture and a current picture of yourself (we would be happy to take a new picture of you) and we will post it along with your service details: Full name, rank, branch of service, service dates, positions and medals earned. Please contact the church office for more information.

EXTRA, EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! August Newsletters are available with details about upcoming events for you to add to your calendar as well as highlights about past events. If you do not receive the newsletter electronically, there are additional copies on the Welcome Table in the back of church.