

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY
“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”
*All may rise, in body or spirit.
Congregational response in bold
Third Sunday after Pentecost, June 29, 2025

PRELUDE **“Blessed Jesu, At Thy Word”** **J.S. Bach**
 Beverly Fletcher, organ

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT **“Praise to the Lord”** **arr. Lloyd Larson**
 Praise Team

***UNISON PRAYER**

Caring Creator, you have sent many others before us on a mission of care and kindness, and you would have us do the same. The opportunities to reach out to others are endless. However, our self-centeredness holds us back. So, today with your spirit moving among us, we seek to get reacclimated. In this place and out of this place, we are called to serve compassionately as your followers. We hear your call, Lord, and we praise you. Amen.

***OPENING** **“To God Be the Glory”** **(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 **“I Need Thee Every Hour”** **arr. Joel Raney**
RESPONSE **Floyd Ellison, piano**

GOSPEL READINGS

Mark 12:28-31 (NRSV)
Luke 10:1-11 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC **“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”** **arr. Lloyd Larson**
 Praise Team

SERMON **“Sent to Serve – Do Love”**
 Rev. Brady Abel

***CLOSING** **“Take My Life”** **(words on the screen)**
HYMN

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

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

POSTLUDE **“Now Thank We All Our God”** **Karg-Elert**
 Beverly Fletcher, organ **Crüger/Bock**



What's Happening This Week...

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| June 29 8:15 am 10:00 am | SUNDAY – ♡♡ Love Offering ♡♡ Praise Team Rehearsal Worship |
| June 30 1:00 pm 2:00 pm | MONDAY Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive |
| July 1 8:00 am 1:00 pm | TUESDAY Men's Breakfast at George's Lakeview Café Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive |
| July 2 12:00 pm 1:00 pm 7:00 pm | WEDNESDAY Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group AA Meeting in the meeting room |
| July 3 11:00 am 1:00 pm | THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive |
| July 4 | FRIDAY – Independence Day! Office Closed |
| July 5 | SATURDAY Office Closed |
| July 6 8:15 am 10:00 am | SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Worship with Holy Communion |

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
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Beverly Fletcher, Organist
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Lisa Dunbar, Parish Nurse
Karen Crawford, Finance Secretary
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MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeters: Bud and Mary Sue Andreason

Head Teller: Mary Sue Andreason

Tellers: Diane Gahm, Gerry Paul, Donna Bone

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 93

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Greg Yagi's mom Nancy; Betty Abel; Joe Ford; Mary Lynne Heyne; Craig Zimmerman's sister Colleen; Donna Bone and her son Chuck; Mary Mitchell's Uncle Ken; Bruce & Mary Ann Anderson; Bob Allen's friend Dave; Robin Lemkuil's friend Sharon Mohs; Nancy Wohlhuter; Ron Patton; Monte Thornton; Clayton Blom; Leslie Chrissan; Arlen & Rozanne Freeman's grandson Carson; Ginger Dawson's son Craig; Joyce Symmonds; Karen Crawford's friend Kathy; Ann Mordt's friend Sheila; Phil Costa' ex-wife Sue; Mary Segers-Koscielny's brother Robert; Gerry Paul's son-in-law Steve; Gerry Paul's sister-in-law Theresa; Philip Atem. Prayers for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Iran 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 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 glad you are here with us today.

BIBLE STUDY – In-person study will continue on Thursday, July 3 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

HAPPY 68th ANNIVERSARY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST!!! In 1957, two denominations came together in Cleveland, OH, and merged as one creating our beloved United Church of Christ.

LOVE OFFERING will be collected today (June 29). This offering provides emergency relief funds for members of United Church of Sun City and the surrounding community. The Love offering is collected on the last Sunday of any month containing five Sundays. Please consider making a Love offering to assist your fellow congregants and community in need. (Envelopes are in the pews.)

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Join the Men's Breakfast on Tuesday, July 1 at 8:00 am at George's Lakeview Café, 10502 W. Thunderbird Blvd. Sun City.

CONVERSE AND CONNECT will be on hiatus through July 2. They will resume meeting again on Wednesday, July 9 at 10:00 am in the Beehive.

GREETER SCHEDULE: THANK YOU to those who have offered to serve as greeters. A reminder that July greeter is Laurie Allen. We are looking for additional help to serve as greeters with Laurie during the month of July. Chat with Randy Skanes, our head usher, on Sunday morning if you would like to help greet.

WANT TO BE IN THE KNOW? July 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.

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.

If you are looking to get a little exercise in a cool environment this summer, remember United Church has Tai Chi on Monday's at 2:00 pm in the Beehive. And every Monday and Wednesday, from 1:00 to 2:00 pm you can get your mile or more of walking inside this cool, calm and friendly environment. Senior Exercise Classes are at 1:00 pm in the Beehive every Tuesday and Thursday. You don't have to be a member of the church to participate. Enjoy a healthy lifestyle, physically and spiritually. The group is led by Parish Nurse Lisa Dunbar.

DISPOSAL OF YOUR FLAG: Is your American flag worn or tattered? You can bring your American flags (only) to the John J. Morris VFW Post 62 (9847 W. Desert Cove Ave., Peoria AZ) for proper disposal. At the north side of their building, there is a storage container just inside the glass entrance doors where you can leave your flag for disposal. It's always a good reminder to examine your flag on President's Day (February), Memorial Day (May), Flag Day (June), Independence Day (July), Labor Day (September) and Veteran's Day (November).

BIBLES and HYMNALS are located on a rack near the door in the back of the Sanctuary. If you would like to use one during today's service, please take one with you to your seat. You are also welcome to follow along using the YouVersion Bible App or BibleGateway.com on your silenced phone.