## UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

"Where Everyone Is Someone Special."

\*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost, October 12, 2025

PRELUDE "Give Thanks" H. Smith/T. Doran

**Beverly Fletcher, organ** 

**GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING** 

INTROIT "God of Wonders" Marc Byrd
Praise Team

\*UNISON PRAYER

Most Merciful God, you have called us to this very place and time, and answering that call, we join together in worshipping you. We seek to let go of what keeps us from you and to share our thanks and praise of you. We will do that, not only gathered here, but everywhere else we go. Your goodness is immeasurable, Amen.

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 "This Is the Day That the Lord Has Made" arr. Fred Boch RESPONSE Floyd Ellison, piano

GOSPEL READING Luke 17:11-19 (NRSV)

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Can Only Imagine" Bart Millard Michael Nanney, Soloist

SERMON "One Thankful Heart"

Rev. Brady Abel

ANTHEM "Holy Spirit, Rain Down" Stephen McPherson

**Praise Team** 

**CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENT and BENEDICTION** 

\*CLOSING "To God Be the Glory" (words on the screen)

**RESPONSE** Congregation

POSTLUDE "A Joyous Postlude" Cyrus S. Mallard

Beverly Fletcher, organ



# What's Happening This Week...

October 12	SUNDAY – Clergy Appreciation Sunday		
8:00 am	Praise Team Rehearsal		
8:40 am	Choir Rehearsal		
10:00 am	Worship		
11:00 am	Coffee Fellowship		
11:00 am	Honoring Pastor Brady and all Pastors everywhere!		
October 13	MONDAY		
1:00 pm	Walking Group		
2:00 pm	Tai Chi in the Beehive		
2:00 pm	Activities & Fellowship Board meets		
October 14	TUESDAY		
10:30 am	Sun Health Presents: Stroke Recovery		
1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive		
October 15	WEDNESDAY		
10:00 am	Converse & Connect 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		
October 16	THURSDAY		
11:00 am	Bible Study, Pastor's office		
1:00 pm	Senior Exercise Class in the Beehive		
October 17	FRIDAY		
	Office Closed		
October 18	SATURDAY		
	Office Closed		
October 19	SUNDAY – Blanket & Sock Drive		
8:00 am	Praise Team Rehearsal		
8:40 am	Choir Rehearsal		
10:00 am	Worship – Broadway Sunday ♬		
11:00 am	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

Praise Team: Kira Kadel-Funk, Brenda Goodenberger, Michael Nanney 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

Holly Lentini, Assistant Sexton

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

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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: 95**

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 and especially in the area in and around Globe; Richard Mick; Wayne; Jerry and Donna Walter; Bonnie Newton; Bob Spishak; Ed Braun; Jenny Braun; Sadie Salvatore; Craig Dawson; Dr. Smith; Robinson, Stella, Elijah, and Joshua; Bob Conner; Jason Bradley; Mary and Frank; Sharon Mohs; Sandy Krahn; Nancy Yagi; Carol Archer; Mary Lynn Heyne; Chuck Bone; Nancy Wohlhuter; Leslie Chrissan; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman, Carson, Bill, Jason, and Allison; Sue Costa; Robert Schneider; Steve and 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 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 with us today.

OCTOBER IS PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH and October 1, 2025 was Pastor's 13 year anniversary with UCCSC. Today we honor and celebrate our shared ministry with Pastor Brady and all pastors in the wider Church. Thank you for showing your appreciation with a card or special note. Thank you, Pastor Brady!

BIBLE STUDY - In-person study will continue on Thursday, October 16 at 11:00 am in Pastor's office. E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

SPEAKER SERIES: Sun Health will discuss the topic of "Stroke: Recovery, Care and Prevention". Diane Walton will lead the presentation on Tuesday, October 14 at 10:30 am in the Beehive. Please register on the sign-up sheet near the Welcome Table. All are welcome to this free presentation.

BROADWAY SUNDAY Join us for worship on Sunday, October 19 for a special **Broadway Sunday featuring musical events by our Praise Team and Music Ministry!** 

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

ANNUAL BLANKET AND SOCK DRIVE: The Mission Board will be accepting new or clean-gently used blankets and new socks before worship on Sunday, October 19.

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.

SUN CITY PLAYERS COMMUNITY THEATER PRESENTS..."Sun City Meets Broadway" on 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. Free Admission.

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 - Let us not forget about those who are in need. 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. Volunteers are also welcomed (contact Jesse Ramirez at vvcfb@yahoo.com or 623-240-0505.) Non-perishable food items are particularly needed as we approach the Thanksgiving Holiday. Donations are collected in the food barrel located near the Welcome Table.

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.