

UNITED CHURCH OF SUN CITY

“Where Everyone Is Someone Special.”

*All may rise, in body or spirit.

Congregational response in bold

First Sunday after Epiphany, January 11, 2026

PRELUDE

“By Verdant Pastures”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

E.H. Thiman

GREETING, CENTERING, and CANDLE LIGHTING

INTROIT

“A Christmas Halleluiah”
Praise Team and Beverly Fletcher

Leonard Cohen

***UNISON PRAYER**

Today we gather to worship, sing, and pray to you, O God. In a world filled with trouble, unity is to be sought and celebrated. And so, we praise you, your unifying embrace, your love for us, and your tremendous faithfulness made new each morning, Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (words on the screen)

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 RESPONSE

“In the Bleak Midwinter”
Floyd Ellison, piano

arr. Greg Howlett

SCRIPTURE READING

Micah 6:6-8 (NRV)

SPECIAL MUSIC

“The Beautiful Impossible”
Praise Team featuring Alan Paulson

Joseph Martin

SERMON

“xxx”

Reverend Brady Abel

COMMUNION SONG

“When We Break the Bread”
Praise Team

Elaine Schram

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Unison)

Almighty God, thank you for the meal we have shared that strengthens and nourishes us for the kind, justice filled, humble walk ahead, a walk that offers connection with you and your children everywhere. This we pray, Amen.

ANTHEM

“A Gloria Gathering”
Praise Team

Joseph Martin

CLOSING ANNOUNCEMENTS and BENEDICTION

***CLOSING RESPONSE**

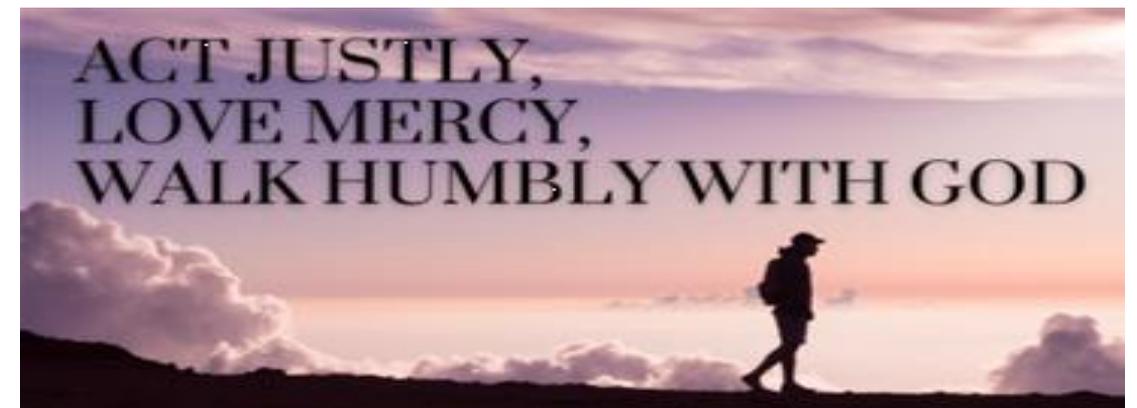
“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”
Congregation

(words on the screen)

POSTLUDE

“Now Thank We All Our God”
Beverly Fletcher, organ

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What's Happening This Week...

January 11 8:00 am 8:40 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	SUNDAY Praise Team Rehearsal Choir Rehearsal Worship with The Sacrament of Holy Communion† Coffee Fellowship
January 12 10:00 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm 2:00 pm	MONDAY Paint Tutorial Walking Group Tai Chi in the Beehive Activities Board Meeting
January 13 10:30 am 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	TUESDAY Sun Health: Living Well with Diabetes Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
January 14 10:00 am 12:00 pm 1:00 pm	WEDNESDAY Converse & Connect in the Beehive Power of the Pause – Stop and Pray Walking Group
January 15 11:00 am 1:00 pm 2:30 pm	THURSDAY Bible Study, Pastor's office Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive Silver Sneakers - Strength and Balance in the Beehive
January 16 9:30 am	FRIDAY Office Closed A Matter of Balance Class in the Beehive
January 17	SATURDAY Office Closed
January 18 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!

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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God is still speaking,
UNITED CHURCH
OF CHRIST



MONTHLY PARTICIPATION

Head Usher: Randy Skanes

Greeters: Hedy Hall & Diane Gahm

Head Teller: Diane Gahm

Tellers: Gerry Paul, Donna Bone, Leslie Chrissan

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY: 113

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

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: The family and friends of Joyce Symmonds as Joyce passed away on December 28; Rita Staekeler; Andrew David Hilger; Laurie Allen; Art and Leslie Chrissan; Bonnie Newton; Caden Bickmore; Ralph, Kathy, and Gary Warren; Craig Dawson; Scott Nickles; Ellyn Mae Ullman; Bob Spishak; Bob Connor; Sarah and Gale Gerber; Arlen and Rozanne Freeman; Carson, Jason, and Allison; Steve; Theresa; Debbie Tischendorf; Dean and Sue Stryker; Bud and Mary Sue Andreason; Sue Roden; Rosanne Pruitt; Jerry and Donna Walter; Mike and Dana Annis; Monte Thornton; Jean Braun; Chuck; Carson; Adam; Nancy Wohlhuter; Jason Bradley; Nancy Yagi; Philip Atem; Pray for Peace in Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza.

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. If you have any questions about our Church, feel free to ask the pastor, usher, or call the church office. We are so glad you are here today!

BIBLE STUDY: In-person study will continue on Thursday, January 15 at 11:00 am in Pastor’s office. An E-mail will be sent out early in the week. All are welcome!

PAINT TUTORIAL: Monday, January 12 from 10:00 – 11:30, Julie Larsson will guide us step-by-step in creating our master-pieces! All supplies of acrylic paints, brushes and canvas will be supplied. No experience necessary. Sign up near the Welcome Table or call the office. Class is limited to 16 participants.

SPEAKER SERIES: Join us on Tuesday, January 13 at 10:30 am in the Beehive when Sun Health will discuss the topic of “Living Well with Diabetes”. Start your New Year off with some good health tips! Please register near the Welcome Table.

A MATTER OF BALANCE CLASS: A.T. Still University will be discussing practical strategies for managing fall risks including balance, flexibility, and strength exercise to enable increased activity. Class will be held on Fridays, January 16 through March 6, 2026 from 9:30 to 11:30 in the Beehive. Please register in advance on the sign-up sheet near the Welcome Table.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING 2026: Campaign kicked off January 4 and runs through February 8. The neighborly challenge between Church of the Palms and United Church of Sun City is on! Will United Church keep the Silver Ladle? Will we be Soup-erior over the competition? All donations of soup cans, bowls, packages, non-perishable food items and checks/cash will be given to Valley View Food Bank. For more information call the office at 623-933-0058. Every selfless gift helps tackle hunger for a child, senior or family.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Newsletter articles for the February newsletter are due Monday, January 19 to Robin at office@uccsc.com.

COME MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE! Now is the perfect time to join our Music Ministry and let your voice be heard as we begin our 2026 choir season and, soon to begin, Easter Cantata rehearsing. Please see Alan Paulson, a member of the Praise Team, or join the choir for rehearsal on Sunday mornings at 8:40 am!

A MESSAGE FROM THE OFFICE: Giving statements for the tax year 2025 will be mailed out in January. Please remember that we cannot send you a statement if we don’t have your current mailing address. If you have moved or changed your address during the year, please verify your address with Robin in the church office at office@uccsc.com or 623-933-0058. Thank you!

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES: You will find your weekly offering envelopes in the church pews. Feel free to use them on a weekly basis. The collection plate is located on the welcome table at the back of the Sanctuary. *Please remember to print clearly or use address labels for your name/address.* Our tellers appreciate being able to credit your contributions accurately.

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.