

Community Church At Sun Village **A Service of Worship and Praise**

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Organist Noreen Nelson

Voices of Praise

"Come, Ye Thankful People Come"

Call to Worship: Pastor Charles Rasmussen

Voices of Praise *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

Missionary Prayer Assignments

Jon and Karen Glass

Family Time Marylyn Cirulis

Greet One Another in Christian Love

"I Love You Lord"

Worship through Our Tithes and Offerings

"Doxology"

Special Music Dorothy Lazzerini

"The Lord's Prayer"

Give Thanks Scripture Readings

Ten Lepers Cleansed

Luke 17:7-14

Kathy Enriquez

¹¹ Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance ¹³ and called out in a loud

voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” ¹⁴ When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, **they were cleansed.**

One Leper Gives Thanks

Luke 17:15-17

Don Lutz

One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan.

Three Poignant Questions

Luke 17:18-19

Noreen Nelson

Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? ¹⁸ Has no one returned to give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹ Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”

Understand the Lord’s Will

Ephesians 5:15-17

Jim Singer

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but **understand what the Lord’s will is.**

Be Filled with the Holy Spirit

Ephesians 5:18-19

Patty Stokes

Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, **be filled with the Spirit,** ¹⁹ speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord

Always Give Thanks

Ephesians 5:20

Pastor Charles Rasmussen

always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Worship Hymn *"And Can It Be That I Should Gain?"*

Message

Pastor Charles Rasmussen

"Why We Fail to Give Thanks"

Give Thanks Benediction Based on 1 Thess 5:16-17,28

May you Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; to Him be the Glory forever and ever.
Amen

Come Ye Thankful People Come

Come, ye thankful people, come,
Raise the song of harvest home;
All is safely gathered in,
Ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied;
Come to God's own temple, come,
Raise the song of harvest home.

(VOP) All the world is God's own field,
Fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrows grown.
First the blade and then the ear,
Then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

(3) For the Lord our God shall come,
And shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day
All offenses purge away,
Give His angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast;
But the fruitful ears to store
In His garner evermore.

(VOP) Even so, Lord, quickly come,
To Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified,
in Thy presence to abide;
Come, with all Thine angels come,
raise the glorious harvest home.

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of Thy redeeming love.

(VOP) This my glad commemoration,
That 'til now I've safely come,
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home;
Jesus sought me when a stranger;

Wandering from the fold of God,
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed His precious blood.

(VOP) O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to Thee;
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for Thy courts above.

I Love You Lord

I love you Lord, and I lift my voice
To worship You, O my soul rejoice.
Take joy, my King,
In what you hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound
In Your ear.

And Can It Be That I Should Gain?

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Refrain

*Amazing love! How can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

OFFERINGS

Thanksgiving Offerings will be donated
to the *Valley View Food Bank*

Christmas Offerings will be donated to
the *Salvation Army*



CHURCH AT SUN VILLAGE IN ACTION – A WARM WELCOME

It is our privilege to worship the Lord our God freely without intimidation or fear of opposition. The psalmist exhorts, "Come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; Let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms...Oh come, let us worship and bow

down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.”

Signup Sheets: The Cookies, Memorials, and Usher’s are needed, signup sheets are on the back table.

Happy Birthday and Happy Anniversary to all those who are celebrating| in the month of **November.**



Thank You - All members and friends of Sun Village Community Church offer our Thanks to **Chef Peter** of **Chef Peter's Bistro** for providing us with fresh coffee on Sunday mornings after our weekly Worship service

Audio recordings of Pastor's sermons are available at www.communitychurchsv.com (click the sermon tab) CDs of the sermons are available on the back table (free) or contact the church office for a particular sermon

COMMUNITY CHURCH AT SUN VILLAGE
ON OUR KNEES



Pray for our **home-bound** members that they will be encouraged as they look to God for His blessings.



Missions - Jon & Karen Glass – Poland

Dear praying friends and family,

News -Tim and Claire Petersen visited us. You may recognize his name or at least his last name. He is the son of our good friends Mike and Becky Petersen up north in Jozefow and Otwock. He is here on a short-term basis to get some language refreshment for himself and a fair bit of language learning for Claire as well as to help his parents. When they finish their stint here, they will go back, raise support and return full-time. They visited us to pick our brains, but I asked him to preach in our church. I thought it would be good for him (but not necessarily easy). (can I put an evil grin there?) And honestly, he was definitely in the fire! We had a visitor who came just to get his point across that God can't exist since there is so much evil in this world. Tim handled himself with aplomb, and we kindly escorted the young man off the property. If you can, please pray for Tim and Claire, as they work here, and must make many important decisions for the future.

Oh, and lastly, I have some thoughts about something, but honestly, I would appreciate your prayers for wisdom and open doors. But we also need your prayers for wisdom in dealing with the many little "fires" that are burning at this time. It feels like there are lots of things

attempting to drag various people down, that may seem small, but are honestly not so difficult to understand nor to know how to work through them (for the people living through it, and who may not be willing to listen to any input.) So wisdom is so essential, and love.

Pray for us please! As always, thank you so much for your prayers and support! We are so blessed that you are holding us up. Thank you.

Persecuted Church- more info on this story can be found <https://www.opendoorsusa.org/christian-persecution>

BrandToday, just like in the book of Acts, Christians are persecuted all over the world for following Jesus.

Persecution at a Glance

Christians remain one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world. While Christian persecution takes many forms, it is defined as any hostility experienced as a result of identification with Christ. Christians throughout the world continue to risk imprisonment, loss of home and assets, torture, beheadings, rape and even death as a result of their faith. Trends show that countries in Africa, Asia and the Middle East are intensifying persecution against Christians, and perhaps the most vulnerable are Christian women, who often face double persecution for faith and gender. Every day we receive new reports of Christians who face threats, unjust imprisonment, harassment, beatings and even loss of family because of their faith in Jesus.

Every month: 255 Christians are killed, 104 are abducted, 180 Christian women are raped, sexually harassed or forced into marriage, 66 churches are

attacked, 160 Christians are detained without trial and imprisoned. Every year, we release the World Watch List: A global indicator of countries where human and religious rights are being violated, and those countries most vulnerable to societal unrest and destabilization. This is the 26th year of the Open Doors World Watch List, and it remains the only annual in-depth survey to rank the 50 most difficult countries in which to be a Christian.

According to our research: 215 million Christians experience high levels of persecution in the countries on the World Watch List. This represents 1 in 12 Christians worldwide. North Korea is ranked #1 for the 17th consecutive year as the most dangerous country for Christians. During the World Watch List 2018 reporting period: 3,066 Christians were killed; 1,252 were abducted; 1,020 were raped or sexually harassed; and 793 churches were attacked. Islamic Oppression fuels Christian persecution in 8 of the top 10 countries.

Major Trends in Christian Persecution The Spread of Radical Islam Islamic oppression is one of the most widely recognized sources of persecution for Christians in the world today—and it continues to spread—aiming to bring many parts of the world under Sharia law. The movement, which often results in Islamic militancy and the persecution of Christians, is expanding in Asia (Philippines, Bangladesh, Indonesia) and Africa (Egypt, Nigeria, Somalia).

The Rise of Religious Nationalism In a resort to preserve power, insecure governments are using the country's majority religion to marginalize Christians and other religious minorities. This phenomenon has been

observed in some parts of Asia with Hindu nationalism (India, Nepal) and Buddhist nationalism (Myanmar, Sri Lanka) both gaining ground. Intense Christian Persecution in Central Asia. Christian persecution in Central Asia is on the rise in countries like Uzbekistan, Tajikistan and Kazakhstan—and Azerbaijan is new to the list at #45. There is a grassroots revival of Islam in Central Asia, and that means more pressure from the nationalist pro-Islamic governments and within society—causing increased persecution levels on two fronts.

Christian Persecution by Region: **Middle East** - Dramatically increasing persecution against Christians in all areas of their lives, Afghanistan models an alarming trend that reverberates through the top ten on the list: no central government, extremist Muslim factions trying to control the country and an intense conservative Islamic population. Afghanistan and North Korea nearly tied. Never before have the top two countries been so close in incidents. Both countries are extreme in intolerance and outright persecution of Christians in every area Open Doors monitors. Afghanistan now meets the same level of persecution as North Korea in five out of the six areas. This is a tragedy considering the efforts being made by the international community to help rebuild Afghanistan and yet failing to ensure freedom of religion. Reports of violence and human rights atrocities from North Korea are pervasive, while the situation faced by Christians in Afghanistan may be underestimated. It is hard for westerners to imagine a second country could nearly meet the levels of persecution seen in North Korea, but Afghanistan has

reached that level this year. In addition to Pakistan being the most violent toward Christians, the country also scored the highest in churches or church buildings being attacked, abductions and forced marriages.

At Open Doors, we've made a commitment to stand with the persecuted—so they can be the light of Christ to their communities. For more than 60 years, Open Doors USA has worked in the world's most oppressive and restrictive countries for Christians. Open Doors works to equip and encourage Christians living in dangerous circumstances with the threat of persecution and equips the Western church to advocate for the persecuted. Christians are one of the most persecuted religious groups in the world and are oppressed in at least 60 countries.

World, National, and State Concerns

We need to be diligent in our prayers about the **unrest in our nation** that is causing great division across the country. Pray for a **return to civility** in relationships within this great land. Pray that hate and violence will be stopped.

Pray for **President Donald Trump** as he continues his four-year term of office. These are critical days for our nation.

Pray earnestly for a **revival in this land**, that Christians will boldly take a stand for their Christian beliefs. Pray that those who are attempting to impose restrictions on us that are contrary to the Law of God would be stopped.

Pray for **our National and State legislators**. Pray for the congress as they deal with critical issues facing our nation. Pray for all those who are in **leadership** over the political matters facing our national, state, and local governments.

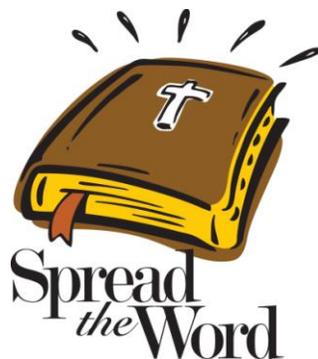
Pray for the **members of the courts** around the country as they deliberate on matters of importance to our nation's wellbeing.

Pray for those in **Law Enforcement** throughout the country. Pray for God's intervention to stop the constant attacks against police and those charged with keeping law and order.

Pray for **protection of our troops** as they serve around the world to keep and maintain peace. Pray for wisdom for those who provide **leadership for military** operations.

Pray for God's direction in the U.S. involvement in the **Middle East and specifically Israel**. Pray for our president, our legislators, and military officials who are involved in making decisions regarding Israel.

Pray about the relations between the United States and Israel. Do not cease to pray for **peace around the world**.



Dates of Note

November

Nov 28	12:00	Men's Luncheon Richie's
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December

Dec 1	9:00	Men's Bible Study
Dec 2	9:00	Berkey's (MPR)
Dec 2	10:30	Communion Preparation
Dec 5	12:00	Men's Luncheon Chef Peter's Bistro
Dec 7	5:30	Christmas Tea \$20.00 KBR
Dec 9	9:20	Bible Study
Dec 9	10:30	Don Bierly
Dec 11	1:00	Board Meeting

VOICES OF PRAISE (VOP) CHOIR: We welcome anyone to sing with us. We are a joyous, no stress group. Anyone interested may join the choir as we've started rehearsing "special" music for Christmas. We rehearse with the Clearview Church in Sun City Grand every Saturday at 1:00 pm. Rehearsals here at Sun Village start on Nov. 8th in the Residence Lounge from 1:00 to 2:00 pm and will be every Thursday until Dec. 20th. The Christmas performances will be on Dec. 22nd at Clearview Church and on Dec. 23rd here at CCSV. More information, contact Sheri Schmidt. **