

## Stained Glass Windows

Our sanctuary stained glass windows were created by the artisans from *Stephen Wilson Stained Glass* of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. A group of Sun creek UMC members provided direction to the artists about the themes of the windows and collaborated with the artists about the representation of these themes. Through vibrant colors and images they sought to evoke a spirit of energy and movement that is representative of God and our church.



### Glory Be!

The *Glory Be* window glorifies God, reminding us of the light that shines constantly and brilliantly in the love of Jesus Christ. *I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life* (John 8:12). We celebrate each day in the knowledge that God loves us and is with us. *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it* (Psalms 118:24).

We celebrate God who cares for us with compassion. *Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you*

*pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you* (Isaiah 43:1b-2).

Looking closely, you will see the hand of God coming down from the heavens, reaching towards us. *Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together.* (Isaiah 40:5).



### Noah's Ark

This window is a colorful depiction of the promise between God and all living creatures. God promises, *when the rainbow is in the clouds...see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature . . . that is on the earth* (Genesis 9:16). Easily recognized by children, the picture of the ark and the beauty of the rainbow illustrate the story of Noah. Noah placed his trust in God and was thankful that God spared his family. God, pleased by Noah's trust and thankfulness, sent a rainbow as a promise that God would never again flood the earth.



### Servanthood

Jesus encourages each of us to follow his example of humble servanthood. In this picture, the bowl and the towel remind us of when Jesus washed the feet of his disciples and told them: *So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet... do as I have done for you* (John 13:14-15). By his example, Jesus shows us that we will be blessed through our servanthood toward others.



### Baptism

The sacrament of Baptism is revealed through the story of Jesus' baptism. *As when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him* (Matthew 3:16). This window illustrates the dove descending from the heavens to lay claim upon God's beloved child. The ritual of Baptism invites us to honor God's loving claim upon our own lives, for we also are God's beloved.



## Holy Communion

The open table, the loaf of bread, and the chalice point us toward the generosity of love shared by God through Holy Communion. The common cup and the loaf of bread represent the unity of the body of Christ gathered at one table. The meal, shared in the name of Jesus Christ, gives food and drink to the hungry, spiritual sustenance for the journey, and grace for those seeking wholeness. *I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty* (John 6:35).



## Praise and Worship

Suncreek is blessed to be surrounded by a community overflowing with love. We come together each week to worship and give thanks to God through the glorious sound of music and voices raised in praise. This window expresses our joy and pays tribute to the love, laughter, and sense of community that we feel at Suncreek. *Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!* (Psalms 150:6).



## Alpha and Omega

God is the beginning and the end. God is our everything. God will never abandon us and loves us through all of life's peaks and valleys. This window conveys the sense of God's eternal love through the use of circular unending lines. God is *the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end* (Revelation 22:13).

A plaque at the back of the sanctuary lists the Memorial and Honorarium gifts for these windows. We give thanks for these gifts.