TRANSITION CALL COMMITTEE

Seven SCF members volunteered to serve on the Transition Call Committee as we start down the adventure of seeking a new Pastor. The seven people are: Jenny Long - Chairperson, Mark Baldwin, Randy Heise, Sharon Krueger, Cindy McConnell, John Salzer and Barbie Sessler. They represent both the Episcopal and Lutheran congregations as well as the General members.

The process is expected to take a year, or perhaps longer. Initially the group will work to create a Ministry Site Profile (MSP), which includes both factual data about the church and congregation as well as a vision for the future of the church. This document will be used to help match us with potential candidates. The hope is that the congregation, through small group meetings and conversations, will provide guidance in creating the vision piece of the MSP. As this group gets organized and has met a few times, please look forward to hearing about opportunities to share your thoughts. The goal is to try and get input from each member.

The committee meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. at the church. Break-out committees may meet following that meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend the meetings unless and until confidential conversation takes place.

Please feel free to contact any of the committee members with comments or questions. We look forward to this important task and pray for a smooth selection and transition. The congregation will be kept up to date through a monthly Mission Moment on the first Sunday of every month and newsletter articles.

SCF VOLUNTEER FAIR: APRIL 15, 1-3 P.M
SAVE THE DATE

Margaret Mead once said, "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." As an SCF Member, please mark your calendar for this event now! We will communicate more details about how you can participate and help make this a successful event!

Who: An open invitation to the public throughout South Deschutes County to come and enjoy refreshments, see the new SCF building, and sign up to volunteer with one or more of the presenters.

What: An event in the new Sanctuary to support all of the local non-profit organizations our congregation supports via funding and volunteering. Each organization will be invited to set up and "man" a table to provide information and sign-up volunteers. There is a wide range of non-profits where SCF volunteers make a difference. The lengthy list includes such diverse organizations as La Pine Sunriver Habitat for Humanity, Healing Reins, United Way, LT Rangers, CASA, Bend La Pine School District, Rotary, Sunriver Women's Club, Sunriver Nature Center & Observatory including the Second Tern, Care and Share, Woodchuckers, and the Sunriver Library, as well as local music and theater organizations.

When: Saturday, April 15, 1–3 p.m. (The Saturday after Easter.)

Why: To support our local missions by signing up volunteers, to introduce our building, to encourage attendance and participation in SCF activities and services.

Committee: Mark and Cindy McConnell, Barb Purcell and Gordon Werkema

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Welcome to

Sunriver Christian Fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches

The Holy Eucharist in Celebration of the Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2023
10 a.m.

Order of Service

The Rev. Canon Nancy Green, *Celebrant* **Diana Gustavson, *Lector***

Mitzi Putney & Donna Warner, *Keyboardists;* Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

Prelude *A time to prepare your heart and mind for worship.* ***O Worship the King*** arr. J. Raney

Welcome & Announcements

Mission Moment: **Transition Call Committee Update** Jenny Long, Chair

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Words

Celebrant As people formed by God, we give praise to God;
People **Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!**
Celebrant As people restored by God, we give praise to God:
People **Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!**
Celebrant As people pressing on in faith, we give praise to God:
People **Dry ground in the sea, rivers in the desert, Christ among us—God is doing a new thing!**

Call to Confession

Celebrant If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things. Instead, God seeks to give the gift of new and abundant life. With confidence in God's generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

Prayer of Confession

All **Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notion of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

.Declaration of Forgiveness

Celebrant Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away—and a new life has begun.
All **Forgetting what lies behind, and straining forward to what lies ahead, we press on toward the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

Coffee is served today by Linda & Bob Sherman
Celebrant next week: The Rev. Canon Nancy Green
Preacher next week: The Rev. Roy Green

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Memorial Service for Mike Brannan
Saturday, February 11, 11 a.m.
Sunriver Christian Fellowship

SHEPHERD OF THE MOUNTAINS LUTHERAN ANNUAL MEETING; The Shepherd of the Mountains Lutheran Annual Meeting will be held **TODAY** following the worship service.

SCF MANAGING BOARD: The SCF Managing Board meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 1:30 p.m. Currently, all meetings are now being held in the SCF Fellowship Hall. The next meeting is February 28. All are welcome to attend.

SCF SUNDAY LADIES LUNCH: Singles and widows: join us for lunch every Sunday, after the service, at the Village Bar and Grill. No reservations, just come when you can.

HUSEONICA MEMORIAL WINDOW: There will be a stained glass window in memorial for Joe Huseonica at SCF. If you wish to contribute, write a check with his name in the subject line. Any questions, contact Susan Huseonica.

SCF ART GALLERY: Please attend the Sunriver Christian Fellowship's Art Gallery opening reception Friday, February 10, 4 to 6 p.m. This exhibit features artists from the 13-member High Desert Art League. The show is titled "Reawakening" in honor of our church's new birth. Refreshments will be provided. All are welcome!

SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISING EVENT: On Sunday, February 19, 2 p.m., in the SCF sanctuary, Hunter Noack will present a special piano program on behalf of SCF's *Partnership In Education* Scholarship Program. This fundraising event will assist in the ongoing efforts of SCF to offer scholarships to young people who attended our own Three Rivers School, graduated from one of the Bend-La Pine School district's high schools, and are seeking higher education opportunities. A donation to the scholarship program from $10-$25 is suggested. Due to limited seating, reservations are necessary. Call or email SCF to make your reservation (sunrivercf@gmail.com or 541-593-1183).

UPDATED PRINT DIRECTORY

An updated version of SCF's printed directory will be available on Sunday, February 12. To assist revision efforts, please email to the church office any changes to your personal information in the current SCF 2022 Directory if you haven't already. If you are not currently in the church's printed directory and would like to be included, please send the following information to the church: sunrivercf@gmail.com

Name(s)
Phone number(s) (land & cell)
Physical and mailing addresses (if different)
Email address(es).

The deadline is Monday, February 6: TOMORROW!!

The Distribution

Please be seated until the usher indicates that it is time for your row to go forward.
All are welcome to receive Christ's body and blood.
If you prefer a blessing, come forward with your arms crossed in front of you.
If you wish to receive Communion at your seat, please notify an usher.
You may respond with "Amen" as you receive Communion.

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

All **Abundant God: You cause water to flow in desert places. You give wine to flow at a wedding feast, and food to feed five thousand on a grassy mountainside. You break bread at the Table, to which we are all welcome. Your generosity astounds and humbles us. We bow before you in gratitude and awe. Amen.**

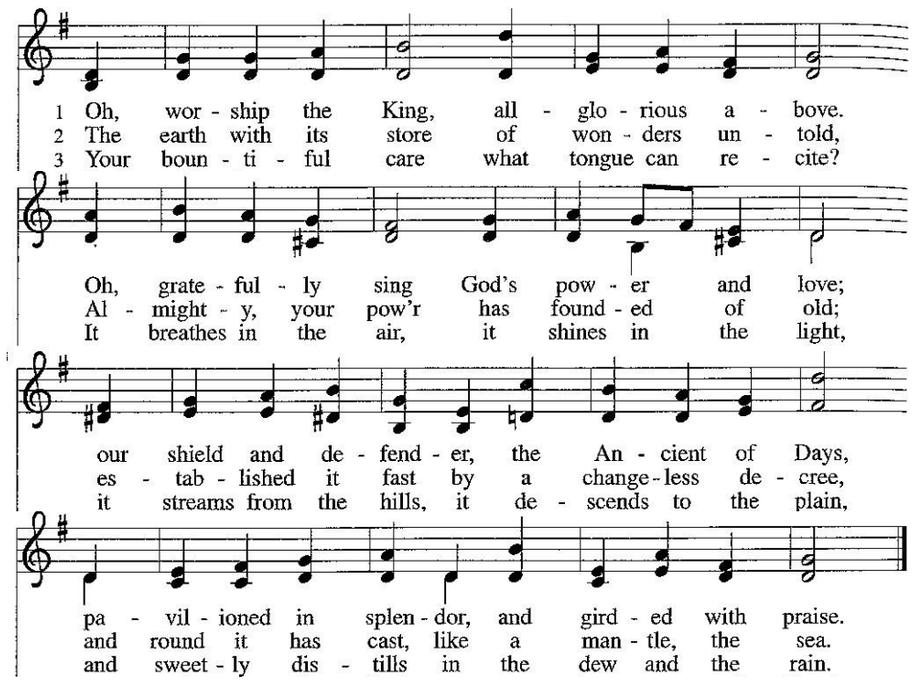
The Blessing

Celebrant May Christ, the true light, shine upon you, that you may walk in righteousness, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and forevermore.

All **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Hymn — *O Worship the King* ELW#842

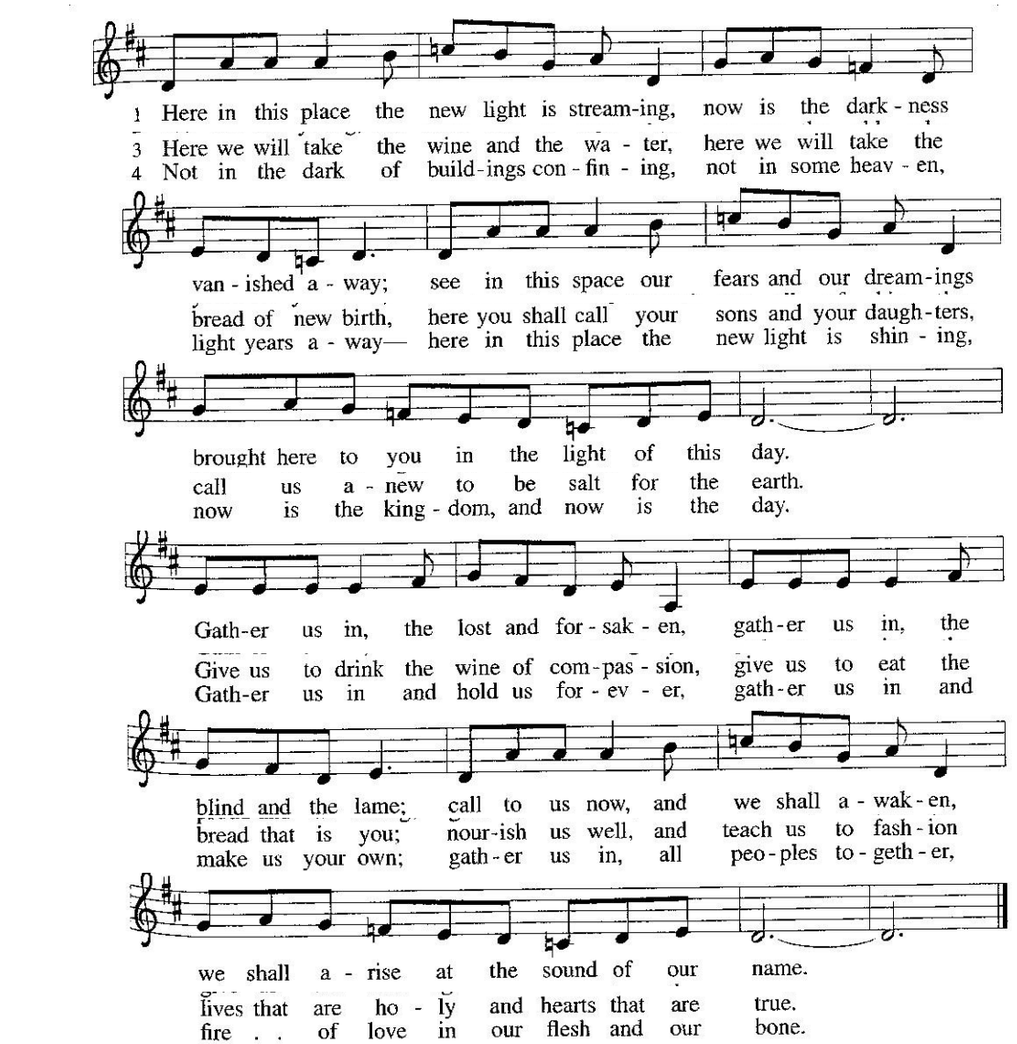


Dismissal

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn — Please stand — *Gather Us In* ELW#532 OneLicense.net A-740306



Collect

Celebrant Holy God, you gave the law to show your people the way of righteousness. Help us receive your commandments as grace and live as your obedient children that your goodness may shine through us, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Scripture Lessons

Lector If what we do in this sanctuary has no expression outside the sanctuary, then it has no meaning inside. Our services, prayers and observations as God's people are empty if we do not stand for justice, work for relief of the oppressed, and share our bread with the poor. Here, in the ancient writing of the Prophet Isaiah, is that challenge and warning.

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah, Chapter 58, verses 1-9a…

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am. *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Meditation

Psalm 112: 1-9 Please read responsively

1 Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

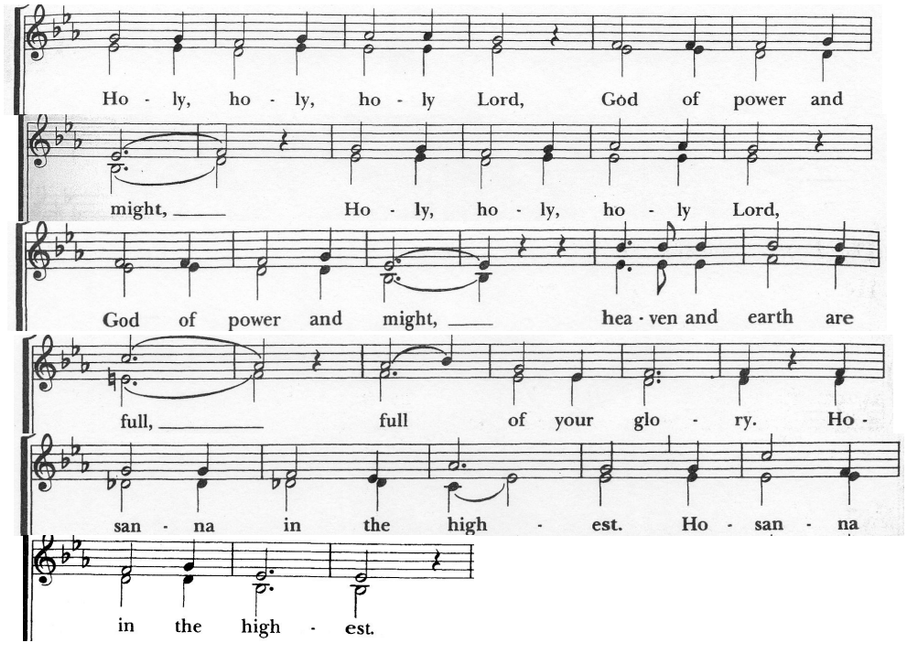
4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

5 It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

6 For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Celebrant So, gladly, we join our voices to those of earth, sea and sky, in the universal hymn of praise which echoes through time and eternity.



Celebrant This sacrament began on the night of Jesus' arrest, when he and his disciples gathered round a table. During their meal, Jesus took bread and when he had thanked God, he broke the bread and said, "This is my body given for you. Do this to remember me."

Later in the meal, he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying, "Drink this, all of you. Whenever you drink it do this for the remembrance of me."

Come now, O Christ, bone of our bone, flesh of our flesh, forever bound to us in promise and mystery; breathe your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine. Let them become, for us, the seal and sign of your love, healing, redeeming, making us whole.

And through this bread and wine, let us together become, for you, your body, loving the world as God loves, serving its people as God wills, and always being transformed until we resemble the One whose food we now share.

The Fraction

Celebrant He who the universe could not contain is present in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So receive this bread and wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God. Holy food for holy people.

People **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Please be seated.

All **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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.***

Please stand as you are able.

Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant Not an easy peace, not a conditional peace, not a half-hearted peace, but the peace of the Lord be always with you

People **And also with you.**

Please be seated

Offertory ***Simple Gifts*** arr. R. Manuel

Offertory Response Please stand as you are able.

The Doxology
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them up to God.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant For you, Creator God, the valleys laugh and sing and the trees of the field clap their hands. Your earth summons us to break silence and be one with the song of creation.
All **Blessed God, we give you thanks and praise.**
Celebrant For you, God of all, the Church in its myriad forms and countless languages honors its Savior. In heaven, beyond our seeing, the angels and saints are caught up in song. And those we have loved and lost are part of that great company. They call us to be one with the harmony of heaven.
All **Blessed God, we give you thanks and praise.**

8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
9 They have given freely to the poor, *
**and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.**

Lector Last Sunday, the Gospel reading was from the fifth chapter of Matthew and recognized immediately as the Beatitudes: blessed are the poor in spirit, blessed are the merciful, blessed are the peacemakers. In this next section of the Sermon on the Mount, the language is stronger. There is still encouragement -- you are the salt of the earth -- but Jesus is also quite clear about his expectations of his people.

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel.

*The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew,
Chapter 5, verses 13-20...*

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Lector Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

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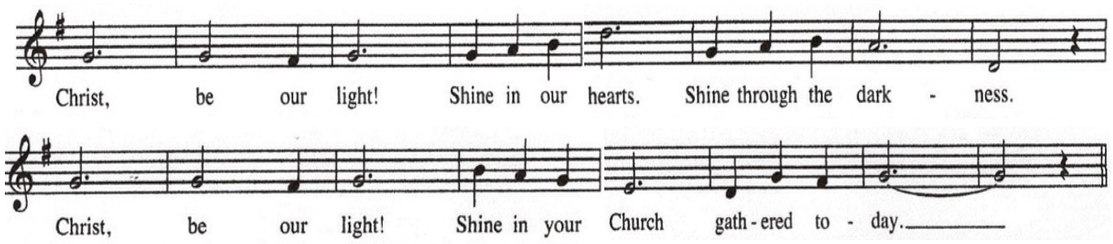
Please be seated.

Musical Reflection **Please join in on the chorus** ***Christ Be Our Light*** B. Farrell; arr. J. Raney The Choir

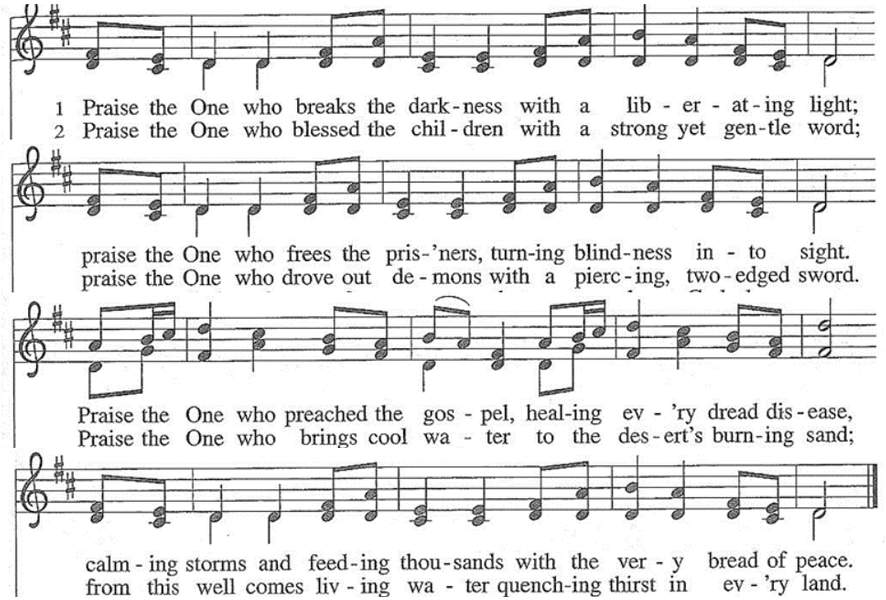


Sermon Pastor Nancy

Managing Board Commission

Please stand as you are able.

Response Hymn ***Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness*** ELW#843 OneLicense.net



Affirmation of Faith [Iona Abbey Worship Book]

All **We believe in God, in whom is power and compassion.**

We believe in the Creator who gave birth to the universe, set solar systems dancing in space, shaped molecules and mountains, and conceived beauty beyond our imagining. God's power topples tyrants, and brings down wall of separation; God's love embodies the tenderness of a mother and father, encouraging and caring for each of us.

We believe in Jesus, born in obscurity in an occupied land; a human being, vulnerable to hunger, thirst, persecution and grief. He understood the power of love and confronted the powers of evil, spoke the truth with courage and clarity, forgave his enemies and changed lives. In his living, dying and rising again he showed love strong enough to save the world.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who sustains, comforts and empowers us, opens the scriptures, opens our minds, and illuminates earth's darkness. Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

Lector Almighty God, through the testimony of those who know your love you have guided us to ask for what we need. Our Lord Jesus called his disciples to live as a city on a hill and a lamp on a stand, that all may see the glory of God. We pray for Sunriver Christian Fellowship and our newly elected Managing Board. Grant that we, who claim the name of Christ, may shine as light into our dark world.

[silence]

Lector Our brother Paul led the Church, not by lofty words of human wisdom, but by wisdom born of your Spirit. We pray for those who serve our church; let our pastors, teachers, and our ministry teams forsake worldly knowledge that perishes and be led by your truth.

[silence]

Lector Blessed are those who honor your commandments, O Lord. We pray for our world, for the governments and for its leaders. May all who rule honor justice and compassion and serve the common good that the people may flourish. We pray for the people and government of Ukraine. We mourn those who suffer from unwarranted acts of violence against those they love. May we not be numb to the amount of mass shootings in the U.S. in the first month of 2023. May we seek gun reform while we put significant resources toward needed mental health programs across our nation.

[silence]

Lector We come with grateful heart for our ministry team leaders eager to work in 2023. May they bear witness to your abiding compassion for all who suffer. You teach us to offer food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted. We pray for those in our family who seek healing. In particular we remember: Teresa L., Nancy F., Barbie S., Carolyn P., Shelley P., Tobin & Michelle K., Debbie & John B., Carol F., Patti K., Ann W., Peter R., Maya L., Patty K., Jennie F., Erik E., Lynne E., Carla A., Kathleen B., Lynnette B., Betsy M., Amber F., Mal M., Keith L., Rosie E., Mike F., Dick and Marianne A., Elizabeth N. & John Scott, Beve K., Jenny F., Olivia L., Bergen B., Rich D., Marianna W., Aedan V., and William L.. We lift up others we want remembered. *[pause]* We come with grateful heart for caregivers, first responders, healthcare workers, firefighters, police and military who work for the common good ahead of their own well-being.

[silence]

Lector To you, O God, we pray, through Christ, with Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, forever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant For the life of the world and the love of its people, God, in your love, commit us. And because we are here to meet with Jesus, we join our words to those he taught us, saying: