

TRANSITION/CALL COMMITTEE UPDATE: The Transition/Call Committee encourages everyone in the congregation to participate in one of the Profile Focus groups which will be held each Sunday through May 7, with the exception of Palm Sunday and Easter. The discussion will focus on why SFC matters to you, your vision for the future, and what you are looking for in a new Pastor. Each session will begin 15 minutes after church and will be upstairs. You can bring your coffee and cookies. If you would like to join us, your input will be appreciated. Committee members also welcome one-on-one conversations, so feel free to reach out. No name will be associated with any comments. This input is vital in putting together the document we need to provide to seek the potential candidates for the Pastor position. Committee members are: Mark Baldwin, Randy Heise, Sharon Krueger, Jenny Long, Cindy McConnell, John Salzer, Barbie Sessler, and Gina Tjaden.

CARE & SHARE: Green bags in which to put your March Care & Share food donations are available on the counter when you first enter SCF's lobby. The deadline to bring your donation to SCF is Sunday, March 26 but feel free to drop off your donation anytime at the church before that date.

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 UPDATED DIRECTORIES: The newest church directories are available on the counter in the church lobby.

SCF VOLUNTEER FAIR: APRIL 15, 1-3 p.m.: On Saturday, April 15 from 1-3, SCF will host a Volunteer Fair. The purpose is to give both new and long-time residents an opportunity to see the many ways they can help make a difference in our community. How can YOU help? If you belong to a club or an organization where you can spread the word, please do so. If your club or organization has a newsletter, perhaps you can put the information in there. You can tell people whom you know are looking for the right volunteer spot that they can learn about opportunities. Many organizations from Bend and South Deschutes County are already planning to have an information table. Our church has a rich history of volunteerism, and we hope to share that passion with others. You can reach out to committee members Mark and Cindy McConnell (mcconn@bendbroadband.com) or Barb Purcell and Gordon Werkema (bapw59@gmail.com) with questions. If you would like to help at the event such as greeting people, etc., please let us know.

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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 Fourth Sunday
in Lent

March 19, 2023
10 a.m.

Order of Service

The Rev. Canon Nancy Green, *Celebrant*

Janice Dost, *Lector*

Rob Pearson & Mitzl Putney; *Keyboardists*; Barbara Brocker & Carol Thomas, *Songleaders*

Please silence all cell phones

Bell Toll *The ringing of the bells call us to worship and quiets our minds and voices.*

Prelude *A time to prepare your heart and thoughts for worship. **The Wonderful Cross** D. Wagner*

Welcome & Announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Words

Celebrant The Lord is my shepherd. There is nothing I lack.

All **God guides me in proper paths for the sake of God's good name.**

Celebrant God bathes my head in oil; my cup is so full it spills over!

All **Yes, God's goodness and faithful love will pursue me all the days of my life.**

Call to Confession

Celebrant As children of God's light, we are called to do what is pleasing to the Lord: to participate in what is good and right and true, and expose what is unfruitful. Knowing that we turn from the light, we bring our confession to God, so that the shadows of our hearts may be illumined by grace.

Prayer of Confession

All **Gracious God, we are people who still love darkness rather than light. We see ourselves as blameless, but pass judgment on others. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves rightly. Bring us into your light that we may know ourselves loved. Bring us into your light that we may live more fruitful lives. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Celebrant The psalmist assures us that God's goodness and mercy will follow us, even pursue us, all the days of our life. As God's forgiven people, receive this goodness and mercy, and live a new life in the grace of Jesus Christ.

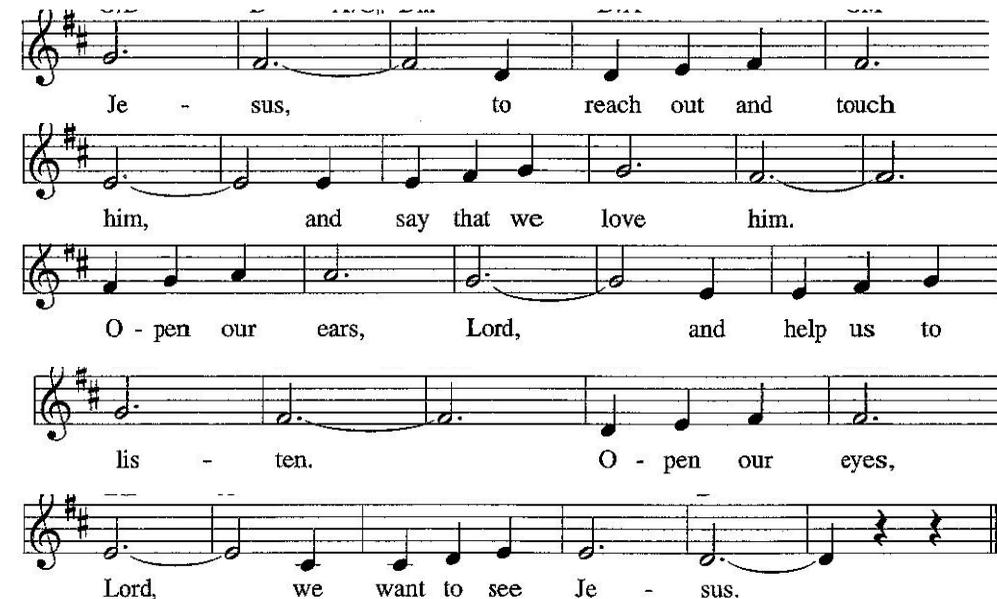
All **We will live as children of the light for Christ shines on us. Amen.**

Opening Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd FOG#42 CCLI#7040382 Lic#1483194



1 The Lord's my Shep-herd, I'll not want, He makes me down to lie
2 My soul He doth re-store a-gain, And me to walk doth make
3 Yea, though I walk through shad-owed vale, Yet will I fear no ill,
4 My ta-ble Thou hast fur-nished In pres-ence of my foes.
5 Good-ness and mer-cy all my days Shall sure-ly fol-low me,



Dismissal

All **Thanks be to God.**

Coffee is served today by Carol & Terry Thomas

Celebrant next week: The Rev. Canon Nancy Green

Preacher next week: The Rev. Roy Green

LENT & HOLY WEEK DATES

March 5-26: Lenten Sunday Services 10 a.m.

April 2: Palm Sunday Service, 10 a.m.

April 6: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 p.m.

April 7: Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.

April 9: Easter Service, 10 a.m.

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 March 28. All are welcome to attend.

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.**

The Fraction

Celebrant He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

Please be seated.

The Communion of the People

We ask that you respect the need for silence during the distribution of Holy Communion.

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.

Please stand.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray:

All **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant May the love of God pursue you, the light of Christ enfold you, and the Holy Spirit keep you as you dwell in the house of the Lord your whole life long.

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn SING TWICE Open Our Eyes Lord W&P#113

O - pen our eyes, Lord; we want to see

1 In pas-tures green; He lead-eth me The si-lent wa - ters by;
 2 With - in the paths of bless - ed - ness, E'en for His own name's sake;
 3 For Thou art with me and Thy rod And staff me com - fort still;
 4 My head with oil Thou dost a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows;
 5 And in my Fa - ther's house al - ways My dwell - ing place shall be;

1 He lead-eth me, He lead-eth me The si-lent wa - ters by.
 2 With - in the paths of bless - ed - ness E'en for His own name's sake.
 3 Thy rod and staff me com-fort still, Me com - fort still.
 4 My head with oil Thou dost a - noint, And my cup o - ver - flows.
 5 And in my heart for - ev - er - more Thy dwell - ing place shall be.

Collect

Celebrant Bring us again and again into your light. Touch us so that we are utterly changed, a "before" and "after", a "now" and "then"; that we may also say, "One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." Lord, we believe. In Christ's light, we pray.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

The Scripture Lessons

Lector It is one thing for us to be church, to be an assembly gathered for good works, for greeting of friends, for doing the work of outreach. St Paul wrote to ancient congregations calling them to be the church for just these noble purposes. However, without living Christian lives personally, he wrote, without taking the Gospel out of the church and into our homes, we are just another social service agency. This first lesson is Paul's exhortation for us to live Christian lives and to bring those lives on Sunday.

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians, Chapter 5, verses 8-14...

For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, "Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you." *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Meditation

Psalm 23 Please read responsively.

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul *
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; *
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever

Lector Our reading from John this morning begins with a conundrum, proceeds to a healing, and then the miracle is almost overshadowed by controversy of the most arrogant and insensitive kind. First neighbors, then the religious authorities and finally the parents of the healed man are involved. The healed man was eventually expelled from the synagogue! But Jesus has the last word.

Because of the length of the Gospel reading, stay seated.

When directed, please stand as you are able.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John, Chapter 9, verses 1-38

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

Lector As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know." They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not

The image shows a musical score for a Gloria section. It consists of five staves of music in a G major key with a common time signature. The lyrics are: "might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est." The music is written in a simple, homophonic style with a soprano line and a bass line.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

All **We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.**

Celebrant We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the New Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Pursue us all with your goodness and faithful love until goodness and faithful love fill every heart and informs every action. We come with grateful heart for first responders, firefighters, police, military, caregivers and all public servants who give themselves to protect and heal others.

[pause in silence]

Guide the minds of our Transition Call Committee as they lead us forward in the search for a new pastor with perseverance, hope, and boundless energy. We pray these things in the name of the one who came that we might see, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

All **Amen.**

The Peace *Please stand as you are able.*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Offering *Hymn of Promise* E. Whitely

Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Response

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 Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, God Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?” And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.” He said, “He is a prophet.” The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” His parents answered, “We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.” So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.”

Please stand as you are able.

The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

Please be seated.

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Musical Reflection:

Lament J. Krug

The Bells

Rededicated to the people of Ukraine

Sermon

Pastor Nancy

Please stand as you are able.

Sermon Response Hymn SING TWICE Lord, I Lift Your Name on High W&P#90 OneLicen. A-740306

Lord, I lift your name on high, Lord, I love to sing your
prais - es. I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us. You came from heav - en to earth
to show the way, from the earth to the cross, my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

The Nicene Creed

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

Lector God our faithful Shepherd, we depend on you for daily food, for guidance and protection, for healing in injury and comfort in sorrow. You respond in abundant provision. Thank you for your tender care of us. Thank you for soothing the wounds of this life. Thank you that in the presence of enemies, especially the last enemy of death, you are with us, as Shepherd, Host, Home.

[pause in silence]

Knowing your faithfulness in our lives, we bring before you the lives of others, the cares of this world, entrusting all things to your goodness and mercy. Bring healing to those who are ill in mind, body, or spirit. In particular, we remember: Bonnie S., Janet A., Ivor H., Cliff R., Jann P., Teresa L., Nancy Fe., Carolyn P., Shelley P., Tobin & Michelle K., Carol F., Patti K., Ann W., 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., Olivia L., Bergen B., Rich D., Marianna W., Aedan V., and William L. Bring release to those who are held captive by old hurts or new bonds that oppress and entangle. Bring freedom to those unjustly accused, relief to those burdened by debt, comfort to all who suffer from abuse of any kind. We remember the women of Iran. We lift up Glenda Quint who walked through the gates of larger life. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

[pause in silence]

We pray for people living precariously in the midst of war. We lift up the people and government of Ukraine. Protect, we pray, citizens and soldiers alike, and teach us to put away our weapons, taking up instead words of peace and reconciliation. By the power at work in Christ, break down the walls of hostility we build so that we may learn to live together graciously.

[pause in silence]

We remember those living in the midst of flood and famine. We pray for generosity to overflow from our own hands and resources, until all your children receive their daily bread; until all your children have clean water to drink; until all your children have adequate shelter and medical care. Compel us to be better stewards of creation so that our habitation is sustainable and responsible.

[pause in silence]

Loving God, help us to see the world as you see it; to see others as you see them; and to see ourselves rightly, too. Because you have come into this world in love, we can leave our judgments behind.

[pause in silence]