

NANCY MCGRATH GREEN GALLERY

The Plein Air Artists of Oregon will host a reception at 11:30 AM on February 18th following the church service. Don't miss this celebration of our newest exhibit of fine art! Refreshments will be served.

UPDATING PRINTED DIRECTORY

An updated version of SCF's printed directory will be available in mid-February. To assist revision efforts, please email to the church office any changes to your personal information in the current SCF 2023 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 Friday, February 2nd.

STORYDWELLING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Many of you have had the privilege of meeting Erika Spaet, (pastor of Storydwelling Community in Bend) on those occasions when she has visited Sunriver Christian Fellowship as a guest pastor. On one of those occasions, Erika shared her interest in planning opportunities for both churches to get to know each other better. As part of one of these conversations, Erika spoke of ReVillage, a cooperative child care opportunity born of a common faith and fierce love of children. And right now, ReVillage is looking for volunteers to help families who are not able to meet the minimum number of hours on site. You can be a part of this wonderful opportunity in a manner that matches your needs. You can donate as little as 1 hour a month or more if you wish. Children's ages range from 3-5 years old. If you are interested, you may contact Jenny Long (usna03@gmail.com) or Erika Spaet (thatpastorerika@gmail.com).

FEBRUARY 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: JANUARY 26

Please send articles to Joan Lewis: officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org

SCF MANAGING BOARD: The SCF Managing Board meets monthly, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at SCF, 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is January 23. All are welcome to attend.

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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
Third Sunday
after the Epiphany

January 21, 2024
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Pastor Robert Pearson, *Celebrant*; The Rev. Roy Green, *Preacher*
Gene Bennington, *Lector*
Mitzi Putney & Donna Warner, *Keyboardists* Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

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

Prelude A time to prepare for worship **Come, Let Us Worship and Bow Down** arr. M. Hayes

Welcome, Announcements & Guests Pastor Rob

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Song **We Sing the Greatness of Our God** FOG #338, CCLI Song #96453, License #483194

1. We sing the great-ness of our God that made the moun-tains rise, that
2. We sing the good-ness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food; He

spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y skies. We
formed the crea-tures with His word and then pro-nounced them good. Lord,

sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day; the
how Thy won-ders are dis-played where-e'er we turn our eyes; in

moon shines full at His com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
ev-ery sea-son of the year, and through the chang-ing skies.

Please be seated.

Scripture Lessons Gene Bennington

Reader A reading from the Book of Proverbs 2:1-5; 3-6

My child, if you accept my words and treasure up my commandments within you, making your ear attentive to wisdom and inclining your heart to understanding; if you indeed cry out for insight, and raise your voice for understanding; if you seek it like silver, and search for it as for hidden treasures — then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD gives wisdom; from his mouth come knowledge and understanding. My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you. Do not let loyalty and faithfulness forsake you; bind them round your neck, write them on the tablet of your

Closing Song **Be Bold, Be Strong** W&P #15, OneLicense.net

Be bold, - be strong, for the Lord your God is with you. Be bold,
be strong, for the Lord, your God is with you.

Do not be a-fraid, do not be dis-mayed.

Walk in faith and vic-to-ry, walk in faith and vic-to-ry,

Walk in faith and vic-to-ry, for the Lord your God
is with you.

Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia!

Coffee is served today by Jenny & Dave Long
Celebrant & Preacher next week: The Rev. Chuck Christopher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual SCF business meeting will be held **today** after the worship service in the sanctuary. The meeting includes: (1) voting on the 2024 budget, (2) confirmation of new Management Board members, new Nominating Committee members, new Endowment Trustee members, (3) announcement of the results of the bylaws vote, and other business. A printed “2023 Annual Report” will be available at this meeting.

Communion Preparation

Pastor Rob

Words of Institution

Celebrant The Master, Jesus, on the night of his betrayal, took bread. Having given thanks, he broke it and said, “this is my body, broken for you, do this to remember me.” After supper, he did the same thing with the cup. “This cup is my blood, my new covenant with you. Each time you drink this cup, remember me.”
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, let us pray together:

The Lord’s Prayer

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 Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**
Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Please be seated.

Communion

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 as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

All **Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be throughout all our days, your people in the world, proclaiming your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. *Amen.***

heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and of people. Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

Moment of Silence

Psalm 62:6-14 Please read responsively.

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
 truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
 my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
 God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
 pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
 even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
 all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
 though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
 that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
 for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Lector The first disciple called by Jesus to walk with him was Simon Peter, renamed Cephas, which means “the Rock”. But the call happened only because his brother Andrew brought Peter to Jesus. Now this morning is a similar encounter with Philip, who was from the same hometown as Andrew and Peter. Philip immediately went to find Nathanael to say the Messiah was found. Nathanael, however, was not so easily convinced, as you will hear.

Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to *John 1:43–51*

All: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Lector The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree

before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection *I'm Just a Poor Wayfaring Stranger* arr. T. Waldrop Bell Choir

Sermon *Takes One to Make One* Rev. Roy Green

Please stand as you are able.

Response Hymn *God's Work, Our Hands* ACS #1000, OneLicense.net A-740306



1. God's work, our hands; work - ing to - geth - er,
3. God's work, our voice; sing - ing to - geth - er,
4. God is at work in and a - round us;
build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
prais - ing pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!
rai - sing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,
feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.
Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,
shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Please be seated.

The Prayers of the People Gene Bennington

Lector Lord, as you have called us to share in your outreach of love to the world, fill us with the power of your Spirit.

All **Lord, renew your people and sustain us by your mighty power.**

Lector We give thanks for all who are working for the care and renewal of our earth. Give guidance and courage to all who care for oppressed peoples and who look after the lost and rejected; we remember before you all Christians who are being persecuted for their faith, all who are suffering through the prejudice or vested interests of others.

All **Lord, renew your people and sustain us by your mighty power.**

Lector Give moral courage and discerning wisdom to all who are working for peace and justice. We pray for international leadership that can counsel and encourage waring factions in Israel and Gaza to seek different solutions than indiscriminate bombings in the name of national security. We ask that international aid agencies will be granted greater access to assist those devastated by war with food and medical necessities.

All **Lord, renew your people and sustain us by your mighty power.**

Lector We give you thanks for all who have been a strength and support to us. We remember those needing an assurance of your love and comfort as they deal with challenging issues: Nancy Fa. Joyce H., Patty S., Oralee H., Lauren B., Mary B., Nancy Fe., Clyde B., Jonathan C., Stan P., Andy S., Pam & Mac B., Doug S., Stephanie S., Patty & Al K., Nancy V., Neil S., Tobin & Michelle K., Carol F., Ann W., Jennie F., Erik E., Lynne E., Betsy M., Amber F., Dick and Marianne A., Elizabeth N. & John Scott, Olivia L., Bergen B., Rich D., Aedan V., and William L. and all others we remember in our hearts or on our lips (*moments of silence or sharing*). May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, be their experience this day.

All **Lord, renew your people and sustain us by your mighty power.**

Lector We come with grateful hearts for Management Board members who have served us well for several years and are now stepping down from this responsibility – Linda Smith and Roy Green. We ask that you grant us wisdom as we make decisions in our annual meeting that will affect us not only during 2024, but for years to come.

All **Lord, renew your people and sustain us by your mighty power.**

Lector Let the presence and joy of the Lord be your strength and peace this day.

All **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory *We Will Glorify* Twila Paris

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**