

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.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday this year is on February 14. The service will be at 12:00 noon. Pastors Roy Green and Frank Bocker will be leading the service.

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 25

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 February 27. 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 Fourth Sunday
After the Epiphany

January 28, 2024
10 a.m.

Order of Service

The Rev. Chuck Christopher, *Celebrant & Preacher* Linda Smith, *Lector*
Mitzi Putney & Donna Warner, *Keyboardists;* Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

Opening Hymn ***Christ, Be Our Light*** ELW #715, OneLicense.net A-740306

1. Long - ing for light, — we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for truth, —
2. Long - ing for peace, — our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for hope, —
5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, — man - y the hearts that

we turn to you. Make us your own, — your ho - ly peo - ple,
man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone — has pow'r to save us.
yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,

Refrain

light for the world to see. — Christ, be our
Make us your liv - ing voice. —
signs of your king - dom come. —

light! Shine in our hearts. Shine thru the dark - ness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath - ered to -

day. —

Bring Forth the Kingdom W&P #22, OneLicense.net

1. You are salt for the earth, O peo-ple; salt for the king-dom of God!
2. You are a light on the hill, O peo-ple; light for the cit-y of God!
3. You are a seed of the word, O peo-ple; bring forth the king-dom of God!

Share the fla-vor of life, O peo-ple; life in the king-dom of God!
Share so ho-ly and bright, O peo-ple; shine for the king-dom of God!
Seeds of mer-cy and seeds of jus-tice, grow in the king-dom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the king-dom of mer-cy, bring forth the king-dom of peace;
bring forth the king-dom of jus-tice, Bring forth the cit-y of God!

Are you ready to join in the fun of celebrating Sunriver Christian Fellowship? How does sharing our community spirit sound to you? Plans are being made to offer opportunities for us to get together and welcome others who may wish to join us. These plans include a spaghetti dinner, a blood drive, a pot luck and a pancake breakfast. Our first goal is a spaghetti dinner in May (the 19th to be exact). If you would like to help in any way on any of these events, please let Barb Purcell or Jenny Long know. They would love to hear from you. Jenny's and Barb's contact information is in the church directory.

Celebrant As our Savior taught us, we now pray,

**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 Thank you, O Lord God Almighty, Thank you for the earth and the waters, Thank you for the sky, the air and the sun, Thank you for all living creatures.

People **Come, O Lord, in the Bread of Life.**

Celebrant Praise be to you, O Lord God Almighty, for our homes, our families, our friends, and loved ones. Praise be to you for all the people around us everywhere in this wounded world.

People **Come, O Lord, in the Cup of Healing.**

Please be seated.

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 .
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

All **Lord, may we be wakeful at sunrise to begin a new day for you; cheerful at sunset for having done our work for you; thankful at moonrise and under starshine for the beauty of your universe; and may we add what little may be in us to add to your great world. Amen.**

The Blessing — *St. Brigid of Kildare*

Celebrant May the holy God bless you and make you generous in your giving, pleasant in your greeting, honest in your speaking, loyal in your loving, clear in your thinking, strong in your working, and joyful in your living. And when it’s time for your home-coming, may there be peace in your passing and a warm welcome in heaven.

All **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Collect

Celebrant: Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Scripture Lessons

Lector: Here is another debate Paul had with his beloved, troublesome church at Corinth. The question was about following traditions which the Corinthians “knew” had no meaning to them. Paul warned about the arrogance of “knowing better” than others, and he calls the Corinthians to “walk the talk” if they choose to be authentic followers of Jesus.

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians. 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “no idol in the world really exists,” and that “there is no God but one.” Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords— yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. *The Word of the Lord.*

People **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Meditation

Lector In Jesus’ time, demons were a part of life, and they were believed to have power to cause disease. Said another way, a person who was afflicted with a serious disease was thought to be under the influence of a demon, and demons were closely associated with Satan. That was medical science in Jesus’ day. So, what follows here is an act of real compassion for Jesus, even if it seems to us a curious drama.

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

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. 1:21-28

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

Lector Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.” But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, “What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spir-its, and they obey him.” At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding re-gion of Galilee. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection *Ten Thousand Reasons* M Redmond & J. Myrin Gina Rosbrook

Sermon The Rev. Chuck Christopher

Please stand as you are able.

Response Hymn *You Are Near* Gathering #695, OneLicense.net

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.

Celebrant Blessed are you, most holy one in your Son, who washed his disciples' feet. “I am among you,” he said, “as one who serves.”

On that night before he died he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to re-mem-ber me.”

After supper, he took the cup, and gave you thanks. He gave it to them and said, “Drink this. It is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you, shed for all, to forgive sin; do this to remember me.”

Therefore with this bread and wine we recall your goodness to us.

All **God of the past and present, we your people remember your Son. We thank you for his cross and rising again, we take courage from his ascension; we look for his coming in glory and in him we give ourselves to you.**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit, that we who receive Christ's body may indeed be the body of Christ, and we who share his cup draw strength from the one true vine.

All **Called to follow Christ, help us to reconcile and unite. Called to suffer, give us hope in our calling.**

Celebrant For you, the heavenly one, make all things new; you are the beginning and the end, the last and the first.

All **Praise, glory and love be yours, this and every day, from us and all people, here and everywhere. Amen.**

Refrain
O Lord, I know you are near, stand-ing al - ways at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you lead me in ways ev - er - last-ing.

Verses
1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you know when I sit and when I stand. Your
2. Where can I run from your love? If I climb to the heav ens you are there; if I
4. Mar -vel -ous to me are your works; how pro - found are your thoughts, my Lord. E - ven

Please stand as you are able.

Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant The deep peace of the one who stilled the storm, the peace of the one who cast out demons, the peace which the world cannot give; the peace of the Lord be always with you,

All **And also with you**

Please be seated.

Offertory

Ode to Joy arr. F. Bock

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 your hearts to heaven

People **where Christ in glory reigns.**

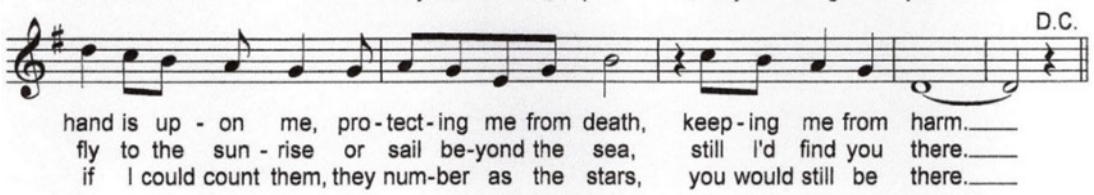
Celebrant Let us give thanks to God.

People **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is the joy of our salvation, God of the universe, to give you thanks through Jesus Christ. You said, “Let there be light” and there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For through you the earth has brought forth life in all its forms. You have created us to hear your Word, to do your will and to be fulfilled in your love.

You sent your Son to be for us the way we need to follow and the truth we need to know. You sent your Son to give his life to release us from our sin. His cross has taken our guilt away.

You send your Holy Spirit to strengthen and to guide, to warn and to revive your Church. Therefore, with all your witnesses who surround us on every side, countless as heaven's stars, we praise you for our creation and our calling, with loving and with joyful hearts:



Please be seated.

The Prayers of the People

Lector O Lord, give to us and your whole church the spirit of wisdom and godly guidance; that we may discern the times in which we live, that we may proclaim with relevance the gospel in all the world. We pray for all ministers of the word and of the sacraments that your Spirit will empower them to preach and to speak clear truth and vision. Holy One, hear us.

All **Holy One, deliver us.**

Lector We pray for rulers and leaders of all peoples, that they may act with vision for the benefit of all. We pray for those who plan for our future, for scientists, geneticists, re- search workers and inventors; for those who influence our hearts and minds through the pulpit, the internet or other media. We remember all who have lost vision, and those who lead others astray. Holy One, hear us.

All **Holy One, deliver us.**

Lector We give you thanks for those who have revealed your presence and love to us, for those who guided us into the ways of truth. We pray for those who teach, influencing the minds of your people: for schools, colleges and universities; for the young who have left home, for those caught up in crime or in drugs. Holy One, hear us.

All **Holy One, deliver us.**

Lector We remember all who are disabled, the physically infirm and the mentally dis- turbed. We pray for all who have difficulties in communicating with others; for those who have lost the power of speech. We remember those whose minds have been disturbed through violence or drugs, all who have been caught up with evil. This day we offer pray- ers for 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. Holy One, hear us.

All **Holy One, deliver us.**

Lector We give thanks for your redeeming love and liberating power, that you free us from the powers of evil, sin and death, and open up for us the glory of your kingdom. We pray for all who have died in faith and are now at peace, may we rejoice with them in your heavenly kingdom. Holy One, hear us.

All **Holy One, deliver us.**