

Welcome to
**Sunriver Christian
Fellowship**

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The Fifth Sunday in Lent
and Patrick of Ireland

March 17, 2024
10 a.m.

Order of Service

The Rev. Roy Green, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Jann Phares, *Lector*

The Rev. Mary Anne Gard, *Assisting.*

Mitzi Putney & Donna Warner, *Keyboardists*

Cindy McConnell & Carol Thomas, *Song Leaders*

Please silence all cell phones.

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

Prelude *A time to prepare for worship* **Here I Am to Worship** arr. D. Wagner

Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Mary Anne Gard

Mission Moment **UPCAP and Woodchuckers**

Jane Boubel & John Salzer

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Words

Celebrant Welcome to God's holy place.

All **House of prayer for many nations; home to all who come.**

Celebrant Welcome to this gathering place.

All **Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all who gather here.**

Celebrant Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning: all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

All **Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your Spirit.**

Opening Hymn

Come, All Christians, Be Committed

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1. Come, all Chris - tians, be com - mit - ed to the ser - vice of the Lord; make your
3. God's com - mand to love each oth - er is the goal of ev - ery one; show - ing
4. Come in praise and ad - o - ra - tion, all who on Christ's name be - lieve; wor - ship

lives for Him more fit - ted, tune your hearts with one ac - cord. Come in -
mer - cy to each oth - er mirrors His re - demp - tive plan. In com -
Him with con - se - cra - tion, grace and love you will re - ceive. For His

to His courts with glad - ness, each His sa - cred vows re - new, turn a -
pass - sion He has giv - en of His love that is di - vine; on the
grace give Him the glo - ry, for the Spir - it and the Word, and re -

way from sin and sad - ness, be trans - form - ed with life a - new.
cross sins were for - giv - en, joy and peace are ful - ly thine.
peat the gos - pel sto - ry till all peo - ple hear His name.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

March 24, Palm Sunday: 10:00 AM Pastor Erika Spaet, Celebrant and Preacher

March 28, Maundy Thursday: The Rev. Roy Green, Celebrant and Preacher

Pastor Rob Pearson, M.C.

5:30 PM: Soup supper in the Fellowship Hall—reservations required.

6:30 PM: Worship Service in the Sanctuary

March 29, Good Friday: 7:00 PM The Rev. Roy Green, Officiant

Pastors speaking on the seven last words.

March 31, Easter: 10:00 AM The Rev. Roy Green, Celebrant

The Rev. Chuck Christopher, Preacher

ANNUAL VOLUNTEER FAIR AT SCF

On Saturday, April 6, from 11:00 am-1:00 pm, 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. Our church has a rich history of volunteerism, and we hope to share that passion with others.

Spread the word: 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 you know are looking for the right volunteer spot, so that they can learn about the opportunities in our area at the Volunteer Fair.

Help at the event: You can reach out to Mark and Cindy McConnell (mcconn@bendbroadband.com) to get on the helper list. Help is needed with: greeting people, food service, set up/takedown, monitoring, etc., so please let us know if you are available. We will need about 10 people to help us make it all happen.

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MARCH 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 March 26. All are welcome to attend.

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The Blessing

Celebrant May all that is unforgiven in you be released.
May your fears yield their deepest tranquilities.
May all that is unlivd in you blossom into a future filled with love.
And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be
with you at this moment and always.

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

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1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb. We will
3. He is Lord of hea - ven, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live. He is
4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb. Hal - le -
glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.
Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all praise to Him we give.
lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who is the great I AM.

Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Coffee is served today by Barbara Purcell & Gordon Werkema .

Celebrant & Preacher next week: Pastor Erika Spaet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2024 FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION SCF CAMPAIGN

The SCF Free Wheelchair Mission Campaign for 2024 is collecting funds during the Free Wheelchair Mission X2 Campaign. Every donation of \$96 from SCF will be matched so that your donation will end up giving two individuals free chairs. See the March SCF Newsletter for more information about this year’s campaign. To donate, please make your check payable to SCF with Wheelchair Mission in the memo line. If you have questions, please see the newsletter or contact Stan Porter at slporter@crestviewcable.com or (503) 910-6915

MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER — SIGN UP

We will again be having a soup supper prior to our Maundy Thursday Gathering on March 28th. **Due to limited seating, reservations are needed.** Contact Diana Gustavson with your reservation number - prg1us@yahoo.com or 612-770-7706. The dinner begins at 5:30 pm and the service at 6:30 pm. If you can't make it to the supper but want to attend the service, please come.

The Confession

Celebrant Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.
All **May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**
Celebrant Amen.
All **Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.**
Celebrant May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.
All **Amen.**
Celebrant Move among us, O God; and fill us with your spirit.
All **Let your people rejoice in you.**
Celebrant Give us again the joy of your help.
All **With your spirit of freedom sustain us.**
Celebrant Now let us hear and receive the Word of God.

Please be seated.

The Scripture Lessons

Lector The words of prophets in ancient times, and in ours, are often unsettling, sometimes harsh. Prophets are truth-tellers, not fortune-tellers, and their words arise in times when the people have lost their path with God. However, the words of the prophets also contain messages of hope, true good news. This reading from Jeremiah is such a cherished prophecy.

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah (31:31-34)

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more. *The Word of the Lord*

All **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Meditation

Psalms 119:9-16 Please read responsively.

- 9 How shall a young man cleanse his way? *
- By keeping to your words.**
- 10 With my whole heart I seek you; *
- let me not stray from your commandments.**
- 11 I treasure your promise in my heart, *
- that I may not sin against you.**

12 Blessed are you, O LORD; *
Instruct me in your statutes.
13 With my lips will I recite *
all the judgments of your mouth.
14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your decrees *
than in all manner of riches.
15 I will meditate on your commandments *
and give attention to your ways.
16 My delight is in your statutes; *
I will not forget your word.

Lector This morning, we step into the life of Jesus as he predicts the coming final conflict. Not only are forces aligning against him, but some of his followers are beginning to fall away. For many, his teaching, his way, was just too demanding, too dangerous. So we hear this morning Jesus confessing that his soul is troubled.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (12:20-33)

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. *The Gospel of the Lord*

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

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection

Seek the Lord John Carter

Choir

Celebrant Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine, which we now receive, are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bones, heart of your heart, loving and caring in the world.

Celebrant As Jesus taught his disciples, let us pray together:

**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 Beloved, the Body of Christ is given for the life of the world. Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine and Spirit. The gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion

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

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 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.

Thanksgiving after Communion

Celebrant In the end as in the beginning, God is God:
All **Loved by us, desired by us, praised by us, served by us.**
Celebrant Filling the folk with the gifts of the Spirit
All **Making us all whole for the good of the earth.**
Celebrant For bread and wine, for this good place and this time,
All **Thanks be to God.**
Celebrant For the peace we are promised which the world cannot destroy,
All **Thanks be to God.**
Celebrant For the hope of heaven and the final song of joy,
All **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Lector We ask your particular blessing on our SCF Call/Search Team.
All **May they find for us a faithful and wise pastor, and may we gather in this new day to be the people you wish us to be, servants in the world in the name of Christ.**

Lector And let us pray for the health of our souls.
All **And remember the account which we must give on our last day before the throne of God.**

Lector And now may we hear all God’s people say.
All **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

Please stand as you are able.

Sharing of Peace

Celebrant God, who has the power to give us peace and fill our lives with purpose, is with us now. The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Offertory *If My People Will Pray* R. Mickelson

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 Holy Communion

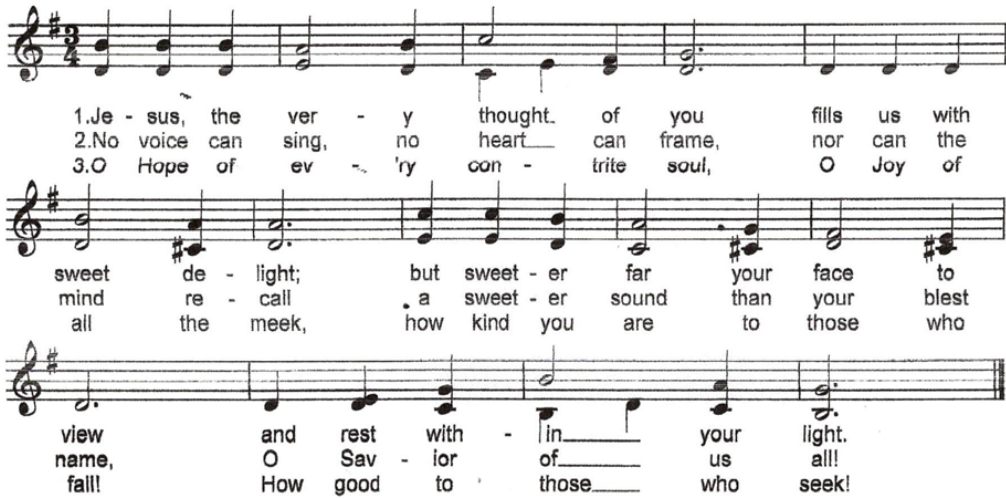
Celebrant Beloved, the table of Holy Communion is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of our fellowship, symbol of the promise that we belong and are welcome.
So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have ever felt excluded and you who have always felt at home; you who have followed Jesus, and you who are new to the journey.
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.
(a moment of silence)

Celebrant On the night of your arrest, Blessed Jesus, you took bread, and having given thanks, you broke it and gave it to your disciples, saying, “This is my body, given to you.”
Then later, after the meal, you took a cup of wine, gave thanks and said, "In the sharing of this cup is the new relationship with God. Drink this, all of you, to remember me."
All **Loving God, through your goodness we have these gifts of bread and wine to offer, which Earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life Jesus has shared through the centuries and shares with us now. Made one with Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts, and with them, ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen**

Sermon *Tough Old Nut* The Rev. Roy Green

Please stand as you are able.

Response Hymn *Jesus, the Very Thought of You* ELW #754, OneLicense.net, A-740306



Please be seated.

The Prayers of the People

Lector Sisters and brothers in Christ, for the sake of the world God loves so much, let us pray.

A moment of silence

Lector Pray for peace of God throughout the world.
All **We pray for peace in every nation – that hatred and ill will in the hearts of people will be burned away in your refining fire, leaving only love. We lift up the people of Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, and in all places where people suffer from violence.**
Lector Pray for the peace of the Church.
All **We pray for peace in Christ’s body – that we may put an end to fear and competition, that we may proclaim your good news and be awake to your presence.**
Lector Pray for the peace of our homes and communities.
All **We pray for peace where we live. We pray for safety in our homes and streets, for the prosperity of our neighbors, and for the health of families and friends.**
Lector Pray for health and wholeness for these who have committed their needs to our prayers: Carol T.; Jan B., Mike B., Joyce H., Oralee H., Lauren B., Clyde B., Jonathan C., Stan P., Andy S., Pam & Mac B., Doug S., Stephanie S., Patty & Al K., Nancy V., Tobin & Michelle K., Carol F., Ann W., Jennie F., Erik E., Lynne E., Betsy M., Amber F., Elizabeth N. & John Scott, Olivia L., Rich D., Aedan V., and William L.
All **We ask your healing grace on these our friends and loved ones, and we bless you for those who administer to them of your healing gifts.**