

Welcome to
Sunriver Christian
fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The Third Sunday
Of Easter

April 14, 2024
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Pastor Rob Pearson, *Celebrant*

Pastor Frank Brocker, *Preacher*

Sally Heise, *Lector*

Mitzi Putney & Gina Rosbrook, *Keyboardists*

Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

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

Prelude *A time to prepare for worship.*

Alleluia arr. F. Bock

Mitzi & Gina

Welcome/Announcements/Guests

Pastor Rob

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing BCP #182, OneLicense.net A-740306

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. His cross stands
2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound to dis - tant
3. Christ is a - live! His Spir - it burns through this and
emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, he comes to claim the
ev - ery fu - ture age, till all cre - a - tion
prai - ses ring. His love in death shall nev - er die.
here and now and con - quer ev - ery place and time.
lives and learns his joy, his jus - tice, love, and praise.

Please be seated.

The Scripture Lessons

Sally Heise

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:12–19

Lector: When Peter saw it, he addressed the people, “You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know;

and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.”
The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Moment of Silence

Psalm 4 Please read responsively.

- 1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
**you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.**
- 2 “You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols and run after false gods?”
- 3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.
- 4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
- 5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.
- 6 Many are saying, “Oh, that we might see better times!” *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.
- 7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
- 8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

Lector: **A reading from the First Letter of John 3:1–7**

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Moment of Silence

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

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:13–35

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Lector: Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' He asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection:

Jesus is Risen! Joseph Martin

Choir

Sermon

A Funny Thing Happened On The Way to Emmaus

Pastor Frank

Please stand as you are able.

Sermon Response Hymn

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1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 3. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and

live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and

hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in Christ the
 stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to

end di - vi - sions.
 feast that frees us. All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come
 fear to raf - ter.

in this place.

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

Sally Heise

Lector: Risen Lord, often in surprising ways you display to us the love and radiance of the Father; and you bring us peace that passes all understanding. We rejoice in your presence and in the glorious hope of your resurrection.

People: **Strengthen our faith, O Lord Jesus, that we may know that you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.**

Lector: May we know in our lives that the crucified one is alive and comes to us. Turn our doubt and disbelief into awe and wonder, until we rejoice in the glory and the presence of the Risen Lord.

People: **We rejoice with confidence in you, the Risen Lord.**

Lector: We pray for churches struggling at this time, for those who have lost vision and grown cold in their love; for Christians who have lost faith or entered into deep doubt. We pray that the church may be a confirming witness to your resurrection.

People: **Oh God, our eternal hope, we know you hear us when we call.**

Lector: We pray for the protection of all who seek to relieve hunger and suffering; for aid and medical workers in Gaza who bravely and compassionately respond to the overwhelming needs confronting them, over against their own safety.

People: **May your hand of protection, O Lord, overshadow all who compassionately serve in harm's way.**

Lector: God of all wisdom, provide for our national leaders the kind of insight and clear vision to handle such diverse and challenging issues that daily confront them at present. May the need to work cooperatively and to find sound solutions become the greater aspiration than divisive politicizing and posturing.

People: **Loving Lord, may we see more and more thy will being done on earth through those leaders chosen to lead not only in our own country but around the world.**

Lector: We pray for those whose lives have been touched by the darkness of suffering or illness, especially Madelyn G., Thomas W., Sierra G., Scott J., Carol T., Jan B., Mike B., Lauren B., Clyde B., Jonathan C., Stan P., Andy S., Pam & Mac B., 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., and also for those we now name on our lips or silently in our hearts (*moment of silent prayer*). Place your healing hand upon them.

People: **Loving Lord, grant them your peace and healing presence.**

Lector: We ask Lord that as we move closer to the selection of a future pastor for SCF, that divine clarity continue to be showered on the Call Committee, church leaders, and the congregation so the choice made is clearly inspired from you.

People: **Blessed Lord, may we be of one mind in this important decision.**

Lector: Risen Lord, may we find in you the way to fullness of life, the way to joy, and the road to peace.

All: **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

I Exalt Thee arr. J. Innes

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.**

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.

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.

Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of faith, that we may see his redeeming and restorative work more clearly, he, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Hymn

Sing Twice

He is Exalted W&P #55, CCLI Song #17827, License #1483194

He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on_ high, I will praise_ Him.

He is ex - alt - ed, for - ev - er ex - alt - ed, and I will praise His

name._____ Je - sus is Lord, for - ev - er His truth shall
 reign; hea - ven and earth re - joice in His ho - ly
 name._____ He is ex - alt - ed, the King is ex - alt - ed on_ high.

Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant: May 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 Patty & Roger Smith.

Celebrant next week: The Rev. Chuck Christopher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING SUNRIVER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GMAS AND GPAS!

Mt. Star Relief Nursery is having a Diaper Drive. A box is located in our church lobby for your donations of baby wipes, diapers (size 3-6), and pull-ups. Please bring your donations by April 31. If you have questions, or desire to make a "green" donation, contact Susan Kenney, 206-276-7316

CENTRAL OREGON MASTERSINGERS PRESENTS

Sounds Italian!

Saturday, April 20 at 7:00 PM at Nativity Lutheran Church

Sunday, April 21 at 3:00 PM at Sunriver Christian Fellowship

Concerts are FREE; tickets are not required. To make a donation:

<https://www.centraloregonmastersingers.org/make-a-donation.html>

LA PINE HIGH SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL

Please come support **one of our members, Rebecca Henderson,** and the other Theatre students at La Pine High School. The school's Theatre Department Presents:

TARZAN April 25, 26 and 27. The musical starts at 6:00pm

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: APRIL 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 April 23. All are welcome to attend.

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