

Welcome to
Sunriver Christian
Fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024
10 a.m.

Order of Service

The Rev. Chuck Christopher, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Joan Lewis, *Lector*

Sharon Krueger & Mitzi Putney, *Keyboardists*

Cindy McConnell & Carol Thomas, *Song Leaders*

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

Prelude *A time to prepare for worship.*

Shout to The Lord arr. P. Keveren

Sharon & Mitzi

Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Chuck Christopher

Mission Moment

Living Room International

Terry & Gina Tjaden

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

Bring Forth the Kingdom W&P #22, OneLicense.net, A-740306

1. You are salt for the earth, O people; salt for the kingdom of God!
2. You are a light on the hill, O people; light for the city of God!
3. You are a seed of the word, O people; bring forth the kingdom of God!

Share the flavor of life, O people; life in the kingdom of God!
Share so holy and bright, O people; shine for the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

Bring forth the kingdom of mercy, bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice, Bring forth the city of God!

Celebrant: Grace and peace to you from God.

People: **God fill you with truth and joy.**

Celebrant: This is day which the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Celebrant: Christ is the good shepherd who knows and cares for every one of the sheep in different folds. In Christ there is neither Jew nor Gentile; In Christ there is no discrimination of gender, class or race. In Christ the poor are blessed, the simple receive truth hidden from the wise.

People: **The word of Christ dwells in us richly.**

Collect

Celebrant: O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Scripture Lessons

Joan Lewis

Lector: This reading from the First Letter of John helps us understand the shape that God's presence takes in our lives. This passage points to Jesus' sacrifice as the ultimate embodiment of God's love for us. That Jesus laid down his life for us, however, comes with a price. We too must lay down our lives for others. It is a reminder that God is present through us and through our neighbors.

A reading from 1 John 3:16-24

Lector: We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us— and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us. *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Meditation

Psalm 23 Please read in unison.

- 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: Jesus is still speaking to a mixed audience and his teaching here will again result in a division among the Pharisees. The man born blind, who Jesus healed, was also there, along with other believers. Jesus' words here are aimed at warning, instructing, and assuring them. He warns them about false shepherds so that they will not follow them. He tells them about himself as the good shepherd and what he provides for his flock. And he assures them of his sacrificial care for them and of the fact that he will accomplish his purpose with them.

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

Lector: **The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 10:11-18**

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

Lector: Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection

Our God arr. R. Mallory

The Bell Choir


Sermon

The Rev. Chuck Christopher

Please stand as you are able.

Response Hymn

The Lord's My Shepherd FOG #42, In Public Domain



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

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

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

Confession of Faith (from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*)

Lector: Let us affirm our faith together,

People: **You, O God, are supreme and holy. You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do. You have always been with us. You are God.**

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Please be seated.

The Prayers of the People

Lector: Let us pray.

Creator God, we give you thanks for the risen Christ, the Good Shepherd, who seeks out and saves all who are lost. We pray for all who are walking in the valley of the shadow at this time, all whose lives are hard or being made hard, for all being attacked by evil. May they know your love and protection. We pray for all bishops and pastors and all who are called to share in the shepherding of your people. We especially hold before you the search committee as they seek a new pastor for this congregation. Lord of hosts,

All: **You are our hope and our strength.**

Lector: We pray for the work of all the ministries of this congregation and their leaders that they may continue to serve you through their care for your people. Strengthen all who are looking after others and for all who seek out and befriend those in need. Lord of hosts,

All: **You are our hope and our strength.**

Lector: We remember all who have protected us and nurtured us. We pray for those who have supported us in times of need, those who have stayed with us in times of darkness. We pray for our homes and our loved ones. Lord of hosts,

All: You are our hope and our strength.

Lector: We pray for all who are ill, endure increasing weakness or are troubled. We pray for those who cannot pray for themselves, for those who have lost memory or reason, for all who are facing death, especially those who are lonely. We pray especially for Andy E., Benjamin C., Carol D., Gail B., Gregg H., 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. May they know the Good Shepherd is with them.
Lord of hosts,

All: You are our hope and our strength.

Lector: Lord, may we learn to abide in you, and know that you abide in us. May we know that nothing separates us from you. We pray for all who have passed through darkness, and have entered light and life everlasting. Lord of hosts,

You are our hope and our strength.

Please stand as you are able.

Sharing of the Peace

Celebrant: Keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: We are bound by the love of Christ.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you

Please be seated.

Offertory

Shout to The North arr. P. Cota

The Bell Choir

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: Christ is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed.**

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'; there was light. Your light shines on in our darkness. For 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. It is right to thank you. 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
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.

Celebrant: Blessed are you, most holy, 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 remember 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.

People: **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.

People: **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.

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

Celebrant: As Christ teaches us, we 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: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

People: **We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread and the one cup.**

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

Celebrant: Blessed be God who calls us together.

People: **Praise to God who makes us one people.**

Celebrant: Blessed be God who has forgiven our sin.

People: **Praise to God who gives hope and freedom.**

Celebrant: Blessed be God whose Word is proclaimed.

People: **Praise to God who is revealed as love.**

Celebrant: Blessed be God who alone has called us.

People: **Therefore we offer all that we are and all that we shall become.**

Celebrant: Accept, O God, our sacrifice of praise.

People: **Accept our thanks for all you have done. Our hands were empty, and you filled them. Amen.**

The Blessing

Celebrant: The Mighty Father protect you and enfold you. The Good Shepherd guide you and refresh you. The Holy Spirit strengthen you and abide in you. And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer and Sanctifier be with you and remain with you forever.

People: **Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Hymn

The King of Love My Sheperd Is

BCP #645, CCLI Song #1442453, License #1483194

1. The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
3. And so through all the length of days thy good - ness

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
fail - eth nev - er. Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his, and he is mine for - ev - er.
pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - ing.
sing thy praise with - in thy house for ev - er.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in Easter joy, alleluia, alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

Coffee is served today by Yvonne and Jay Smith.

Celebrant & Preacher next week: Pastor Erika Spaet

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALLING SUNRIVER CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP GMAS AND GPAS!

April 28 is the last day to bring diapers, wipes and pull-ups for the **Mt. Star Diaper Drive**. Please bring your donation next Sunday and help our next generation of neighbors live a better early life. If you have any questions please contact Susan Kenney, 206-276-7316.

CENTRAL OREGON MASTERSINGERS PRESENTS TODAY!

Sounds Italian!

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

They will be performing the songs they will be singing at St. Peter's Basilica in the Vatican in June, plus more! 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

SPAGHETTI FEED

Make your reservations now!!

Don't miss our first ever spaghetti lunch and dinner.

Sunday, May 19th. First seating: 12 noon. Second seating: 5:00 p.m.

Menu: spaghetti, salad, bread, and cookies. Water, lemonade, and coffee will also be served.

ALL ARE WELCOME! Donations accepted. This opportunity is open to all members of SCF as well as members of our community. Invite your friends and family, but don't delay in making your reservations. Simply email: spaghetti@sunriverchristianfellowship.org. Be sure to let us know how many will be in your group and which seating you would like. See you there!

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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