

Welcome to
**Sunriver Christian
Fellowship**

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The Seventh Sunday
Of Easter

May 12, 2024
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Bishop Patrick Bell, Celebrant & Preacher

Randy Heise, Lector

The Rev. Mary Anne Gard & The Rev. Roy Green, Assisting.

Rob Pearson & Mitzi Putney, Keyboardists

Gina Rosbrook, Song Leader

Please silence all cell phones.

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

Prelude *A time to prepare for worship* **When Morning Gilds the Skies** arr. Innes & Fasig

Welcome & Announcements

The Rev. Roy Green

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Words

Bishop Welcome to God's holy place.

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

Bishop Welcome to this gathering place.

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

Bishop 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies ELW #853, OneLicense.net, A740306



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, ___ my heart a - wak - ing cries, ___ may
4. Ye na - tions of man - kind ___ in this your one - ness find, ___ may
5. Be this, while life is mine, ___ my can - ti - cle di - vine, ___ may



Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer ___ to
Je - sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a - round ___ ring
Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this th'e - ter - nal song ___ through



Je - sus I re - pair, ___ may Je - sus Christ be praised!
joy - ous with the sound, ___ may Je - sus Christ be praised!
all the a - ges long, ___ may Je - sus Christ be praised!

The Confession

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.

Bishop May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All **Amen.**

Bishop Move among us, O God; and fill us with your spirit.

All **Let your people rejoice in you.**

Bishop Give us again the joy of your help.

All **With your spirit of freedom sustain us.**

Bishop Now let us hear and receive the Word of God.

Please be seated.

The Scripture Lessons

Lector Did you ever wonder why there were twelve disciples, exactly twelve? In Holy Scripture, certain numbers are significant and carry special importance. For example, there were twelve tribes in ancient Israel, so generations later, Jesus chose twelve disciples because there were twelve original tribes. So, when one of the twelve took his own life, a successor was needed, and Peter took up the search process.

This reading is from the First Nations Version of the New Testament and invites us to hear our sacred stories from an indigenous perspective. Listen carefully.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1:15-17, 21-26)

This group had grown into one big family, about a hundred and twenty of them, who all trusted in Creator Sets Free (Jesus), that he was the Chosen One.

A NEW MESSAGE BEARER CHOSEN

There were now only eleven message bearers. Speaks Well Of (Judas), the one who betrayed Creator Sets Free (Jesus), was no longer among them. Since Creator Sets Free (Jesus) chose twelve message bearers to represent the twelve tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel), someone had to be chosen to replace him.

So during this time Stands on the Rock (Peter) stood up to speak.

“Friends and family,” he said to all, “Much Loved One (David), guided by the Holy Spirit, foretold in the Sacred Teachings the things that found their full meaning in Speaks Well Of (Judas), who betrayed Creator Sets Free (Jesus) into the hands of the ones who arrested him.

“From the first, Speaks Well Of (Judas) was one of the twelve chosen to walk with us as one of his followers.

We must now choose another to replace Speaks Well Of (Judas). He must be one who was with us the whole time while we were walking the road with our Wisdomkeeper, from the time he participated in the purification ceremony with He Shows Goodwill (John) until the day Creator Sets Free (Jesus) was taken up from us to the spirit-world above. Then, along with us, he will be able to tell what his own eyes have seen, about the rising from the dead of Creator Sets Free (Jesus).

THE COUNCIL OF TWELVE IS RESTORED

Two men were selected who met the requirements: He Adds More (Joseph), who was

called Son of Resting (Barsabbas), also known as Stands Upright (Justus), and Gifted From Creator (Matthias).

They stood the men before the council and prayed over them. “O Great Chief, Knower of Hearts, show to us the one you have chosen to be your message bearer in the place of Speaks Well Of (Judas), who left the path given him and chose his own path.”

They decided to choose by drawing straws. The straw was in favor of Gifted From Creator (Matthias), and so he was added to the eleven message bearers to form a council of twelve—representing the twelve tribes of Wrestles with Creator (Israel).

The Word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

A Moment for Meditation

Psalm 1 Please read responsively.

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
**nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!**
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 **They are like trees planted by streams of water,**
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Lector The Gospel reading is a portion of a tender prayer of Jesus for his chosen ones, his faithful disciples. He blesses God that these were given to him as companions along his way, and he prays that God will protect them and consecrate them in truth. He knows their discipleship will set them apart and be costly. His prayer is that they, and by implication **we**, may be consecrated by God’s word of truth. This reading is also from the First Nations Version of the New Testament.

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (17:6-19)

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

“I have shown who you truly are to the ones you gave me from this world. They were always yours and you trusted me with them, and they have walked in your ways. They now know that everything I have comes from you. The message you gave to me I have given to them. They have welcomed the truth about who I am and trust that you sent me. These are the ones I now pray for. I am not praying for the ones who walk in the ways of the world, but for the ones you gave to me, for they belong to you. My followers

bring honor to me. They are a gift from you, a gift we share together.

“Since I am returning to you, I will no longer be in the world, but my followers will still be here. O Father of all that is holy, watch over them with the loving care that we share with one another. In this way, they will also share the love that makes us one.

“During my time on earth representing you, I kept them safe in your loving care. Not one of them has been lost, except for the one foretold in the Sacred Teachings, the one doomed to a bad end.

“I am returning to you now. But while I am still here, I pray for my followers, so they may share in my joy. Your message, which I gave them, has taken root in their hearts. Like me, they have chosen not to walk in the ways of this world, and so the world hates them. I am not asking you to remove them from the world but that you keep them safe from the evil one and his ways. They no longer belong to the ways of this world, any more than I do. Make them holy through the beautiful message of your truth.

You sent me into the world, and now, in the same way, I send them into the world. I set my life apart for them in a sacred manner, so they may also set their lives apart to walk in the beauty of your truth. *The Gospel of the Lord*

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

Please be seated.

Musical Reflection

Bwana Awabariki arr. S. Nelson
(*May God Grant You a Blessing*)

The Bell Choir

Sermon

Bishop Patrick Bell

Please stand as you are able.

Response Hymn

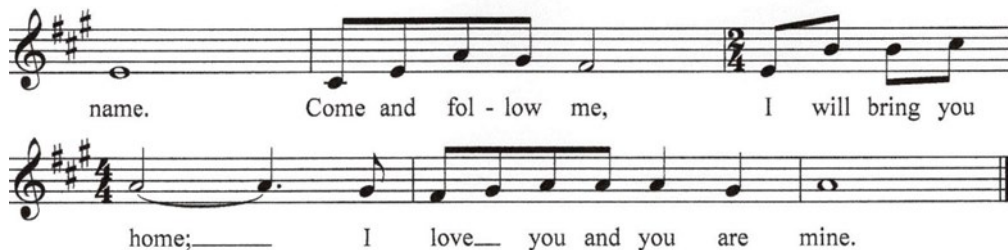
You Are Mine W&P #158, OneLicense.net

1. I will come to you in the si- lence, I will lift you from all your
2. I am hope for all the des- pair- ing, I am eyes for all who long to

fear. You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be
see. In the sha- dows of the night, I will be your light.

still and know I am here.
Come and rest in me.

Do not be a- afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



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: Karin B., Carol W., Shirley & Gary C., Andy E., Benjamin C., Carol D., Gail & Mike B., Madelyn G., Thomas W., Sierra G., Scott J., Carol T., Jan B., Lauren B., Clyde B., Jonathan C., 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.

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.**

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 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

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Offertory

Sakura (*Cherry Blossoms*) arr. K. Watanabe

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 Holy Communion

Bishop 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)

Bishop 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.**

Bishop 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.

Bishop 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

Bishop 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

Bishop In the end as in the beginning, God is God:

All **Loved by us, desired by us, praised by us, served by us.**

Bishop Filling the folk with the gifts of the Spirit

All **Making us all whole for the good of the earth.**

Bishop For bread and wine, for this good place and this time,

All **Thanks be to God.**

Bishop For the peace we are promised which the world cannot destroy,

All **Thanks be to God.**

Bishop For the hope of heaven and the final song of joy,

All **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

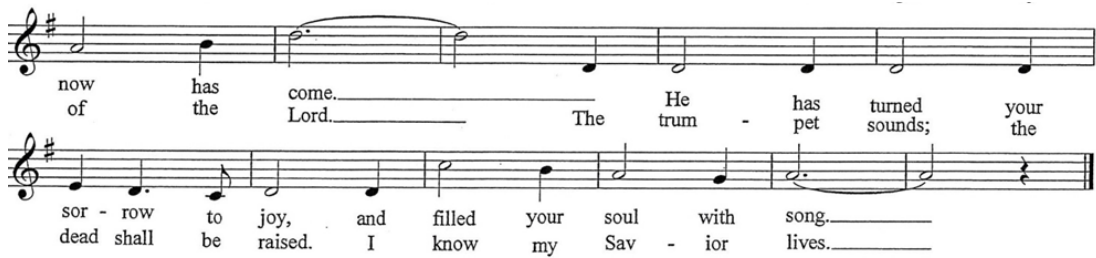
The Bishop's Blessing

All **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Sing a New Song" W&P #125, OneLicense.net

Musical score for the hymn "Sing a New Song" (W&P #125, OneLicense.net). The score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are: Sing a new song un - to the Lord; let your song be sung from moun - tains high. Sing a new song un - to the Lord, sing - ing al - le - lu - ia. The score includes two alternative verses: 2. Rise, O chil - dren, from your sleep; your Sav - ior 3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glo - ry



Dismissal

Bishop Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Coffee is served today by Gina Rosbrook.

Celebrant & Preacher next week: Pastor Mark Brocker

May 19 is the Feast of Pentecost, and the congregation is invited to wear red for worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESSES

The office will be using our new email addresses from now on.

Please send general emails to: info@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

Please send emails specifically for Rob to: rpearson@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

Please send emails for Joan Lewis to: officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

SCF is having a blood drive on June 18th from 10am-3pm. We are having early sign ups for church members before opening up to the public. If you are able to give please see Barb Purcell after church today or send her an email at bapw59@gmail.com.

JUNE 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: MAY 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 May 28. All are welcome to attend.

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