

Welcome to
Sunriver Christian
fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The Eleventh Sunday
After Pentecost

August 4, 2024
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Pastor Robert Pearson, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Sally Heise , *Lector*

Mitzi Putney, *Keyboardist*

Carol Thomas & Don Udlock, *Song Leaders*

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

Prelude *Prepare for worship.*

Here I Am To Worship arr. C. Tornquist

Mitzi

Welcome/Announcements/Guests

Pastor Rob

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

God, We Gather As Your People ACS #1038, OneLicense.net A-74030

1. God, we ga - ther as your peo - ple to raise our song a - bove, and we
2. Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be free; and we
4. God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and wide can__

dare to claim the pro-mise of your love._____ Though the
sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,_____ that they
live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride._____ As they

day may not yet be here we trust it soon will be, when your
ne - ver have a rea - son to doubt that they are blest. May they
grow in strength and stat - ure, may they join us hand in hand, as a -

chil - dren_____ will be free._____
in your_____ love, find rest._____
gainst all_____ hate we stand._____

Refrain

Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen
wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side._____

For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -
long. May that wel - come_ be our song._____

The Scripture Lessons

Sally Heise

A reading from the Book of *Exodus* 16:2-4, 9-15

Lector: The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.” Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’” In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.” *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Moment of Silence

Psalm 78:23-29

Please read responsively.

- 23 So he commanded the clouds above *
 and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat *
 and gave them grain from heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
 he provided for them food enough.
- 26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
 and led out the south wind by his might.
- 27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
 and wingèd birds like the sand of the sea.
- 28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp *
 and round about their dwellings.
- 29 So they ate and were well filled, *
 for he gave them what they craved.

A reading from the Letter of James 1:2-4 (Phillips translation)

When all kinds of trials and temptations crowd into your lives, my brother, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed, and you will find you have become persons of mature character with the right sort of independence. *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John 6:24-35

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

Lector: On the next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." *The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

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Please be seated.

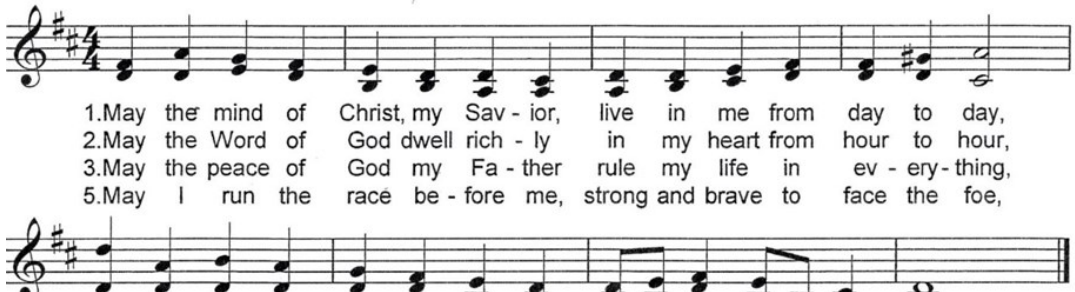
Musical Reflection: *Shepherd of My Heart* M. Baldwin & D. Tunney Carolyn Pearson

Sermon *A Matter of Perspective* Pastor Robert Pearson


Please stand as you are able.

Response Song

May the Mind of Christ, My Savior CH #568, In Public Domain



1. May the mind of Christ, my Sav - ior, live in me from day to day,
2. May the Word of God dwell rich - ly in my heart from hour to hour,
3. May the peace of God my Fa - ther rule my life in ev - ery - thing,
5. May I run the race be - fore me, strong and brave to face the foe,



by His love and pow'r con - trol - ling all__ I do__ and say.
so that all may see I tri - umph on - ly thro' His pow'r.
that I may be calm to com - fort sick__ and sor - row - ing.
look - ing on - ly un - to Je - sus as__ I on - ward go.

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

Sally Heise

Lector: O God, among the many distractions of the world, help us to keep our eyes, our minds, our hearts fixed on our Lord Jesus Christ, the pioneer and protector of our faith. We are grateful that we share in the inheritance of your saints. Shower on us and your whole church, especially in these days of mixed messaging and division, a spirit of discipline and perseverance. Let us not slack in well doing or in our devotion to you. Shape us into a holy church, a healing church, a hospitable church. Holy and Mighty God,

All: **we keep our hope fixed on you.**

Lector: Lord of righteousness, we pray for fair dealing and justice in our world. We thank you for all who work to provide us with our daily needs. We remember those working in service industries, those who supply us with food, heat, light and shelter. We ask your hand of blessing and care on our loved ones and friends, and upon this beautiful community in which we are privileged to live. Holy and Mighty God,

All: **we keep our hope fixed on you.**

Lector: We pray for resolution of conflict in the Middle East and Ukraine. Grant peace-keepers a capacity to help negotiate resolutions that will bring an end to senseless fighting while at the same time provide security to all involved and the needed daily provisions of food and water. Holy and Mighty God,

All: **we keep our hope fixed on you.**

Lector: We ask Lord, for your protective hand on the many firefighters who willingly put their lives in harms way to secure our safety in their battle against wildfires very close at hand and beyond. We pray for families who have lost a loved one who gave their life in service to bringing these fires under control. Holy and Mighty God,

All: **we keep our hope fixed on you.**

Lector: Loving God, we remember our dear brother, Harry Hamilton, who this past week moved from this life into the realm of your eternal presence, and now experiences the fullness of that life and the removal of all physical challenges that diminished his recent months. We pray that your comfort and abiding presence will fully embrace Oralee and all family members in this time of loss. May their days ahead bring wonderful memories to mind that produce unexpected smiles, laughter, and likely a few tears from remembrances of Harry and his legacy now passed on to them. Holy and Mighty God,

All: **we keep our hope fixed on you.**

Lector: God of power, we pray for all exhausted people, for those too tired to enjoy life. We pray for those who are suffering, who cannot cope. We pray for friends and loved ones who are ill –especially we remember Oralee H., Joseph H., Robert M., Melissa J., Clair S., Dave & Katie R., Sheree, Richard K., Jan M., Karin B., Carol W., Shirley & Gary C., Andy E., Benjamin C., Carol D., Madelyn G., Thomas W., Sierra G., Scott J., Lauren B., Clyde B., Patty & Al K., Dave & Nancy V., Carol F., Jennie F., Erik E., Lynne E., Betsy M., Amber F., Olivia L., and Aedan V. We pause for all others we want to remember. [pause] Holy and Mighty God.

All: **we keep our hope fixed on you.**

Lector: Lord, may your wisdom reign in our world. We come with thanksgiving for an honest and fair Olympics. Thank you for the example they demonstrate, though actively competing, are yet respectful and welcoming to Olympic athletes from all nations. May we do our part in respecting the dignity of the human family and walking in ways of peace. Holy and Mighty God,

All: **may they keep their hope fixed on you. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

How Can I Keep From Singing arr. R. Lowry

Mitzi

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.”

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: **In gratitude, deep gratitude, for this moment, this meal, this church family, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of Earth and citizens of the commonwealth of Heaven. Amen.**

Blessing

Celebrant: Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever.

Please stand as you are able.

Dismissal & Closing Song

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.**

Coffee is served today by Janice Dost.

Celebrant and Preacher next week The Rev. Chuck Christopher

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GUEST BOOK

We would love it if our guests would sign the guest book with your full mailing address. It is located in the lobby on the counter by the coffee bar.

UPCOMING SERVICES

August 11: The Rev. Chuck Christopher

August 18: The Rev. Roy Green

August 25: Pastor Erika Spaet

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICES

Harry Hamilton Celebration of Life on Wednesday, August 21, at 2:00 p.m., at SCF.

Terry Thomas Celebration of Life on Saturday, September 14, at 3:00 p.m., at SCF.

THANK YOU FROM CARE & SHARE

I want to thank all the members of Sunriver Christian Fellowship for all their donations of food & money throughout the years. These donations are some of what keeps Care & Share so successful and allows us to continue to provide nutritious food to the less fortunate in South County.

The nonperishable food items that your members bring in each month help to stock our shelves and fill the boxes that we give away each month. Even with the rise in the cost of food, we have been able to continue to fill the boxes we provide.

My sincerest thanks to all your members and I hope and pray that your members will continue to support Care & Share.

Sincerely,
Madeline Bednarek
President

SEPTEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: AUGUST 26

The previous newsletter was for both July and August, so there is no separate newsletter in August. The next one will be in September and the deadline for articles is August 26. Please email articles to Joan Lewis at 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 August 27th. All are welcome to attend.

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