

Welcome to
**Sunriver Christian
Fellowship**

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The Nineteenth Sunday
After Pentecost

September 29, 2024
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Pastor Robert Pearson, Celebrant & Preacher

Barbara Purcell , Lector

Donna Warner, Keyboardist

Linda Shearman & Carol Thomas, Song Leaders

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

Prelude *Prepare for worship.*

This Is My Father's World arr Mark Hayes

Donna Warner

Welcome/Announcements/Guests

Pastor Rob

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate CH #414, in Public Domain



1.O__ Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis dom_ from on high, O__
2.The_ Church from You dear Mas - ter, re - ceived the__ gift di - vine, and_
3.O__ make Your Church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of__ bur-nished gold to__

Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of__ our dark sky. We
still that light is lift - ed o'er all the__ earth to shine. It
bear be - fore the na - tions, Your true light,__ as of old. O

praise You for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page, a
is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea, a -
teach Your wan-d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace, till,

lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
mid the rocks and quick - sands, still guides, O Christ to Thee.
clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see You face to face.

Please be seated.

The Scripture Lessons

Barbara Purcell

A reading from the Book of *Isaiah* 42:5-9

Lector: Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I

have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Moment of Silence

Psalm 19:7-14 Please read responsively.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the Lord is sure
 and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- 8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
 the commandment of the Lord is clear
 and gives light to the eyes.
- 9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; *
 the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
- 10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
 sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- 11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
- 12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
 cleanse me from my secret faults.
- 13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
 let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound,
 and innocent of a great offense.
- 14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
 heart be acceptable in your sight, *
 O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

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

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Mark 9:38-50*

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

Lector: John said to him, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to

stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.” *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection:

Fields of Plenty/Be Still My Soul

Carolyn Pearson

R. Bennett; arr. V. Gill & B. Bannister

Sermon

Flavorful Faith

Pastor Robert Pearson

Please stand as you are able.

Response Song

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

FOG #677, CCLI Song #26997, License #1483194

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; we will

one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; and we
 walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; and to -
 work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; and we'll

pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - styored.
 geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
 guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.

And they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love, by our

love, yes they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love.

Please be seated.

Prayers of the People

Barbara Purcell

Lector: You are within us and among us, O Christ, as the one who is alive forever. In whatever circumstance we find ourselves, you are the one who holds the keys of new beginnings.

All: **There is no ending in the world, there is no fear nor despair in our hearts, that your living presence cannot unlock.**

Lector: You have taught us, O Christ, to love our neighbor as our self. You have taught us to see our neighbor as a part of our self. Let us recognize that within each of us are many resources you have entrusted for the purpose of serving those around us.

All: **Help us to be generous in self-giving.**

Lector: We lift up the peoples of Ukraine, Gaza, and Israel as war continues and peace-keepers are striving to achieve the difficult goal of peace and security for all. May humanitarian efforts be unhampered as they continue to minister to those suffering. Relieve the troubles of their hearts, particularly the young whose lives will be forever impacted by the devastation that surrounds them.

All: **Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Lector: Dear God, we bring our petitions for healing and strength for those whom we love: Curtis S., Brenda C., Jane B., Stacy P., Barbara B., Amy R., Judy S., Tina S., Joseph H., Robert M., Melissa J., Clair S., Dave & Katie R., Sheree, Jan M., Karin B., Carol W., Shirley C., Benjamin C., Carol D., Thomas W., 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., and those we mention now on our lips or in our heart. *(pause)* Place your healing hand upon them.

All: **Hear our prayer, O Lord.**

Lector: With grateful anticipation, we look forward to the soon arrival of our new pastor, Kally Elliott. We ask that your grace and strength overshadow her as she navigates her departure from her former ministry, through current academic work, and then beginning a new ministry at SCF, all within a relatively short period of time. Enable us to be helpful facilitators on her behalf as she assumes new responsibilities very soon. May we welcome her and her family with loving kindness and joy.

All: **Thank you Lord, for your gracious pastoral provision.**

Lector: O Christ, in whom the fullness of God dwells, you are deep within our lives and all life. In this place and this time, and in the depths of our own souls, we draw from the inner well of your love, that you might be in our world far more than we could ever ask or imagine.

All: **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

Amazing Grace arr. Mark Hayes

Donna Warner

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: **Gracious God, In this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table in remembrance of our Lord Jesus Christ. Now send us out to be your people in the world, and to proclaim and live out your truth this day and this week, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Song

We Are Called to Be God's People CH #415, CCLI Song #137367



1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show-ing by our lives His__ grace.
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, speak-ing for the truth and__ right.

One in heart and one in spir - it, sign of hope for all the__ race.
Stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice, bring - ing ev - il in - to__ light.

Let us show how He has changed us and re - made us as His own.
Let us seek the cour - age need - ed, our high call - ing to ful - fill,

Let us share our life to geth - er as we__ shall a - round His__ throne.
that we all__ may know the bless - ing of the__ do - ing__ of God's will.

Blessing & Dismissal

Celebrant: Continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! 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 Carol & Peter Holzer.

Celebrant next week: The Rev. Roy Green; **Preacher:** Bob Sessler

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.

STEWARDSHIP

God, as You protect and guide us on our journey, we, Your stewards, remain ever grateful for Your constant love. Amen.

CHILI FEED TODAY

Community Chili Feed, Sunday September 29th, 2024 at 5pm, here at SCF. All are welcome. Please RSVP at chili@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

The next Red Cross Blood Drive at SCF will be October 15th 10am - 4pm. Right now there is a dramatic shortage in the blood supply. If you are able to give it will be greatly appreciated. Please contact Vicki Udlock vudlock@gmail.com to schedule a time slot. We are also in need of two volunteers to help that day.

PASTOR KALLY'S FIRST WORK DAY IN THE OFFICE IS OCTOBER 7.

UPCOMING SERVICES

October 6: The Rev. Roy Green, Celebrant; Bob Sessler, Preacher
October 13: Pastor Kally Elliott
October 20: Pastor Kally Elliott

UPCOMING MEMORIAL SERVICE

Doug Gardiner Celebration of Life on Saturday, October 5, at 1:30 p.m. at SCF.

FURNISH HOPE DONATIONS:

The truck will be in the SCF parking lot on October 19 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Read the SCF newsletter for specifics about the organization, their needs, and the impact.

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS IS COMING!

Save the date, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16th at the SHARC, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OFFICE EMAIL ADDRESSES

The office is using our new email addresses. Please update them in your devices.
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.

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 October 22. All are welcome to attend.

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