

Welcome to
**Sunriver Christian
Fellowship**

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The Twenty-Third Sunday
After Pentecost

October 27, 2024
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Pastor Kally Elliott, Celebrant

Gene Bennington, Reader

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*

Alleluia arr. E.J. Lorenz

Rob & Mitzi

Welcome & Announcements

Kally

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Kally

Call to Worship

Celebrant: In a world that rushes by at breakneck speed,
All: **We gather to walk at the pace of love.**
Celebrant: In a society that often pushes people to the margins,
All: **We come to expand our circles of belonging.**
Celebrant: Where some see only brokenness and illness,
All: **We seek to recognize the wholeness in each person.**
Celebrant: As Jesus paused for those in need,
All: **May we truly see one another.**
Celebrant: In the spirit of Christ who brings wholeness,
All: **We open our hearts to those facing challenges.**
Celebrant: Remembering that healing happens together,
All: **We commit to walking alongside each other.**
Celebrant: In the presence of our patient and loving God,
All: **We gather to worship, to love, and to belong.**

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn Sing Twice **He Has Made Me Glad** W&P #54, CCLI Song #1493, License #148319



I will en ter His gates with thanks - giv - ing in my heart; I will en ter His courts with
praise.____ I will say "This is the day that the Lord has__ made!" I
will re - joice for He has made me glad. He has made me glad,



Please be seated.

Call to Confession

Celebrant: Beloved, we gather in the presence of a God who moves at the speed of love. A God who invites us to slow down, to notice, to be present. Let us take a moment to breathe deeply and consider: Where have we rushed past moments of connection? Where have we missed opportunities to truly see one another? Let us bring these reflections before our patient, loving God.

Prayer of Confession:

All: **Gracious God, we come before you with open hearts, acknowledging the ways we have rushed through life, often missing the beauty and connection that surrounds us. We confess that we sometimes overlook the simple moments that invite us to be fully present with one another. Forgive us for the times we have turned away from those who struggle, for the moments we have failed to offer our compassion and understanding. Help us to remember that true healing comes through friendship and community, where we can support one another in our journeys. Teach us to embrace the present, to savor each encounter as a sacred opportunity to share your love. May we learn to walk alongside those facing challenges, offering our presence as a gift of grace. In your mercy, make us whole. Amen.**

Assurance of God's Grace:

Celebrant: Beloved, hear this good news: God's love is not based on our perfection or performance. It embraces us in all our complexities—our joys, our struggles, and our moments of uncertainty. You are loved just as you are. In Christ, you are welcomed into a community that values your presence and your journey. Know that you are forgiven and made whole.

Please stand as you are able.

Passing of the Peace

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

All: **And also with you.**

Please be seated.

Psalm 126

Reader: When the Divine Lover enters the human heart,
all yearnings are fulfilled!
Then will our mouths ring forth with laughter,
and our tongues with shouts of joy;

Then will we sing our songs of praise
to You, O Beloved of all hearts.
For gladness will radiate out for all to see;
so great is your Presence among us.

Restore us to wholeness, O Healer,
like newborn babes who have never strayed from You!
May all who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy!
May all who go forth weeping tears of repentance, bearing seeds of Love,
Come home to You with shouts of joy, leaving sorrow behind

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

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark 10:46-52

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader: They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection

There is a Balm in Gilead arr. Jeff Wächter

Choir

Sermon

Kally

Please stand as you are able.

Response Hymn

Here I Am, Lord ELW #574, One License.net, A-740306



1.I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My peo - ple cry.
2.I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3.I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin, My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them, they turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone,
Fin - est bread I will pro - vide, till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send?_____
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?_____
I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?_____

Refrain



— Here I am, Lord._____ Is it I, Lord?_____



— I have heard You call - ing in the night._____



— I will go, Lord,_____ if You lead me._____



— I will hold Your peo - ple in my heart.

Please be seated.

The Prayers of the People

Reader: God of love and compassion, who moves at the speed of love,

All: **Hear our prayers as we seek to be present with one another.**

Reader: For those struggling with mental health challenges, feeling isolated or misunderstood,

All: **May we create spaces of belonging and walk alongside them with patience and understanding.**

Reader: For communities torn apart by conflict and violence, especially in Israel, Palestine, Ukraine, and here in our own country as we face an election,

All: **Help us to be peacemakers, moving gently toward reconciliation and healing.**

Reader: For those facing illness, injury, or disability, fearing the loss of who they are, we pray especially for Bruce, Barbara V., Steven G., 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., Andy E., Benjamin C., Carol D., Thomas W., Scott J., Lauren B., Patty & Al K., Dave & Nancy V., Carol F., Jennie F., Erik E., Lynne E., Betsy M., Amber F., Olivia L., and Aedan V.

All: **Remind us of your unfailing love that holds us in every moment of our lives.**

Reader: For our leaders and decision-makers, grappling with complex global issues,

All: **Grant them wisdom to move deliberately, considering the needs of all people.**

Reader: For our church, as we seek to be friends to those facing challenges,

All: **Guide us in creating a community where everyone is valued and missed when absent.**

Reader: For those affected by natural disasters and climate change,

All: **May we respond with compassion and work towards responsible stewardship of your creation.**

Reader: In the silence of our hearts, we lift up the burdens too heavy to voice, the struggles we carry in solitude.

All: **May your grace surround those unspoken prayers, bringing comfort and hope to all who are weary.**

Silent Prayer

Reader: God of grace, who knows us fully and loves us completely,

All: **Help us to slow down, to notice the sacred in each moment, and to love one another as you love us.**

Offertory

OLD HUNDREDTH arr. Thompson

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**

Please be seated.

Invitation to the Table:

Celebrant: Friends, we gather at this table not just as individuals, but as a community woven together by love and grace. Here, everyone is welcome, no matter where you are on your journey. This is a place where we can embrace our shared humanity, where each of us belongs. In this sacred space, we are reminded that we are not alone. We come together to support one another, to lift each other up, and to celebrate the unique gifts each person brings. Whether you feel strong or weary, certain or uncertain, know that you are valued and cherished here. As we partake in this meal, let us remember that we are invited into a deeper connection with one another and with God. Together, we find wholeness and healing in the act of sharing. Come, just as you are, and experience the love that binds us all.

Prayer

Celebrant: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the body and blood of Christ. As we share this meal, may we be made whole in body, mind, and spirit. Unite us with all who feel isolated or forgotten, and help us create a community where everyone truly belongs. Let us pray together the prayer Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup:

Sharing of the Elements:

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.

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant: Loving God, we thank you for this meal that nourishes our souls and binds us together. As we leave this table, may we carry your love into the world, moving at the pace of love and seeing the sacred in each person we meet. Amen

Blessing

Celebrant: As we prepare to step back into the world, may you carry with you the warmth of this gathered community. Remember that it's not about having it all figured out; it's about showing up for one another, even when life feels overwhelming.

May you find comfort in the simple acts of connection—the shared smiles, the knowing glances, the moments when you look someone in the eye and see their light. These are the moments that remind us we are not alone.

May you embrace the beauty of being present, savoring each encounter as a chance to affirm someone's worth. In a world that often rushes by, let us slow down and truly see one another. And when fear creeps in, when doubt tries to take hold, remember that healing happens in relationship.

Go now, knowing you are cherished just as you are. May peace and grace always accompany you. Amen.

Closing Hymn Sing Twice. ***The Lord Now Sends Us Forth*** ELW #538, OneLicense.net A-74030

The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give, to
make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain to
do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name; that
falls to you and me and all who are made free. Help
us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "The Lord Now Sends Us Forth" in G major (one sharp) and 2/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first two staves end with a double bar line and repeat dots. The third staff begins with a repeat sign. The sixth staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go now in peace.

All: **Alleluia!**

Coffee is served today by Ronda Floyd

Celebrant & Preacher next week: Pastor Kally Elliott

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

By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, one in service to all the world. Greatness comes from serving others one act of compassion at a time.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Sunriver Christian Fellowship blood drive last Tuesday. We were able to donate 21 pints of blood with 7 new donors. Please know how much your gift is appreciated! Our next drive will be Tuesday, January 14th.

WEAR YOUR NAME TAGS.

Let's keep wearing our name tags to help Kally and her family learn people's names.

UPCOMING SERVICES

November 3 - All Saints Sunday: Pastor Kally Elliott

"SAINTS" NAMES

As part of the "All Saints" worship service on November 3rd, those loved ones who have died since last year's All Saints Sunday on November 5, 2023, will be recognized. If you would like to have a loved one's name included in this remembrance, please send the name(s) to Joan in the church office by noon on Friday, November 1st, preferably by email, so we have the correct spelling of the name/s. officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

MONTHLY DINNER GROUPS

We are currently forming the monthly Dinner Groups. These groups are organized by the members, so they can be on days of your choice, lunches, brunches, dinners, teas, etc. They can be held in your home, meeting place, or restaurant. It is to form a fellowship group. See Alison Weatherhead after church, or call 916-730-4923, or email alisonwx@aol.com. Join the fun.

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS IS COMING!

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

WAGON OF WINE

Wagon of Wine is back as one of Visions of Sugarplums most sought after raffle prizes! So, we need to start collecting donations of your favorite wine, valued at \$20 or more. (Look for sales at Costco!) Please bring your donations to church as soon as you can. Our elves need to catalogue the wine so people know what a fantastic prize this is. Thank you in advance. We are looking for 50 bottles and we'll let you know when we reach our goal!

NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE WAS OCTOBER 26.

If you missed it, please send articles now to Joan Lewis:
officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

SCF MANAGING BOARD: Note change of date.

The SCF Managing Board meets monthly, normally on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at SCF, 1:30 p.m. Because of Thanksgiving, the next meeting is on Wednesday, November 20. All are welcome to attend.

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