

Welcome to
**Sunriver Christian
Fellowship**

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
In Celebration of
The First Sunday
In Lent

March 9, 2025
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Pastor Kally Elliott, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Carol Thomas, *Reader*

Sharon Krueger & Mitzi Putney, *Keyboardists*; Don Udlock, *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* **O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee** arr. Smith & Hustad

Welcome & Announcements

Kally

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Celebrant: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

All: **Who is my neighbor?
How can I help?
What do I have to learn?
Where is God in it all?**

Celebrant: Here in this place, we can ask big questions.

All: **So may we listen. May we learn.
May we stay curious, and may we look for God.**

Celebrant: This is our invitation to lean in. Let us worship our holy God.

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn Sing Twice **Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying**

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Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying". It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a keyboard accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal lines.

Please be seated.

Call to Confession

Celebrant: Our faith tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, but you and I know that is often easier said than done. Fortunately for us, prayer can be a tool for transformation. When we are honest before God and each other, we open the door to growth and change.

So, join me now in prayer, so that tomorrow, we will be even better at loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession:

All: **Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we get tripped up on logistics. Who counts as our neighbor? Do we really have to love the stranger? Must we show compassion to our enemy? Surely, there are exceptions. Forgive us when we try to shrink the boundaries of love. Rewire our hearts so that we might see the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass. And when we least expect it, surprise us—let the one we fear become our help, the one we resist become our friend. With hope we pray. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness

Celebrant: When we set limits on love,

All: **God loves extravagantly.**

Celebrant: When we forget that we are neighbors,

All: **God claims us as God's own.**

Celebrant: When we judge, hold back, or harm,

God surrounds us with grace.

Celebrant: There is nothing we can do or leave undone that could separate us from the love of God.

All: **This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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.

Scripture Readings

Carol

A reading from 1 John 3:11, 16-18

For this is the message you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. 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 deed and truth.

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

The Holy Gospel according to Luke 10:25-37

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader: An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection

I Exalt Thee

Bell Ensemble

Sharon Krueger, Linda Porter, Mitzi Putney, Jan Tuckerman, Jane Vakoc

Sermon

Kally

Please stand as you are able.

Response Hymn

I Saw a Stranger A. Strickland, R.V. Williams



I saw a stran - ger on the road in need of help and
I laid there des - perate by the road in need of help and
In our em - brace the mem - o - ry re - turned from E - den's

3



care No clues to their i - den - ti - ty, just hu - man
care As one by one they passed me by, too bu - sy
dust Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh, my kin whom



flesh laid bare A thought had flut - tered through my
or too scared Then one ap - proached and my first
I can trust The ar - ti - fi - cial walls we



mind: "Is this one of my own?" My tri - bal mind
thought was "Do they mean me harm?" To my sur - prise
build a - round the tribes we claim Make us for - get

14



made me for - get that they're bone of my bone
they met my eyes and held me in their arms
the gos - pel truth: "Be - lo - ved" is your name

Please be seated.

Affirmation of Faith

Celebrant: If God asked you, “Who is your neighbor?” What would you say?

All: **We would say,
every child, every person,
every weeping willow,
and every morning lark.
Every freckled face,
every wrinkled pair of hands,
every tail-wagging dog,
and every crisp ripe apple.
We would say,
we are connected—
to one another, to all of God’s creation.
There are no strangers in God’s house.
We are all family here.**

Celebrant: I think God would delight in that answer. For it is said,
“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

All: **with all your soul,**

Celebrant: with all your strength,

All: **with all your mind,**

Celebrant: and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

All: **We believe. Help our unbelief. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Reader: Holy and merciful God,

You see us as we are—prone to drawing lines, picking sides, deciding who is worthy of our love. And yet, you cross every boundary. You meet us in the ditch, bandage our wounds, and call us to do the same.

For the times we have passed by suffering because it was inconvenient—Lord, have mercy. For the moments we have failed to see our neighbor in the face of a stranger—Christ, have mercy. For the grace that surprises us—the enemy who becomes our help, the outsider who shows us the way—Lord, we give thanks.

We pray for our nation and our world, where division and fear so often dictate our steps. Where leaders seek power instead of peace. Where violence is chosen over mercy. Where suffering is ignored. Break open our hearts, O God, that we might work for justice, seek reconciliation, and dare to love beyond borders.

Make us people who risk love. Who stop. Who see. Who act. Who refuse to walk away. And when we are the ones left wounded on the side of the road, send us a neighbor who will not pass us by. This morning we especially lift up Jane B., Doris B., Dee H., Jett A., Roger & Billie M., Rachel & Mary, Lisa C., Jim A., Sharon B.,

Rich D., Roger S., Dianne, Bruce and Karen G., Barbara V., Curtis S., Tina S., Joseph H., Robert M., Melissa J., Dave & Katie R., Sheree, Jan M., Karin B., Andy E., Benjamin C., Carol D., Thomas W., Scott J., Lauren B., Al K., Carol F., Jennie F., Erik E., Lynne E., Betsy M., Amber F., Olivia L., and Aedan V.

We pray all this in the name of Jesus, who breaks down every dividing wall. Amen.

Offertory

As The Deer arr. P. Cota

Bell Ensemble

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, this is the table where the wounded find rest, and where no one is left in the ditch alone. And here, at this table, grace shows up. Not because we have earned it, not because we have arrived at some perfect state of faithfulness, but because Jesus meets us here, binding up our wounds, feeding our hungry hearts, and sending us out to love as we have been loved.

Come, you who have been left on the side of the road and you who have walked right past. There is room for you here. There has always been room for you here.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We Lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Holy God, you never pass us by.

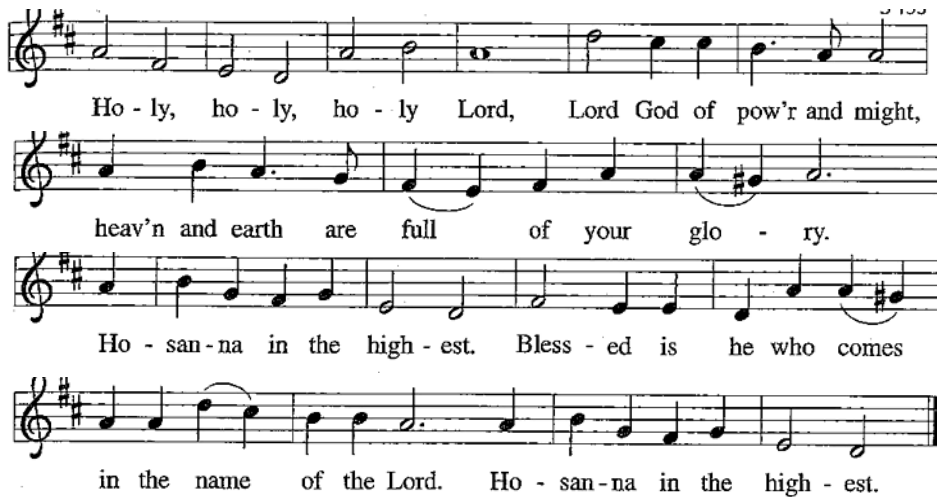
In love, you created us; in mercy, you redeem us.

When we were wounded, you knelt beside us.

When we were lost, you found us.

And so, with saints and strangers,

we join the unending hymn of praise:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon this bread and wine,
 that in this feast of grace
 we may be healed, nourished, and sent
 to love as we have been loved.

We pray now as your Son taught us saying...

**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

We serve communion by intinction, where you are invited to take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive the elements together. Gluten-free and individual sterile options are available.

Prayer after Communion

All: Jesus, you met us here, just as we are. Fed by your grace, held in your love,
 we go now to be good neighbors—to see, to stop, to care. Help us love like
 you do.
 Amen.

Blessing

Celebrant: As you leave this place, may you find God in every messy middle.

May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.

May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.

So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.

God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys, and everywhere in between.

Believe that good news and go in peace.

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Hymn Sing vs. 1, 2, 5 *Beauty for Brokenness* W&P #17, OneLicense.net, A-740306

1 Beau - ty for bro - ken - ness, hope for de - spair:
2 Shel - ter for fra - gile lives, cures for their ills,
3 Ref - uge from cru - el wars, ha - vens from fear,
4 Rest for the rav - aged earth, o - ceans and streams,
5 Light - en our dark - ness, breathe on this flame,

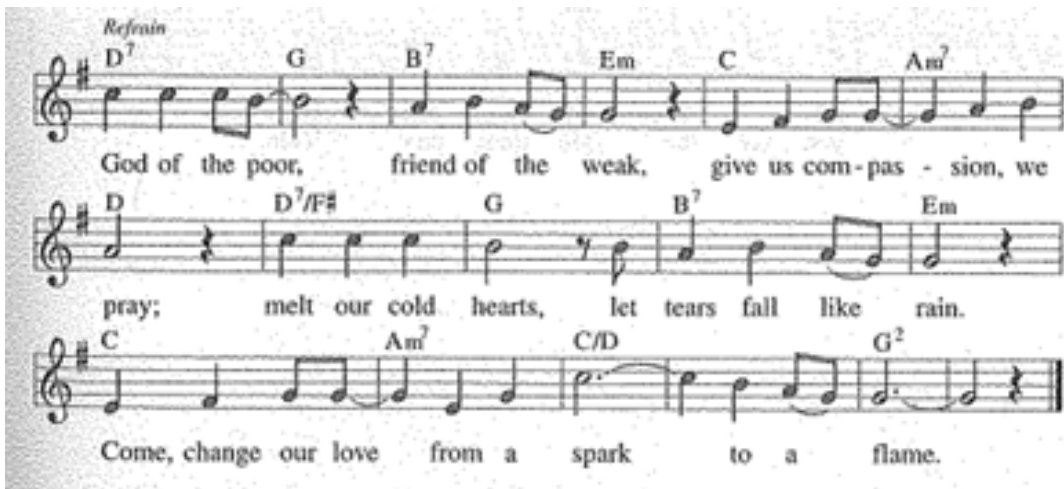
Lord, in the suf - fer - ing this is our prayer.
work for the crafts - men, trade for their skills;
cit - ies for sanc - tu - a - ry, free - doms to share;
plun - dered and poi - soned, our fu - ture, our dreams.
un - til your jus - tice burns bright - ly a - gain;

Bread for the chil - dren, jus - tice, joy, peace;
land for the dis - pos - sessed, rights for the weak,
peace to the kill - ing fields, scorched earth to green,
Lord, end our mad - ness, care - less - ness, greed;
un - til the na - tions learn of your ways,

sun - rise to sun - set your king - dom in - crease.
voice es to plead the cause of those who can't speak.
Christ for the bit - ter - ness, his cross for the pain.
make us con - tent with the things that we need.
seek your sal - va - tion, and bring you their praise.

Chords: G, D/F#, G7/F, C/E, Am7, D, Bm7, Em7, Em/A, D, B, Em, C, G, Bm7, C, Am7, D, G

Refrain



God of the poor, friend of the weak, give us com-pas - sion, we
 pray; melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
 Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace, with courage and joy.

All: **Alleluia!**

Coffee is served today by Linda and Stan Porter

Celebrant & Preacher next Sunday: 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS AT SCF

March 9	Sermon Talk-Back with Pastor Kally
March 13	Community Connections Group
March 16	Worship service – Pastor Kally
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March 20	Community Connections Group
March 23	Worship service – Pastor Kally
March 23	Sermon Talk Back with Pastor Kally
March 26	SR Area Community Potluck
March 27	Community Connections Group
March 30	Worship service – Pastor Erika Spaet
April 6	Wordhip service – Pastor Kally
April 13	Worship service: Palm Sunday – Pastor Kally
April 17	Maundy Thursday
April 18	Good Friday
April 20	Easter

WOMEN'S LUNCHEON GROUP

We're meeting at The Fold in Sunriver again Friday the 21st of March. Doors open at 11:30. The menu has a variety of items. You all are invited to the Women's Luncheon Group. It's been great fun getting to know more about each other. Lynnette

SING PRAISES!

Music is a powerful tool to spread the gospel.

Your church choir needs YOU!

Can you carry a tune? (with or without a bucket) No worries. We offer on the job training. You only need a willing heart.

Please, Come give it a try. Wednesday's rehearsal at 4:30-6pm in the sanctuary.

Contact: Kathy Bullock Kdoginsd@aol.com 858-353-8897

MISSION LEADERS NEEDED

Have you been looking for a way to serve SCF? We are looking for new leaders in the following areas: Eucharistic Visitors and Summer Church Picnic. If you are interested or if you have any questions please contact Barb Purcell at bpurcell@sunriverchristianfellowship.org. Thanks so much for considering.

2025 FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION SCF CAMPAIGN

The SCF Free Wheelchair Mission Campaign for 2025 is collecting funds during the Free Wheelchair Mission X2 Campaign. Every donation of \$96 from SCF will be matched so that your donation will end up giving two individuals free chairs. See the February and March SCF Newsletters for more information about this year's campaign. If you have questions, please see the newsletter or contact Stan Porter at slporter@crestviewcable.com or (503) 910-6915

NEW COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS GROUP

Looking to meet new people and enjoy fun activities? **Community Connections** is a new weekly gathering designed to bring neighbors together in a relaxed, welcoming space. Join us **Thursdays from 1:00–2:30 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at Sunriver Christian Fellowship.

Every other week, enjoy **BINGO with prizes**, and on alternating weeks, experience **guest speakers, live music, and games**. This is a free, non-religious event open to all, with light refreshments provided.

Hosted by **Pastor Kally Elliott, Sara Sather, and Lisa Schmidtke**, Community Connections is the perfect way to build friendships and feel more at home in Sunriver. No RSVP needed—just come as you are!

SCF HOODY SWEATSHIRTS AND T-SHIRTS

If you have not yet picked up your shirts, come see Joan with you cash or check and you can take your shirts home!

If you want to order any SCF sweatshirts or T-shirts, you can order directly on the website at <https://scf.deco-apparel.com>. you can order online at any time and pay with your card of choice. Nice and simple! You can also get information on material and sizing.

SUNRIVER AREA COMMUNITY POTLUCK

The next potluck will be on Wednesday, March 26.

To sign up for the potluck, please email: potluck@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

Volunteers needed to help with the various tasks to host the Potluck.

If you are attending, can you come early or stay late to help facilitate the event? Contact Mark McConnell mcconnell@me.com or in person to see what you might like to help with!!

APRIL SCF NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MARCH 26.

Please send articles to Joan Lewis: officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

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 March 25. All are welcome to attend.

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