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**Sunriver Christian**  
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The Holy Eucharist  
In Celebration of  
***Palm Sunday***

April 13, 2025

10 a.m.

# Sunriver Christian Fellowship

Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025, 10 a.m.: Order of Service

Pastor Kally Elliott, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Diana Gustavson, Reader

Mitzi Putney & Donna Warner, *Keyboardists*

Linda Shearman & Carol Thomas, *Song Leaders*

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*Please silence all cell phones*

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

**Prelude** *A time to prepare for worship.* **Lift High the Cross** arr. F. Bock

**Lighting of the Christ Candle and Blessing of the Palms**

Kally

*Celebrant:* Today, we begin a holy week.

We begin not with fanfare or spectacle, but with the quiet light of a candle and the waving of branches—reminders of a humble arrival.

This is how our King arrives—

not from the seat of power, but from the heart of love.

Not to demand loyalty, but to invite us into the way of peace.

**All: We hold these palms in our hands—  
symbols of joy and protest, of welcome and truth.  
The crowd waved them in hope.  
We hold them in longing.**

*Celebrant:* I invite you now to raise your palms, in body or in spirit. Let us bless them together:

**All: Hosanna, God of mercy!  
Bless these branches and bless us.  
Let them remind us that Jesus is a different kind of  
king—gentle and bold, weeping and brave.  
May we lay down whatever keeps us from following  
Him and rise to walk His road of love.**

*Celebrant:* As we light the Christ candle, we remember that Jesus is the Light the world didn't expect—a light of mercy, not might.

A light that enters even our darkest corners with compassion and courage.

May this flame guide our steps this week,

as we follow Jesus—

the humble King, the suffering servant,

the One who saves not by force,

but by love.

**All: Hosanna in the highest. Amen.**

**Call to Worship**

*Celebrant:* From the streets of Jerusalem to the quiet corners of our lives, Jesus arrives—gentle, riding on a donkey.

**All: We lift our voices in hope,  
for the One who comes in the name of the Lord.**

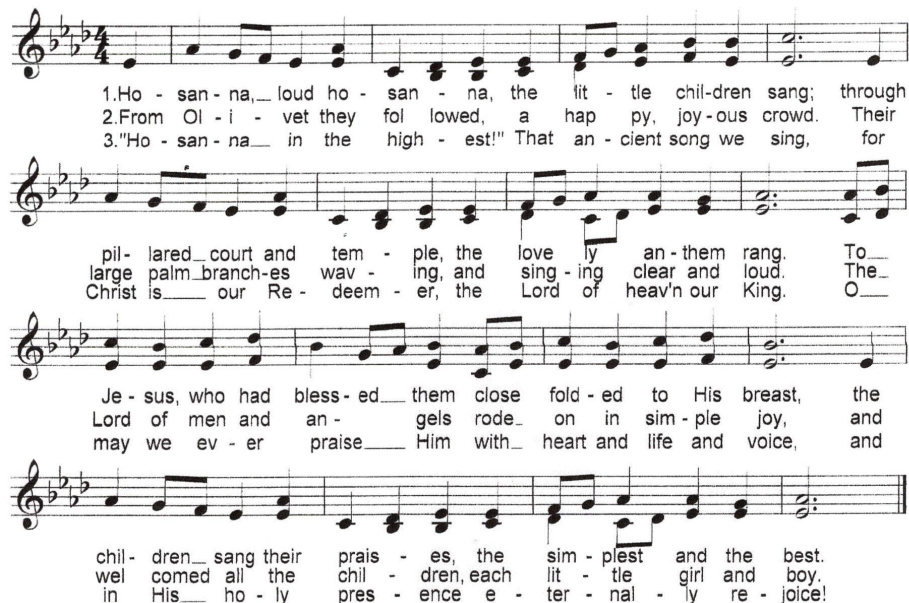
*Celebrant:* He comes not with sword or spectacle,  
but with compassion and tears for the world He loves.

**All: Let us welcome Him with worship.  
Let us follow Him with courage.  
Let us walk the way of peace. Hosanna in the  
highest!**

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Opening Hymn                      *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna***

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1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang; through  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol lowed, a hap py, joy - ous crowd. Their  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing, for  
pil - lared court and tem - ple, the love ly an - them rang. To the  
large palm branch - es wav - ing, and sing - ing clear and loud. The  
Christ is our Re - deem - er, the Lord of heav'n our King. O  
Je - sus, who had bless - ed them close fold - ed to His breast, the  
Lord of men and an - gels rode on in sim - ple joy, and  
may we ev - er praise Him with heart and life and voice, and  
chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
wel comed all the chil - dren, each lit - tle girl and boy.  
in His ho - ly pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joice!

*Please be seated.*

**Call to Confession**

*Celebrant:* Friends, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession.  
We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress.  
We tell the truth of our lives.  
We lay it all out before God.  
But this moment of prayer isn't just about us.  
In the prayer of confession, we also reveal who God is, and our  
God is merciful.  
Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace  
for us.

**Prayer of Confession**

**All: God of Hosannas and Heartache,  
we confess that we often choose safety over truth,**

**comfort over compassion, silence over courage.**

**Forgive us when we remain quiet  
to keep the peace that isn't real.**

**And forgive us, too,  
when we do speak—  
but speak without love,  
speak over our neighbors,  
or speak without listening first.**

**Forgive us when we tune our ears to the world's  
clamor—to society, to our friends, to the news—  
but not to You.**

**Forgive us when we raise our voices  
for status, for self-protection, for fear—  
but not for mercy or justice or grace.**

**We confess how easily we follow the crowd  
instead of following You.**

**Create in us a heart like Yours—  
gentle, listening, truthful, and brave.  
Amen.**

### Assurance of God's Grace

*Celebrant:* Beloved of God, hear this good news:  
Jesus does not wait for us to get it right—  
He rides straight into our mess with mercy,  
offering forgiveness, healing, and hope.

**All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God!**

### Passing of the Peace

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

**All: And also with you.**

### Scripture Readings

Diana

**A reading from the Book of Zechariah 9:9**

*Reader:* Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!  
See, your king comes to you;  
triumphant and victorious is he,  
humble and riding on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

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

**The Holy Gospel according to Luke 19:29-42**

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

**Reader:** When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it." Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

"Blessed is the king  
 who comes in the name of the Lord!  
 Peace in heaven,  
 and glory in the highest heaven!"

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out." As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, "If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.  
 The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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**Musical Reflection On That Day When He Rode Into Jerusalem** Choir  
 arr. J. Carter

**Sermon** Kally

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Response Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates** Sing vs 1,4,5  
 FOG #239, CCLI song #1325075

1 Lift up your heads, ye might-y gates: Be-hold, the King of  
 2 O blest the land, the cit-y blest, Where Christ the rul-er  
 3 Fling wide the por-tals of your heart: Make it a tem-ple,  
 4 Re-deem-er, come! I o-pen wide My heart to Thee: here,  
 5 So come, my Sov-ereign, en-ter in! Let new and no-ble

1 glo - ry waits! The King of kings is draw - ing  
 2 is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and hap - py  
 3 set a - part From earth - ly use for heaven's em -  
 4 Lord, a - bide! Let me Thy in - ner pres - ence  
 5 life be - gin! Thy Ho - ly Spir - it guide us

1 near, The Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 2 homes To whom this King of tri - umph comes!  
 3 ploy, A - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 4 feel: Thy grace and love in me re - veal  
 5 on, Un - til the glo - rious crown be won. A - men.

*Please be seated.*

**Affirmation of Faith**

**All: We believe that many years ago  
 a peaceful parade wove its way through the  
 streets of Jerusalem.  
 We believe that on that day  
 the people cried out,  
 longing and praying for a better world.  
 We believe that these longings  
 came from a place of deep hope,  
 and we believe that hope cannot be silenced.  
 So we listen for the Spirit.  
 We sing Hosanna.  
 We pay attention.  
 For in between the silence and the song,  
 we believe the Spirit is speaking.  
 Amen**

**Prayers of the People**

*As a church, we are holding in prayer those in our community who are sick, grieving, weary, or in need of God's presence. A full list of names is included in today's announcements, and we invite you to keep these individuals in your prayers throughout the week.*

*During worship, we will offer a collective prayer for all those in need, trusting that God knows each name, each need, and each heart. If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please contact the church office.*

*Reader:* Let us pray for the world Jesus came to save.  
God of Hosannas and Heartache,  
we lift before You a world in need of peace.  
For places torn by war and violence—

**All: bring comfort, bring justice, bring an end to suffering.**

*Reader:* For our nation, divided and weary—

**All: give wisdom to leaders, compassion to communities, and courage to those working for what is right.**

*Reader:* For those close to us—  
the sick, the grieving, the lonely, and the anxious—

**All: may Your gentle presence bring healing and hope.**

*Reader:* And for ourselves—

**All: give us eyes to see as You see,  
ears to hear Your voice,  
and hearts to follow You—  
even when the road is hard.**

*Reader:* In the name of Jesus,  
who rides toward the cross with love,

**All: Amen.**

### Offertory

### *The Palms* arr. F. Bock

*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:* On His way to the cross, Jesus paused for a meal—  
not with the powerful, but with His friends.  
He shared bread with those who would deny Him,  
poured wine for those who would fall asleep in the garden.  
This is the kind of King we follow.  
Not one who demands tribute,  
but one who gives Himself away in love.  
So come, not in strength, but in need, and be fed.

### 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:* It is right to give You thanks and praise, O God,  
for You do not arrive with fear,  
but with love worn into skin.

You sent Jesus to walk among us—  
to teach us peace, to welcome the forgotten,  
to ride humbly into the world's chaos..

Jesus, a different kind of king—  
gentle, merciful, and full of grace.

He welcomed the outcast,  
challenged the proud,  
and showed us what love looks like in action.

On the night before He gave Himself for us,  
He shared a simple meal with His friends—  
blessing bread and cup as signs of His life poured out.

So now, with gratitude, we remember His life,  
we proclaim His death,  
and we rejoice in His rising.

Pour out Your Spirit on these gifts of bread and cup,  
that they might be for us the presence of Christ—  
the One who carried our burdens  
and offered His life in love.

Make us one with Him and one with each other,  
and hear us now as we pray as He taught us to pray:

**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**

### Sharing of the Elements

*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: God of grace,  
we give You thanks for this meal of mercy.  
As we rise from this table,**



**may we rise in courage—  
 ready to speak love in a world that fears it,  
 to follow Jesus down the road less traveled,  
 to walk the way of peace.  
 Amen.**

**The Blessing**

*Celebrant:* Go now, beloveds of God:

not with the pride of those who think they know the way,  
 but with the humility of those who follow a donkey-riding Savior.

Go, not in fear, but in the quiet courage of Christ,  
 who weeps over the world and still believes it's worth saving.

Go, and may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit  
 guide your steps on this narrow, beautiful path of peace.

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Closing Hymn**

***All Glory, Laud and Honor*** FOG #249, In Public Domain

1 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem - er, King,  
 2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing Thee on high,  
 3 To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;

1 To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring:  
 2 And mor - tal men and all things Cre - at - ed make re - ply:  
 3 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise:

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;  
 3 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es— Ac - cept the praise we bring,

1 Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed one!  
 2 *Our praise and prayer and an - thems* Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.  
 3 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King! A-men.

**Dismissal**

Kally

*Celebrant:* Go in peace. Salvation is among us!

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Coffee is served today by Linda & Mike Gocke

**Celebrant next Sunday:** Pastor Kally Elliott

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRAYER NEEDS**

Please keep these people in your prayers: Lloyd S., Cliff R., Gina T., Jane B., Doris B., Jett A., Roger & Billie M., Rachel & Mary, Lisa C., Jim A., Sharon B., Rich D., Roger S., Dianne, Bruce and Karen G., 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

**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 AND EVENTS AT SCF**

- April 13, 10:00 AM Palm Sunday — Pastor Kally,
- April 13, 11:15 AM Sermon Talk Back — Pastor Kally
- April 17, 6:00 PM Maundy Thursday, — Pastor Kally
- April 18, 7:00 PM Good Friday — Pastor Kally
- April 20, 10:00 AM Easter Sunday— Pastor Kally
- April 27, 10:00 AM Worship service — Pastor Kally
- April 27, 11:00 AM Artists' Reception at SCF
- April 30, 5:30 PM Sunriver Area Community Potluck

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER**

We will be having a Maundy Thursday Soup Supper and Service on **April 17th at 6:00 p.m.** Please see Diana Gustavson to sign up so we know how many to prepare for. Thanks!

## **NANCY MCGRATH GREEN GALLERY**

A new art show opened on April 1 featuring the Plein Air Painters of Oregon. See the April newsletter for more information.

## **MOUNTAIN STAR 2025 DIAPER DRIVE**

The 2025 Diaper Drive provides needed essentials many Central Oregon families cannot afford. SCF was the leading contributor in Central Oregon in 2024. Collection of baby wipes, diaper sizes 4 thru 7, and pull-ups can be brought to SCF each Sunday in April. Please consider helping this critical organization and let's not allow SCF to lose its #1 collector position.

## **MASTERSINGERS**

The Central Oregon Mastersingers spring concert, "Music Down in My Soul!", is on Sunday, **April 27**, 2025 at 7:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Central Oregon, Skyline Ranch Rd, Bend. Free admission, suggested donation: \$20. This is truly beautiful music that lifts the spirit and soothes the soul. Please join us!

## **RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**

SCF is hosting a Red Cross blood drive on **April 29**, 2025 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. If you are able to give please visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) and enter Sunriver Christian Fellowship to schedule an appointment or call Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or send email to Steve Phares at [phares\\_7@msn.com](mailto:phares_7@msn.com).

## **SUNRIVER AREA COMMUNITY POTLUCK**

The next potluck will be on Wednesday, **April 30**, starting at 5:30 p.m.

**To sign up for the potluck**, please email:

[potluck@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:potluck@sunriverchristianfellowship.org).

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

## **FURNISH HOPE SCF COLLECTION OF FURNITURE AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS**

Kitchen, Living/Dining Room, Bedroom, and Miscellaneous Essentials (see SCF April Newsletter for list of acceptable items) can be dropped off at the SCF church parking lot on **May 3, 2025**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Pickup can be arranged by contacting

John Salzer [jSalzer@chamberscable.com](mailto:jSalzer@chamberscable.com) 521 420-1931

or Doug Vakoc [Doug@Vakoc.com](mailto:Doug@Vakoc.com) 541 390-3168 by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **SCF MANAGING BOARD**

The next meeting is April 22 at 1:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

## **SCAN TO DONATE**

We now have the ability to scan a QR code to donate. Simply scan the code and it will take you directly to the SCF donation page.



## **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

**Palm Sunday Service** – April 13, 10:00 a.m.

This service sets the stage for Holy Week

**Maundy Thursday Gathering** – April 17, 6:00 p.m. This includes a

Light supper and a reflective program, Eucharist,

There is no charge for the supper,

**but please sign up so we know how many to prepare for.**

Sign-ups will begin after Sunday services on April 6 and 13.

**Good Friday Service** – April 18, 7 p.m.

Seven presentations based on

Christ's "Seven Last Words" and reflective music.

**Easter Celebration Service** – April 20, 10:00 a.m.

Celebration in music and the Word of Christ's resurrection.

SCF Choir and Bells of Sunriver Special Music

A fellowship time follows the service.

A special "Easter gift" will be given to each family.

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