

Welcome to
Sunriver Christian
fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The Fourth Sunday after
Epiphany

February 1, 2026
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Kally Elliott, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Gene Bennington, *Reader*

Mitzi Putney, *Keyboardist*

Linda Shearman & Carol Thomas, *Song Leaders*

Please silence all cell phones.

Bells *The ringing of the bells calls us to worship and quiets our minds and voices.*

Prelude

Here I Am to Worship C. Tornquist

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Kally

Mission Moment

Stewardship

John Salzer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Celebrant: Come, all who are weary of the way things are. Come, all who long for something more just, more gentle, more whole. Come, you who are hopeful and you who are unsure. Come, you who are confident and you who are quietly carrying grief.

All: God is already here. God is already at work.

Celebrant: Let us worship the One who invites us to imagine another world,

All: and gives us the courage to live into it.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

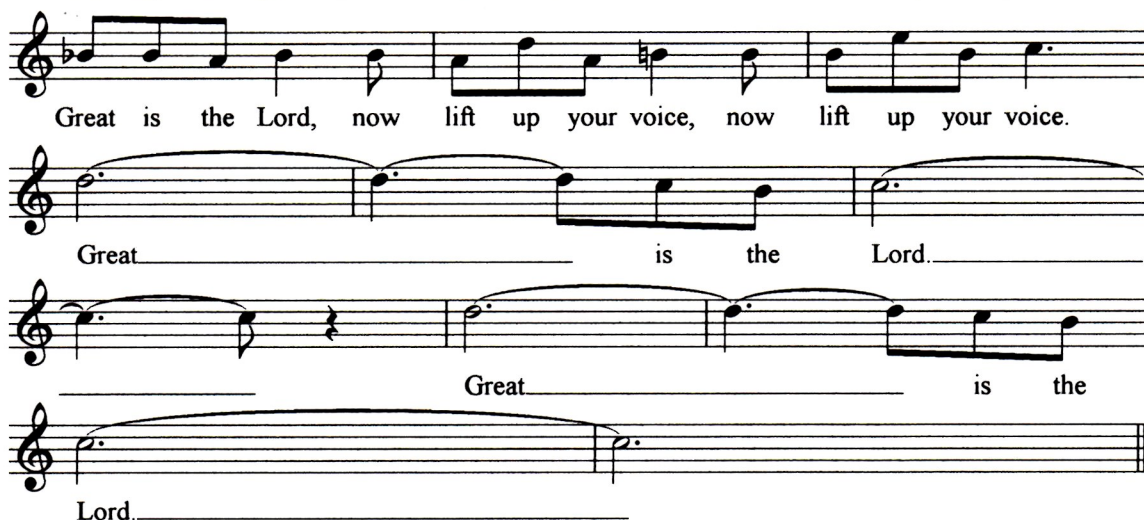
Opening Hymn

Great Is the Lord

Sing Twice

W&P #53, CCLI Song #1149, License #1483194

Great is the Lord, He is ho - ly and just, by His pow - er we trust in His
love. Great is the Lord, He is faith - ful and true, by His
mer - cy He proves He is love. Great is the Lord and
wor - thy of glo - ry. Great is the Lord and wor - thy of praise.



Call to Confession

Celebrant: God has already told us what is good: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with our God.

But it's easy to drift, to choose what is familiar instead of what is faithful, to value comfort over courage, to confuse being right with being loving. So, let us take a moment to turn back toward God, and toward the life God desires for us.

Prayer of Confession

All: **Faithful God, you have shown us what is good: to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with you.**

We admit that our imaginations can grow small.

We settle for what is familiar and stop expecting transformation. We accept the world as it is instead of trusting that you are doing something new. We lose sight of the wider horizon of your grace and focus instead on what feels safe or manageable.

So, we come to you honestly, asking for renewed vision.

Expand our imagination, O God. Help us see one another as you do. Help us trust that another way is possible. And guide us back into lives shaped by justice, kindness, and humble faithfulness. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Celebrant: Hear the good news: God meets us with mercy, not impatience. When our imagination grows small, God's does not. We are held in love and invited to begin again.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

Please be seated.

Scripture Readings

Gene

A reading from *Micah* 6:1-8

Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth,
for the LORD has a case against his people,
and he will contend with Israel

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt

and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the LORD.”

“With what shall I come before the LORD
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?

Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good,
and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice and to love kindness
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or in spirit for the reading of the Gospel.

The Holy Gospel according to *Matthew 5:1-12*

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Musical Reflection

Amazing Grace arr. K. Wissinger
Jane Vakoc - bell tree

Bell Ensemble

Sermon

Pastor Kally

Please stand in body or spirit.

Response Hymn

Blest Are They Sing vs. 1-3

WOV #764, One License Song #00022, A-740306



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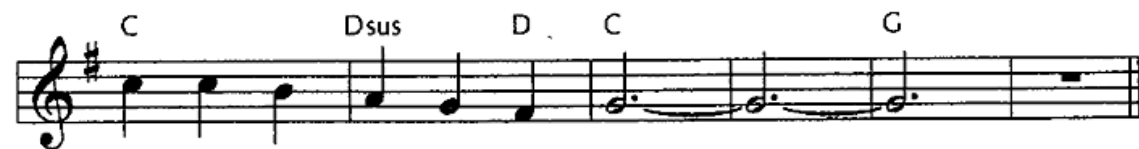
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ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

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: God of justice and compassion, we pray for the world as it is, and for the world you are still bringing into being.

Reader: We pray for places where fear has grown louder than trust, where power is used to dominate rather than protect, and where Scripture is bent to serve harm instead of healing.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who live with constant uncertainty: people without stable housing, families worried about medical care, workers stretched thin, and those who feel unseen or expendable.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for this region we love, for land and water, forests and wildlife, for those living with the effects of wildfire, drought, and rising costs, for neighbors who are aging, grieving, or quietly lonely.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for leaders at every level, for wisdom without arrogance, for courage without cruelty, and for decisions shaped by justice and compassion.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for ourselves. That our imagination would grow larger than our fear. That we would practice kindness even when it costs us. That we would walk humbly, trusting you to do more than we can see.

All: God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Reader: We offer all these prayers, spoken and unspoken, in trust that you are already at work.

All: Amen.

Offertory

Simple Gifts arr. J. Carter

Please stand in body or spirit.

Offertory Response

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low;
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit One. Amen.**

Please be seated.

Invitation to the Table:

Celebrant: This is Christ's table, set for imagining a different way of living. Here, the poor are welcomed, the grieving are held, and mercy matters.

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: Faithful God, we give you thanks for this table and for the life you make visible here.

In a world shaped by competition and fear, you set a table shaped by grace. Here, the poor are welcomed. Here, the grieving are held. Here, the gentle are given room. Here, mercy matters.

We remember Jesus, who gathered people around ordinary tables, who broke bread, shared stories, and showed us what love looks like when it isn't held back.

As we share this bread and this cup, meet us in our hunger, strengthen our hope, and form us for lives marked by justice, kindness, and humble faithfulness.

And now, trusting in your mercy, we 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

We serve communion by intinction. 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: **Gracious God, thank you for meeting us at this table. As we go, let this meal shape how we live with mercy, justice, and humility.
Amen.**

Please stand in body or spirit.

Closing Hymn

Blest Are They WOVS #764

Sing vs. 4 & 5



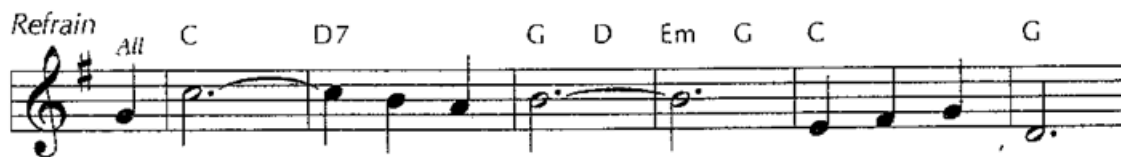
1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
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Benediction

Coffee is served today by Nancy Ferrell

Next Sunday, February 8: Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Dr. 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.

PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep these people in your prayers: John W., Tom B., Lori, Sandy G., Bob C., Alice H., Chris Y., Courtney and the Hall family, Carol M., Bonnie G., Whitney M., Nancy J., Marvin P., Woody K., Lloyd S., Cliff R., Gina T., Jett A., Rachel, Sharon B., Rich D., Dianne, Curtis S., Melissa J., Dave & Katie R., Sheree, Karin B., Andy E., Carol D., Thomas W., Scott J., Lauren B., Carol F., Jennie F., Erik E., Lynne E., Betsy M., Amber F., Olivia L., and Aedan.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS AT SCF

February 1	10:00 AM	Worship Service
February 8	10:00 AM	Worship Service
February 8	11:30 AM	Capital Campaign Celebration—Lunch provided
February 15	10:00 AM	Worship Service
February 15	11:30 AM	Lutheran Annual Meeting
February 18	5:00 PM	Ash Wednesday Taize Service
February 22	10:00 AM	Worship Service

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN CELEBRATION

The 5-year Capital Campaign, to purchase and renovate our building, was completed in December and it is time to gather and celebrate our collective accomplishment. Please join your fellow congregants in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service on

February 8. Lunch will be provided and a brief summary of 2021-2025 accomplishments will be presented. The event will completed by approximately 1:00 PM to allow attendees to participate in Superbowl activities later in the afternoon.

Please add your name to the sign-up sheet in the coffee area today.

ATTENTION ALL LUTHERAN MEMBERS!

The annual meeting of the Lutheran Members of SCF will be held on **Sunday, February 15th** right after church (in either the fellowship hall or the east room, depending on which space is available. Announcement will be made that day). Please mark your calendars!

Please consider attending this short meeting. We will review contributions to the Oregon Synod for the prior year and for the upcoming year. Other business includes choosing delegates for Oregon Synod Assembly and election of officers.

Questions? Contact Susan Kenney sskfour@gmail.com

FIBER, FABRIC AND STORY CONTINUES

If you haven't yet, be sure to spend some time in the Nancy McGrath Green Gallery. Fiber, Fabric and Story has some fun surprises – including a piece of art that comes alive via a QR code. (Wonder what that means? Turn left when you leave the sanctuary.) The gallery is also open weekdays, 1 – 4 p.m.

FLOWERS FOR 2026

February 8th and all of March except March 22nd are open and available for flowers for the sanctuary.

If you would like to sign up to bring flowers, please contact Joan Lewis at officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org. Thank you!

NOTE: Carol Holzer has loaned SCF a vase for people to use for the Sunday flowers if they don't have one. It is 14 inches tall and the top is 6 inches wide. It is in Joan's office.

RESERVATIONS FOR HUNTER NOACK CONCERT

We are pleased to announce a Scholarship Fundraiser Reservation Event benefiting the Three Rivers Elementary School Scholarship Program.

Please join us for a special afternoon featuring a piano concert by Hunter Noack whose performance will help support educational opportunities for our students.

Event Details:

- Date: March 8, 2026
 - Time: 2:00 PM
 - Featuring: Hunter Noack, Piano Concert
- ⇒ Seating is limited — reservations are required.

How to Reserve:

Please email scholarships@sunriverchristianfellowship.org with the following information:

- Your name
- Phone number
- Number of people attending

Minimum donation: \$40 per person

Your generosity directly supports the Three Rivers Elementary School Scholarship Program, helping students access the education they deserve. We look forward to sharing this inspiring musical afternoon with you.

Thank you for your support!

MANAGING BOARD

The SCF Managing Board meets monthly at SCF at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is on **February 24**. All are welcome to attend.

SCAN TO DONATE

Simply scan the code and it will take you directly to the SCF donation page.



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