

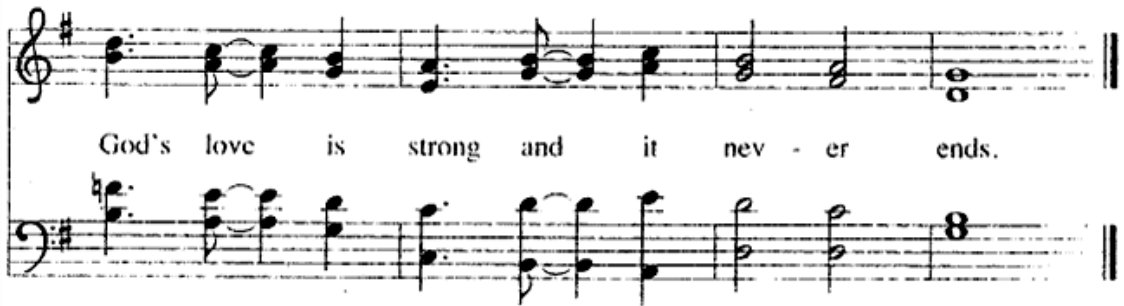
Welcome to
Sunriver Christian
fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The Fourth Sunday in
Lent

March 15, 2026
10 a.m.



Call to Confession

Celebrant: Every week we pray the Prayer of Confession, because every week we need to be reminded of God's abundant grace. Every week we need to be reminded of God's love. Every week we need to be reminded that we too can grow and change. So, join me in this moment of honesty as we seek transformation. Friends, let us pray:

Prayer of Confession & Words of Forgiveness

(Includes scripture verses from Leviticus 19:33, Matthew 5:9, Deuteronomy 24:21, Matthew 19:14, and Isaiah 43:1.)

Celebrant: God said, "When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them."

All: **Holy God, we confess that we have sometimes closed our hearts to those who are new, different, or vulnerable among us.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

All: **We confess that we do not always choose the path of peace. Fear and anger sometimes shape our words and actions.**

Celebrant: God said, "When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the immigrant, the orphan, and the widow."

All: **We confess that we sometimes hold tightly to what we have instead of trusting that there is enough to share.**

Celebrant: Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them."

All: **We confess that we sometimes overlook the vulnerable and fail to make room for those who most need care.**

Celebrant: Hear the good news. God also says,

All: **"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine." By God's grace and deep care for us, we are forgiven, claimed, and loved. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

Please be seated.

Scripture Readings

Carol

A Reading from *Deuteronomy 24:17-22*

“You shall not deprive a resident alien or an orphan of justice; you shall not take a widow’s garment in pledge. Remember that you were a slave in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you from there; therefore I command you to do this.

“When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the LORD your God may bless you in all your undertakings. When you beat your olive trees, do not strip what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow.

“When you gather the grapes of your vineyard, do not glean what is left; it shall be for the alien, the orphan, and the widow. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt; therefore I am commanding you to do this.

The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

The Holy Gospel according to *Matthew 19:13-15*

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader: Then children were being brought to him in order that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples spoke sternly to those who brought them, but Jesus said, “Let the children come to me, and do not stop them, for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.” And he laid his hands on them and went on his way.

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Musical Reflection

Without Love...We Have Nothing arr. J. Martin
Vocal Choir directed by Kathy Bullock

Sermon

Pastor Kally

Please stand in body or spirit.

Response Hymn

See the Precious Children

Anna Strickland, A Sanctified Art



See the pre-cious chil-dren seat-ed on the lap of Christ our Lord
See the pre-cious wi-dowed wo-men glean-ing har-vests from the field
See the pre-cious for-eign stran-gers as they car-ry all they own
See the pre-cious dis-poss-essed ones ask-ing for some food to eat
See the pre-cious world im-pov-erished by our ma-lice and our greed



Called the great-est in the king-dom, held so gent-ly and a-dored They
Then re-turn-ing to their kit-chen to pre-pare their dai-ly meal They
To a land that's full of dan-gers for the pow-er-less and prone They
Sleep-ing un-der star-ry heav-ens, dai-ly liv-ing on the streets They
Hu-mans, a-ni-mals, and pla-net cry-ing out for some re-lief We're



are pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ti-ny toe In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who holds their bro-ken hearts In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who made their home-land, too In their
are pre-cious in the sight of God who loves them as a child In their
all pre-cious in the sight of God who made each ho-ly thing In our



weak-ness they're held by love as each day they learn and grow
sor-row they're held by love that re-deems each fra-gile part
jour-ney they're held by love as they start each day a-new
hun-ger they're held by love as they guard their hu-man pride
liv-ing we're held by love as we care for ev-ery being

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: Jesus of Nazareth, you loved without abandon. You loved your disciples, with their questions and their stumbling mistakes. You loved the children, with their runny noses and their easy joy. You loved the widows and the immigrants, with their heartbreak and their dreams for a better tomorrow. You loved the tax collectors and the outcasts, who longed for belonging. You loved like it was easy.

All: We wish we were more like that.

Reader: So, today we lift before you the vulnerable in our community, the ones you loved so quickly.

All: Today we pray for immigrants in our land, for those running from fear and longing to give their children a better life. We pray for single parents, stretching themselves thin to care for the little ones they love. We pray for those living below the poverty line, unsure where their next meal will come from. We pray for those who live in fear because of the color of their skin, the way they dress, or the person they love. We pray for those bent beneath the weight of depression, anxiety, or addiction.

Reader: And today we pray for all those caught in the violence of war. For those living where bombs fall, homes are destroyed, and families live in fear, especially in the Middle East and in every place where conflict steals safety and hope. We pray for children growing up surrounded by violence instead of peace. We pray for the wounded, the grieving, the displaced, and the weary.

All: And we also pray for those whose hearts and minds have been captured by the lie that violence will save us, for those who believe hatred brings strength, for those who cheer destruction and call it victory, for those who still believe that an eye for an eye will heal the world.

Reader: God of peace, soften hardened hearts.

All: Disarm our fears. Turn us again toward the difficult work of reconciliation. Teach us to follow Jesus, who came not to destroy enemies but to reconcile the world to you and to one another.

Reader: Comfort your people, O God. Wrap your arms around us. And as you hold us in your mercy, bend our hearts toward love and move us toward compassion.

Until the day when all are cared for and all are seen, this will be our prayer. And now we join our voices together in the prayer 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**

Offertory

Worthy Is The Lamb arr. P. Mickelson & D. Wrytzen

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: When parents brought their children to Jesus, the disciples tried to send them away, but Jesus said, "Let them come. Do not stop them. God's kin-dom belongs to people like these."

This table works the same way. At this table we remember that every one of us was once a child, held together by the care of others. At this table we remember the One who loves us into being.

So, come. Come as you are. God's kin-dom belongs to people like you.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: God of love,

You created a world where every life is meant to be cherished. You gave your people laws that protected the widow, the orphan, and the immigrant, reminding them to remember their own vulnerability.

When the world forgot how to care for one another, you came among us in Jesus.

He welcomed the children. He noticed the overlooked. He ate with the outcasts. He taught us that your kingdom belongs to those the world pushes aside.

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered his friends at a table like this one.

He took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Every time you eat, remember me."

Then he took the cup and said: "This cup is the new covenant in my love, poured out for you and for all."

And so, we remember him.

Pour out your Spirit upon this bread and this cup, and upon us gathered here, so that in sharing this meal we may become a people who make room for others, a people who love as we have been loved.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, we give you thanks.

All: 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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of grace, Thank you for meeting us at this table. You have fed us with love, reminded us that we belong, and strengthened us for the work of compassion. Send us now into the world to care for the vulnerable, to welcome those who feel unseen, and to love others into being. May our lives reflect the generosity of this table. In Christ's name we pray.

Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Closing Hymn

Go in Peace and Serve the Lord W&P #46, One License

Go in peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day. Go and
 tell gos - pel news ev - 'ry where. Go in
 peace and serve the Lord. God is call - ing you to - day to
 1. bring_ truth and love to ev - 'ry na - tion. Go in na - tion.
 2.

Benediction

Coffee is served today by Linda & Stan Porter

Next Sunday, March 22: Celebrant & Preacher: Pastor Barry Heath

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.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

A Lenten Devotional booklet is available in both regular print and large print. They are on the coffee counter and on the little round table with the four blue chairs in the lobby

PRAYER NEEDS

Please keep these people in your prayers: Karen Newcomb's family, 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

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| March 15 | 10:00 AM - Worship service, Pastor Kally Elliott |
| March 17 | 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Red Cross Blood Drive |
| March 19 | 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM, Youth Group (for the young at heart!) |
| March 22 | 10:00 AM - Worship service, Pastor Barry Heath |
| March 29 | 10:00 AM - Palm Sunday worship service, Pastor Barry Heath |
| April 2 | 5:00 PM to 7 PM - Maundy Thursday Soup Supper, Pastor Kally |
| April 3 | 7:00 PM to 8 PM - Good Friday Service, Pastor Kally |
| April 5 | 10:00 AM - Easter Celebration Service, Pastor Kally |

2026 FREE WHEELCHAIR MISSION SCF CAMPAIGN

The SCF Free Wheelchair Mission Campaign for 2026 is collecting funds during the Free Wheelchair Mission X2 March Campaign. Due to rising costs and an improved design, the donation needed to provide one wheelchair, effective March 1st, is \$108. See last Friday's newsletter for more details. Every donation of \$108 from SCF will be matched so that your donation will end up giving two individuals a free chair. Please mark your checks with Wheelchair on the memo line. If you have questions, please contact Stan Porter at lind.porter@gmail.com or (503) 910-6915

MAUNDY THURSDAY SOUP SUPPER

As we look forward to the coming of Easter, you are invited to join us for a Soup Supper on **Thursday, April 2**, in Fellowship Hall. The intent of the evening is to commemorate the Last Supper with an evening of soup (pasta fagioli & tomato) and bread, scripture, and communion. Lemonade and water will be provided. If you would prefer to have something else to drink, you are welcome to bring your own. The evening will begin at 5:00 pm. Please let us know if you plan to attend by 1) signing up at church, or 2) online at jlong@sunriverchristianfellowship.org. We would ask that you RSVP by Monday, March 30th, in order that we may prepare for the correct number of guests.

YOUTH GROUP (FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART!)

Thursday, March 19 | 4:30–7:00 p.m.

Home of Mary and Dan Pahl

Their address is 3 Hummingbird Lane. Zip code is 97707

Join us for soup and bread and good conversation. Please BYOB.

This "Youth Group" is for anyone young in spirit who would like to meet new people, laugh a little, and get to know the folks you see on Sundays but haven't quite worked up the courage to talk to yet.

We say we go until the last person is standing, but realistically, we usually wrap up around 7pm because we may be young in spirit but we still like an early bedtime. Come join the fun!

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The memorial service for Karen Newcomb is scheduled for **Sunday, April 12**, at 2:00 PM. It will be in the SCF Sanctuary. A reception is being planned for after the service.

OUR DAILY BREAD

The Our Daily Bread booklets for March through May have been ordered and will arrive in about 2 to 3 weeks. In the meantime, you can read the current devotions at odbm.org/devotionals.

There are also the Lenten Devotional books, "Tell Me Something Good" that are on the coffee counter and the little round table in the lobby.

BLOOD DRIVE

SCF is hosting a blood drive on **March 17** from 10AM -3PM. If you are able to give, please visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter Sunriver Christian Fellowship to schedule an appointment. You can also call Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or send an email to Steve Phares at phares_7@msn.com.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date! On **Sunday, April 19th** you are invited to our spring **SCF dinner!** Details to follow (think Mexican!).

FLOWERS FOR 2026

If you would like to bring flowers for a worship service, please contact Joan Lewis at officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org. to schedule a date. Thank you for making our worship space beautiful and meaningful!

MANAGING BOARD

The SCF Managing Board meets monthly at SCF at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is on **March 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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