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Fellowship**

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The Holy Eucharist  
in Celebration of  
The Third Sunday  
of Easter

April 19, 2026  
10 a.m.

# Order of Service

The Rev. Roy Green, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Barb Purcell, *Reader*

Mitzi Putney & Donna Warner, *Keyboardists,*

Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

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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*      **Majesty** arr. F. Bock

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Roy

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Opening Words

**Celebrant:** Welcome to God's holy house.

**All:**      **House of prayer for many nations; home to all who come.**

**Celebrant:** Welcome to this gathering place.

**All:**      **Friend and stranger, saint and sinner, all who gather here.**

**Celebrant:** Come with hope or hesitation; come with joy or yearning: all who hunger, all who thirst for life in all its fullness.

**All:**      **Generous God and generous Savior, touch us through your Spirit.**

## Opening Hymn

### *Gather Us In*

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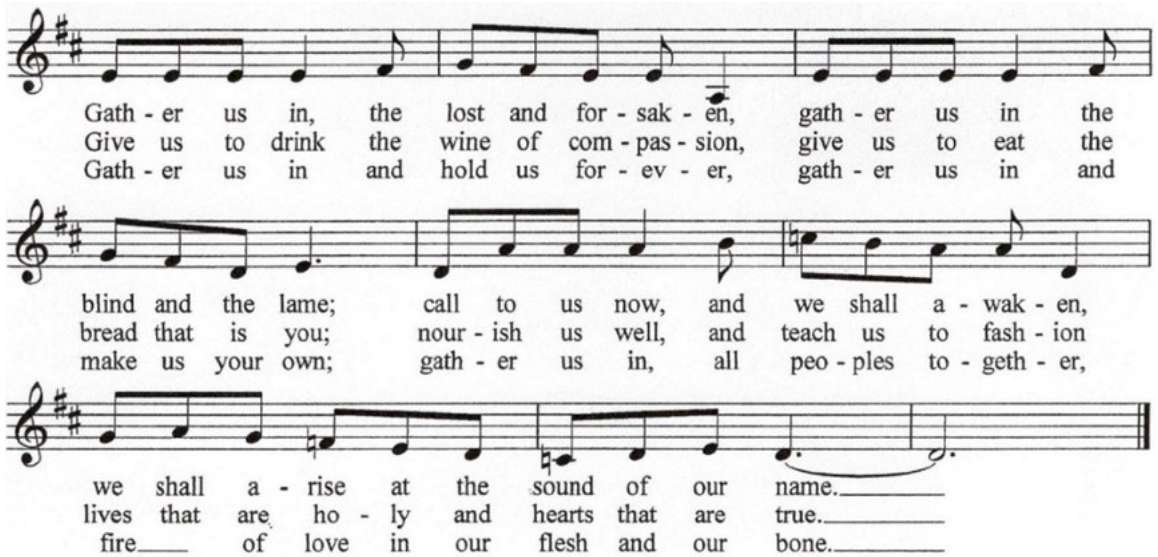
1. Here in ~ this place, — new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness  
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the  
4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way. See in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,  
light years a - way, here in this place the new - light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day. \_\_\_\_\_  
call us a - new to be salt for the earth. \_\_\_\_\_  
now is the king - dom, and now is the day. \_\_\_\_\_



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in the  
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the  
Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and  
blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,  
bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion  
make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,  
we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.  
lives that are, ho - ly and hearts that are true.  
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

## The Confession

**Celebrant:** Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

**All:** **May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.**

**Celebrant:** Amen.

**All:** **Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: to the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world.**

**Celebrant:** May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

**All:** **Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Move among us, O God; and fill us with your Spirit.

**All:** **Let your people rejoice in you.**

**Celebrant:** Give us again the joy of your help.

**All:** **With your spirit of freedom sustain us.**

**Celebrant:** Now let us hear and receive the Word of God.

*Please be seated.*

## The Scripture Lessons

Barb Purcell

**Reader:** **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:14a,36-41**

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. *The Word of the Lord.*

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*A Moment for Meditation*

**Psalm 121** *Please read responsively.*

- 1 I lift up my eyes to the hills—  
from where will my help come?
- 2 **My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.**
- 3 He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.
- 4 **He who keeps Israel  
will neither slumber nor sleep.**
- 5 The LORD is your keeper;  
the LORD is your shade at your right hand.
- 6 **The sun shall not strike you by day,  
nor the moon by night.**
- 7 The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
he will keep your life.
- 8 **The LORD will keep  
your going out and your coming in  
from this time on and for evermore.**

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

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *Luke 24:13-35***

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, “What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?” They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, “Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?” He asked them, “What

things?” They replied, “The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.” Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread. *The Gospel of the Lord*

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

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*Please be seated.*

**Musical Reflection**

***Every Time I Feel The Spirit*** arr. Jack Schrader  
Vocal Choir Directed by Kathy Bullock

**Sermon      *How Will You Answer When Your Great-Grandchildren Ask...?***

*Please stand as you are able.*

**Response Hymn**

***This is My Song*** ELW #887, OneLicense

1. This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,  
3. This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king doms,



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.  
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;  
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;  
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing  
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.  
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

*Please be seated.*

### **The Prayers of the People**

**Reader:** Blessed God, pray with us, pray for us, pray within us, and though our words be clumsy and our thoughts unfinished, accept them as simple gifts of desiring hearts.

God, in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** As you walked unrecognized with your friends on the road to Emmaus, bless our courage and inspire our compassion as we seek to welcome neighbors we do not know, or do not recognize, or do not honor. Give us grace to see in them a glimpse of your face, and remember times when we may have walked alone, unrecognized.

God, in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** Show us the road to freedom begins in forgiveness, that we may pray for those who trouble us, bear less and less malice until we are truly clean, and not become bitter when others do not meet us in reconciliation.

God, in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We lift up those in our parish family who need healing and consolation (*a moment for reflection*). Particularly, we give thanks for Pastor Kally and pray for her continuing recovery. And In humility, we remember the people of Ukraine and the Middle Eastern nations, any place torn by violence and destruction, that those in power may find ways to bring peace to our troubled world.

God, in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** We bless you for angels among us, those recognized and those unsung (*a moment for reflection*). Encourage us to resist the urges and pressures which lead to anxiety, and lay upon us the garment of trust and the song of a gentle heart.

God, in your mercy...

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**Reader:** And so with you, Risen Christ, we go forward from one discovery to another. As we try to find out what you want from us, our lives open up to the Holy Spirit, who brings to fulfillment in us things we did not even dare hope for.

In you, O Christ, our resurrection has already begun.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **Sharing of Peace**

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

**All: And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

### **Offertory**

***New 23rd*** arr. J. Schrader

*Please stand as you are able.*

### **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.**

### **The Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** Beloved, the table of Holy Communion is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor

of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of our fellowship, symbol of the promise that we belong and are welcome.

So come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have ever felt excluded and you who have always felt at home; you who have followed Jesus, and you who are new to the journey.

Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*(a moment of silence)*

On the night of your arrest, Blessed Jesus, you took bread, and having given thanks, you broke it and gave it to your disciples, saying, "This is my body, given to you."

Then later, after the meal, you took a cup of wine, gave thanks and said, "In the sharing of this cup is the new relationship with God. Drink this, all of you, to remember me."

**All: Loving God, through your goodness we have these gifts of bread and wine to offer, which Earth has given and human hands have made. May we know your presence in the sharing of this bread, so that we may know your touch in all bread, all matter. We celebrate the life Jesus has shared through the centuries and shares with us now. Made one with Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts, and with them, ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice. Amen.**

**Celebrant:** Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us, and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine, which we now receive, are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bones, heart of your heart, loving and caring in the world.

As Jesus taught his disciples, let us pray together:

**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.**

### The Fraction

**Celebrant:** Beloved, the Body of Christ is given for the life of the world. Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine and Spirit. The gifts of God for the people of God.

### Communion

*We ask that you respect the need for silence during the distribution of Holy Communion.*

*Please be seated.*

### The Distribution

*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.*

Please stand as you are able.

## Thanksgiving after Communion

**Celebrant:** In the end as in the beginning, God is God:

**All:** **Loved by us, desired by us, praised by us, served by us.**

**Celebrant:** Filling the folk with the gifts of the Spirit

**All:** **Making us whole for the good of the Earth.**

**Celebrant:** For bread and wine, for this good place and this time,

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Celebrant:** For the peace we are promised which the world cannot destroy,

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

**Celebrant:** For the hope of heaven and the final song of joy,

**All:** **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

## The Blessing

**Celebrant:** May all that is unforgiven in you be released.

May your fears yield their deepest tranquilities.

May all that is un-lived in you blossom into a future filled with love,

And may the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, make you whole and set you free.

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

## Closing Hymn

### *One Bread One Body* W&P #111, One License

Refrain G C/G GM<sup>7</sup> C/G G D Em B

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;

Em D G Em A D D<sup>7</sup>

one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and

G C/G GM<sup>7</sup> C/G G D Em B

we, though man-y through-out the earth,

Em D G Em A D G C/G G

we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
 2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
 3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,

wom - an or man, no more.  
 one in the Lord of all.  
 gath - ered to one for all.

### Dismissal

**Celebrant:** Alleluia. Alleluia. Let us go now in peace, to walk with Jesus while we have time.

**All; Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Coffee is served today by Vicki & Don Udlock.

**Celebrant & Preacher next week:** The Rev. Roy Green

## 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: Kally E., Carol T., Jann P., Lori, Sandy G., Bob C., Alice H., Chris Y., Courtney and the Hall family, Carol M., Bonnie G., Whitney M., Nancy J., Marvin P., 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

April 19 10:00 AM - Worship service, Pastor Roy Green  
 April 19 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM - SCF Mexican dinner **TODAY**  
 April 23 4:30 PM - Youth Group - See article below.  
 April 26 10:00 AM - Worship service, Pastor Roy Green  
 May 3 10:00 AM - Worship service, Pastor Kally

## **FLOWERS FOR TODAY**

Sunflowers represent positivity—given in honor of Ms Laurel (5/20/75 - 4/19/22). Best friend to Ms. Mandy, much loved by Kelly and Mick.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE MEETING — POSPONED**

If you marked May 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Congregational Care Meeting, please note that the meeting has been postponed and will be rescheduled. Watch for a new date to be announced soon.

## **OUTSIDE PAINTERS INSIDE OUR GALLERY**

Thanks to everyone who turned out to meet the artists last week. Plein Air Painters of Oregon (PAPO) continues with *Stories of Our Favorite Places: Landscapes From the Heart*, paintings of places dear to the artists' hearts. PAPO members paint outdoors using a variety of mediums, including watercolor, pastel, acrylic, oil and digital. Browse their artwork – and the stories they've written about them - after worship. Our Gallery is also open weekdays, 1 – 4 p.m.

## **GET YOUR SOMBRERO READY!**

Join us for a FREE Mexican dinner **TODAY, Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00** in Fellowship Hall. The menu will include chicken, beef, and vegetarian enchiladas, black beans, salad, chips & salsa, with churro cake for dessert. And there will be lots to drink... margaritas, wine, water, and lemonade.

## **APRIL MOUNTAINSTAR RELIEF NURSERY DIAPER DRIVE**

SCF will be collecting diapers and baby wipes for MountainStar again this year. MountainStar Family Relief Nursery is one of UPCAP's community partners who works to prevent child abuse and neglect by assisting vulnerable families and promoting the health and safety of children in Central Oregon. Each child deserves essentials and many Central Oregon families can't afford them. You can help, as you have in past years. Let's make SCF the #1 diaper collector again. Suggested Items: Baby Wipes; Diaper Sizes 4, 5, 6, 7; Pull-Ups; Sunblock. Bring them to SCF throughout the month of April.

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Youth Group will meet at Barb Purcell's house on **Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>** at 4:30pm. If you can, please bring something to share, but don't let having to bring something keep you from joining us. Youth group is for anyone who feels young in spirit! Come, hang out and have fun!

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

SCF will again hold a collection drive in the SCF parking lot **May 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Bring useable furniture, lamps, dishes, linen etc. during these times. Most needed items include dressers, bedside tables, twin and queen mattresses, pillows, bedding, small dining tables/chairs. Furnish Hope, one of UPCAP's community partners, helps many Central Oregon 1st time homeowners or renters set up their new living quarters.

Some at SCF have helped deliver items for Furnish Hope to South County in past years. You cannot imagine how grateful these recipients are to be given these items to start a new phase in their lives. Your donation puts happy smiles on grateful faces!

## **REMEMBER TO REPORT YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS**

SCF Volunteer Hours Initiative (See more information in the last 4 newsletters.)

The Managing Board of SCF is launching an effort to track and celebrate the congregation's volunteer contributions. While financial giving is already measured, the enormous amount of time and talent members donate has never been formally counted. This initiative aims to change that.

How it works: Each mission team will submit monthly estimates of volunteer hours, with a designated (non-chair) team member responsible for collecting and reporting the data. Individual volunteers who serve outside of SCF mission teams are also encouraged to submit their hours.

Action needed: Submit your January, February, and March volunteer hours (if you haven't already done so) to your mission team, or send individual hours directly to Mark McConnell at [mmcconnell@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:mmcconnell@sunriverchristianfellowship.org).

What's next: A running total will debut in the mid-May newsletter, with monthly updates to follow — showcasing the full, tangible impact SCF makes in the community.

## **SCF 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 April 28. All are welcome to attend.

## **SCAN TO DONATE**

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