

Welcome to
Sunriver Christian
Fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The 9th Sunday
After Pentecost

July 26, 2026
10 a.m.

Order of Service

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

Mick Bollenbaugh, *Reader*

Sharon Krueger & Mitzi Putney, *Keyboardists*

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.*

Gathering Song

All Are Welcome

Please remain seated.

ELW #641, One License Song #00004, License A-740306

1.Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly____
4.Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and____
5.Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions

live, a____ place where saints and chil - dren____ tell how____
stone to____ heal and strength - en, serve____ and____ teach, and____
heard and____ loved and trea - sured, taught and____ claimed as____

hearts learn____ to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
live the____ Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of Christ shall
strang er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an end to
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro-claim from

end di - vi - sions.
fear and dan - ger: All are wel - come, all are wel - come, all are wel - come
floor to raf - ter:

in this place._____

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Celebrant: God's dream for the world is like a seed already growing.

All: It is like yeast quietly transforming the dough.

Celebrant: It is like treasure waiting to be discovered.

All: It is like a net gathering fish of every kind.

Celebrant: God is at work in ways we do not always recognize, opening our hearts and our imaginations to a world shaped by love.

All: Let all who have ears listen. Let all who have hope come and worship God.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn

To God Be the Glory Sing vs. 1 and 3

FOG #363, In Public Domain

1 To God be the glo - ry—great things He hath done! So loved He the
2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood, To ev - ery be -
3 Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, And great our re -

1 world that He gave us His Son, Who yield - ed His life an a -
2 liev - er the prom - ise of God; The vil - est of - fen - der who
3 joic - ing through Je - sus the Son; But pur - er, and high - er, and

1 tone - ment for sin, And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
2 tru - ly be - lieves, That mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
3 great - er will be Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the

Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people re-joyce! O come to the Fa-ther thru

Je-sus the Son, And give Him the glo-ry—great things He hath done!

Call to Confession

Celebrant: God's love is larger than our failures and more persistent than our fear. We can speak honestly before God, trusting that grace meets us before we find the right words. Let us confess together.

Prayer of Confession

All: **God of mercy, we confess that we have learned to accept too much. We accept hunger in a world of abundance. We accept violence and call it security. We accept the suffering of others when changing it might cost us something. We speak of love while participating in systems that treat some lives as disposable. We sort people into categories of worthy and unworthy, welcomed and unwanted, good and bad, as though you had appointed us to judge.**

Forgive us.

Disturb the resignation we mistake for wisdom. Restore the imagination we have surrendered to fear. Teach us to recognize your kingdom growing in unexpected places, and give us courage to join what you are already doing. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Celebrant: Hear the good news: the Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us when words fail. Nothing in life or in death, nothing we have done and nothing we fear, can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. We are forgiven. We are beloved. We are invited to begin again.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Scripture Readings

Mick

A reading from *Romans* 8:26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words. And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13:31-33, 44-52

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Musical Reflection

Hallelujah arr J. Kanani

Darla Mercer on flute

Sermon

Pastor Kally

Please stand in body or spirit.

Response Hymn**Be Thou My Vision****Sing vs. 1-3**

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1. Be Thou my Vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be Thou my Wis - dom, and Thou my true Word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
May I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou my great Fa - ther, I Thy true son,
Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
Thou in me dwell - ing, and I with Thee one.
High King of heav - en, my Treas - ure Thou art.
Still be my Vi - sion, O Rul - er of all. A - men.

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 speaks of God's realm through ordinary things: seeds and bread, treasure and fishing nets. Trusting that God is at work even when we cannot yet see it, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

After each petition, I will say, "God, in your mercy," and you are invited to respond, "Hear our prayer."

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: God of persistent love, we pray for your church throughout the world. Free us from the desire to control, condemn, and exclude. Give us the humility to recognize your wisdom in people whom religious institutions have ignored. Make the church a place of safety and belonging, especially for those who have been told that there is no place for them.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: God of justice, we pray for the nations of the world and for those entrusted with power. Expose systems that protect the powerful by treating other lives as expendable. Give courage to those who resist authoritarianism, racism, Christian nationalism, exploitation, and war. Protect those who speak the truth when silence would be safer.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: God of abundance, we pray for people who are hungry in a world with enough food; for those who cannot afford housing, medicine, or care; and for workers whose labor enriches others while leaving them unable to meet their own needs. Open our hands and change our common life so that your abundance may be shared.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: God of peace, we pray for people living beneath the violence of war, occupation, terrorism, and forced displacement. We pray for civilians whose suffering is reduced to statistics, for families separated by borders, and for refugees seeking safety. Keep us from looking away. Lead us into the work of peace rooted in justice and human dignity.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: God of compassion, we pray for those who are ill, grieving, lonely, exhausted, or afraid. We pray for those awaiting diagnoses and those living with pain that others cannot see. Surround them with people who will stay beside them. Where healing is possible, bring healing. Where circumstances cannot be changed, let no one face them alone.

We now name aloud, or hold silently before you, those for whom we pray.

Silence is kept.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: God who knows us completely, your Spirit prays within us with sighs too deep for words. Receive the prayers we have spoken and those we cannot yet name. Help us make your love visible in the lives we protect, the resources we share, and the communities we create.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who showed us what love looks like.

All: Amen.

Offertory

Jesus Love, Me arr. J.G. Lanier

Darla Mercer

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: Jesus says the kingdom of heaven is like yeast hidden in enough flour to make bread for a crowd. At this table, Christ gives us a glimpse of that world: bread shared, a cup offered, and room made for everyone. Christ is the host, and Christ's welcome is wide.

There is a place for you at this table.

Come, for all things are ready.

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 God.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to God.

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

Celebrant: It is right, and it is a joyful thing, to give you thanks, loving God.

Celebrant: You spoke creation into being and called it good. You formed humanity in your image and entrusted the earth to our care. When we created systems of domination and called them permanent, you raised up prophets to remind us that another world was possible.

You led enslaved people toward freedom. You fed your people in the wilderness. You commanded your community to leave food for the poor, welcome the stranger, release debts, and practice justice.

Again and again, you planted hope in places where hope seemed foolish.

Jesus Christ, who lived among people the powerful overlooked.

He ate with those others rejected. He touched those who had been declared unclean. He fed hungry crowds and welcomed children. He told stories that unsettled the comfortable and gave the weary courage to imagine God's world again.

In his life, your love took human form.

When the powers of his world answered that love with violence, you raised him from death. You showed that empire does not have the final word, violence is not eternal, and love cannot be buried forever.

On the night before his death, Jesus gathered with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying: "Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and shared it with them, saying: "This cup is the new covenant, my grace poured out for you and for all. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering Christ's life, death, and resurrection, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Make them for us the communion of Christ's body and blood.

As we receive this meal, work within us like yeast hidden in dough. Free our imaginations from fear. Join us to those the world has cast aside. Make us one body committed to the healing of your world and hear us now as we pray as your Son taught us to pray saying...

**All: 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

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: God of abundant grace, you have met us at this table and fed us with the bread of life. Send us into the world with imaginations renewed and courage restored. May the love we proclaim become visible in the lives we protect, the resources we share, and the world we help create. Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Closing Hymn

God's Work, Our Hands ACS 1000, One License



1. God's work, our hands; work - ing to - geth - er,
3. God's work, our voice; sing - ing to - geth - er,
4. God is at work in and a - round us;

build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
prais - ing pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!

rai - sing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,

feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,

shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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Coffee is served today by Barb Purcell & Gordon Werkema.

Next Sunday, Celebrant & Preacher: Pastor Kally

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: Monica M., Joan L., Jeanette B., Joan F., Susan C., Stacy M., Lori, Sandy G., Bob C., Family of Alice Hanson, Courtney and the Hall family, Carol M., Bonnie G., Whitney M., Nancy J., 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., Thomas W., Scott J., Lauren B., Carol F., Jennie F., Erik E., Betsy M., Amber F., Olivia L., and Aedan.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS AT SCF

August 2 10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Kally
August 9 10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Kally
August 15 2:00 PM Alice Hanson Memorial Service, Reception following
August 16 10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Kally
August 16 11:30 AM - Time and Talents Fair, East Room
August 18 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM - Memory Café, Fellowship Hall

NANCY MCGRATH GREEN GALLERY

Ever wondered what animals would say if they could talk? Check out Vivian Olsen's watercolor and pastel series in the gallery.

SCF POT LUCK PICNIC

The annual SCF POT LUCK PICNIC will take place at 5:00 on August 23 at Mary McCallum Park in Sunriver. SCF members and their guests are invited for free. Sign up in the church coffee area or e-mail Jenny Long at : jlong@sunriverchristianfellowship.org. Please indicate what food dish you will be bringing. Choices include: mains, salads, sides, or desserts. Contact Jann Phares at 503-459-8363 if you have questions.

MANAGING BOARD

The SCF Managing Board meets monthly at SCF at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is on **July 28**. All are welcome to attend.

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