

Welcome to  
**Sunriver Christian**  
**Fellowship**

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist  
in Celebration of  
The 12th Sunday  
After Pentecost

August 16, 2026  
10 a.m.

# Order of Service

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

Sally Heise, *Reader*

Donna Warner, *Keyboardist*; Don Udlock, *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.*

## Gathering Song

**God Is Here!**

**Please remain seated.**

ELW #526, One License Song #00004, License A-740306



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer  
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of  
praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure  
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;  
what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the  
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's  
world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts  
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Kally

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship

**Celebrant:** We gather today to turn our hearts toward God.

**All: Bringing our deep hopes, our heavy burdens, and our need for grace.**

**Celebrant:** Like the woman who sought Jesus with fierce persistence, we cry out today.

**All: "Lord, help us. Lord, have mercy."**

**Leader:** God's love is a boundless feast, and even the smallest crumb brings healing.

**All: Come, let us worship the God who hears us and welcomes us here.**

Please stand in body or in spirit.

## Opening Hymn

## *The Church of Christ in Every Age* OneLicense



1. The Church of Christ in ev - 'ry age Be - set by  
3. Then let the ser - vant Church a - rise, A car - ing  
5. We have no mis - sion but to serve In full o -  
change but Spir - it led, Must claim and test its  
Church that longs to be A part - ner in Christ's  
be - dience to our Lord: To care for all, with -  
her - it - age And keep on ris - ing from the dead.  
sac - ri - fice, And clothed in Christ's hu - man - i - ty.  
out re - serve, And spread his lib - er - at - ing Word.

## Call to Confession

**Celebrant:** We do not always listen well. We make assumptions about people before we know their stories. We defend ourselves when we might learn something, and sometimes we remain silent when someone needs us to speak. Trusting in a mercy wider than our failures, let us pray together.

## Prayer of Confession

**All:** **Merciful God, forgive us when we decide too quickly whose voice matters and whose does not. Forgive us for the times we have dismissed another person's pain, criticized the way someone spoke so we would not have to hear what they were saying, or allowed old fears and assumptions to keep us from seeing the person before us. Forgive us when pride makes us defensive and power makes us unwilling to listen. Open our hearts. Teach us to receive truth wherever it is spoken. Give us courage to speak when something is wrong and humility when we are the ones who need to change. Amen.**

## **Assurance of Grace**

**Celebrant:** God's mercy is larger than the limits we place upon it. In Jesus Christ, grace reaches us, restores us, and opens us again to one another. Friends, we are forgiven and loved.

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

*Please stand in body or in spirit.*

## **Passing of the Peace**

**Celebrant:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Please be seated.*

## **Scripture Readings**

Sally

### **Psalm 67**

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us. **Selah**

*Silence*

That your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.  
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,  
for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. **Selah**

*Silence*

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.  
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.  
May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

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

### **The Holy Gospel according to *Matthew 15:10-28***

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

**Reader:** Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles.'

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

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

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*Please be seated.*

**Musical Reflection**

**Simple Gifts** arr, P. Cota

The Bells

Sara Kreps, Mary Pahl, Jan Tuckerman, Jane Vakoc, Alison Weatherhead

**Sermon**

Pastor Kally

*Please stand in body or spirit.*

**Response Hymn**

**For Everyone Born** OneLicense

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,  
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,  
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
with wis - dom and grace di - vid - ing the pow - er,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver -  
for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's  
for young and for old, the right to be -  
for ev - ery - one born, the right to be



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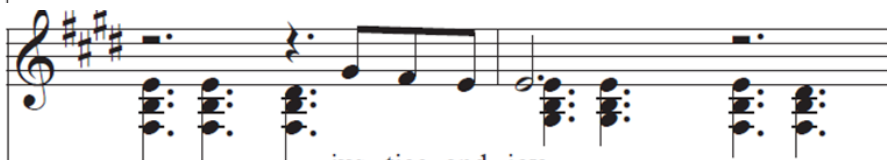
And God will de-light when we are cre-



a - tors of jus-tice and joy, com-pas-sion and peace: yes,



God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,



jus - tice and joy.

## **Prayers of the People**

**Reader:** God of compassion, we pray for your world and for all whose cries have gone unanswered. We pray for people living through war, hunger, displacement, and disaster. We pray especially for those whose suffering has become so familiar that the world has stopped paying attention.

**All: Break through our indifference, O God, and help us listen.**

**Reader:** We pray for those who are dismissed because of their race, gender, age, disability, identity, income, or where they come from. We pray for those who have been spoken about without ever being heard and for those who have learned that entering the room does not always mean their voices will matter there.

**All: Help us see the person beyond the labels we have been given.**

**Reader:** We pray for women and girls whose pain is doubted, whose knowledge is discounted, or whose voices are criticized because they make others uncomfortable. Give courage to those who keep speaking and humility to those who need to listen.

**All: Make us a people who take one another seriously.**

**Reader:** We pray for those who are ill, grieving, lonely, or afraid. We remember those who are waiting for a diagnosis, caring for someone they love, living with pain, or wondering whether anyone truly sees what they are carrying. We pray now for those we name aloud or hold silently in our hearts.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All: Draw near to them with healing, strength, and companionship.**

**Reader:** We pray for the church. Keep us from guarding the table as though your mercy were scarce. Give us courage to reconsider the boundaries we have inherited and faith to trust the abundance of your grace.

**All: Make your church a place where people are seen, heard, and welcomed.**

**Reader:** We pray for those entrusted with authority, in governments, churches, workplaces, communities, and homes. Give them the strength to listen without defensiveness, to learn from those whose lives are different from their own, and to change when change is needed.

**All: Let power be used for compassion and the flourishing of all.**

**Reader:** We gather these prayers, spoken and unspoken, and pray together as Jesus taught us:

**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**

**Offertory**

*Amazing Grace* arr, P. Cota

The Bells

*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.**

**Invitation to the Table**

**Celebrant:** Friends, this is Christ's table, where the bread is given freely and mercy is never reduced to crumbs. There is room here for every person who longs for grace, healing, and a world made more whole. Come, for Christ is our host, and there is more than enough.

**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 God thanks and praise.**

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, it is right that we give you thanks. You spoke creation into being and called it good. You made us in your image and gave us to one another, that we might live with compassion, practice justice, and care for all you have made.

When we forgot who we were and turned away from you and from one another, you did not abandon us. You called prophets and teachers to speak truth, to challenge the powerful, and to remind your people that mercy belongs at the heart of faith.

In Jesus, you came among us in flesh and blood. He welcomed those others pushed aside, listened to voices others dismissed, and shared meals with people who had been told they did not belong. He healed the suffering, confronted injustice, and revealed a grace wider than the boundaries we create.

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

After supper, he took the cup and said, "This cup is the new covenant, poured out for you and for all people. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

After the cruelty of the cross, you raised Jesus from death, showing us that violence will not have the final word and that nothing can separate us from your love.

As we share this bread and cup, we remember his life, his death, and his resurrection. We trust that Christ is present with us now and that one day every table will be wide enough, every hunger will be satisfied, and all creation will be made whole.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Make them for us the body and blood of Christ and make us the body of Christ in the world. Feed us with your grace, so that we may listen more deeply, love more courageously, and carry your mercy beyond this table.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **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: Gracious God, you have met us at this table and given us bread enough for the journey. Send us out ready to see those who have been overlooked, to listen when others speak, and to trust that your mercy is wider than the boundaries we have known. Amen.**

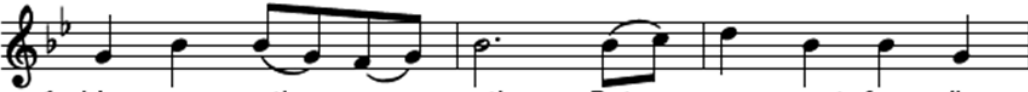
*Please stand in body or spirit.*

## Closing Hymn

*In Christ There is No East or West* OneLicense



1. In Christ there is no east or west, In  
2. In him shall true hearts ev - 'ry - where Their  
3. Join hands, dis - ci - ples in the faith, What -  
4. In Christ now meet both east and west, In



1. him no south or north; But one great fam - 'ly  
2. high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the  
3. e'er your race may be! Who serve each oth - er  
4. him meet south and north; All Christ - ly souls are



1. bound by love Through - out the whole wide earth.  
2. gold - en cord Close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
3. in Christ's love Are sure - ly kin to me.  
4. one in him, Through - out the whole wide earth.

## Benediction

Pastor Kally

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Coffee is served today by Jenny & Dave Long

**Next Sunday—Celebrant: Pastor Kally Elliott; Preacher: Pastor Mark Bocker**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRAYER NEEDS:** Please keep these people in your prayers: Arlan R., 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., Scott J., Lauren B., Carol F., Jennie F., Erik E., Betsy M., Amber F., Olivia L., and Aedan.

**LINDA SMITH MEMORIAL SERVICE:** A memorial service celebrating the life of Linda Smith will be held on Wednesday, August 26, at 10 a.m. at Sunriver Christian Fellowship. A reception will follow. For those who wish to make a memorial gift, the family has designated the SCF General Fund.

**MEMORY CAFÉ:** Memory Café will meet Tuesday, August 18, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. at SCF. Sing Along with the Song Collectors: Gina Rosbrook and Peggy Frede sing everyone's favorite songs and hope you'll join in, too. Memory Café offers a welcoming place for people experiencing memory loss and their care partners to enjoy conversation, connection, and activities together. All are welcome!

**MANAGING BOARD:** The SCF Managing Board meets monthly at SCF at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is on August 25. All are welcome to attend.

**TIME & TALENTS FAIR:** **TODAY**, after church, we are having a Time and Talents Fair in the East Room. Stewardship is not just about the money, it is also about sharing the gifts God has blessed each of us with. People from our ministry teams and committees will be available to answer any questions you may have about where your gifts might fit in. Have you ever wondered what happens behind the secret door? Join the Altar Guild and find out. We are so grateful for the SCF family: grateful for all SCF does for our community and the world. We are a light in a world that desperately needs light. Please attend.

**SCF POTLUCK PICNIC:** The annual SCF potluck Picnic will take place at 5 p.m., August 23, at Mary McCallum Park in Sunriver. SCF members and their guests are invited for free. When you sign up, please indicate what food dish you will be bringing. Choices include: mains, salads, sides, or desserts. Sign up in the church coffee area or email Jenny Long at: [jlong@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:jlong@sunriverchristianfellowship.org) Contact Jann Phares at 503-459-8363 if you have questions. **NOTE: If the Air Quality is above 120 the picnic will be moved to Fellowship Hall.**

### **UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS AT SCF**

August 18 1:00-2:30 PM - Memory Café, Fellowship Hall

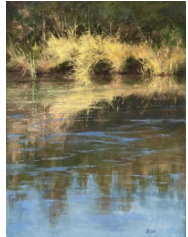
August 23 10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Kally: Celebrant  
Preacher: Mark Brocker

August 23 5:00 PM - SCF Picnic, Mary McCallum Park. **NOTE: If the Air Quality is above 120 event is moved to Fellowship Hall.**

August 26 10:00 AM-Linda Smith Memorial Service & Reception

August 30 10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Jeff Bullock

**NANCY MCGRATH GREEN GALLERY:** Our summer exhibition continues in the Nancy McGrath Green Gallery. *Every Picture Tells a Story* features twelve artists from the High Desert Art League. The show has several mediums including watercolor, photography, acrylic, mixed media, pastels, linocut prints and encaustic painting. There are also a few unusual materials featured, such as rice paper and rustic wood. Can you find the dried wall paint rescued from a roller tray? [right: *River Reflections* by Janet Frost.]



Looking for an interesting destination for a bike ride or walk with summer houseguests? (Complete with A/C and a drinking fountain.) An indoor activity on a smoky afternoon? *Every Picture Tells a Story* runs through September 29. Summer hours for our Gallery: Tuesday–Thursday, 11am – 2pm and directly after church service on Sundays. We'll also open by appointment. Contact [mcgrathgreen-gallery@gmail.com](mailto:mcgrathgreen-gallery@gmail.com)

**VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS:** Visions of Sugarplums is fast approaching. Save the date for this great event: Saturday, November 14, 10-3. SHARC. On August 8, we held the Creamy Tomato Soup Workshop, making 40 quarts of tomato soup. Contact Ronda Floyd, [rondafloyd@gmail.com](mailto:rondafloyd@gmail.com), to join in on the fun:



**SCAN TO DONATE TO SCF:** Scan the code to take you directly to the SCF donation page.

**BELLS OF SUNRIVER:** Seeking New Bell Ringers. You know you want to ring those bells. You have been thinking about it for a long time. This is the year you are going to make it happen! The **Bells of Sunriver** have openings for new ringers (especially strong ones for bass bells). No handbell experience is required but basic music knowledge is a must. Making music with others is good for the brain and good for the soul. It's also a lot of fun. Come and check out a rehearsal and see if ringing is for you. Rehearsals are on Monday afternoons and performances are during worship once a month, fall to spring. For more information, contact Shelley Giaier at 541-593-1183 or [officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org).

**SCF VOCAL CHOIR: IT'S COMING FAST!** Would you like to:

- \*Improve your mental health
- \*lower your stress hormones
- \*boost your dopamine, endorphins and oxytocin (which boosts your joy and trust)
- \*improve your cardiovascular health
- \*expand your lung capacity and respiratory stamina
- \*reduce loneliness

And keep your mind sharp? All for free? Science tells us that singing in a choir does all this for you! All this while serving God with your music! The SCF Choir offers you ALL this!

We are seeking new members. Why not give it a try? First rehearsal August 26.

Interested: Let's talk. Kathy Bullock [Kdoginsd@aol.com](mailto:Kdoginsd@aol.com)

**BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS:** Have you experienced the loyalty and unconditional love of your dog, cat, horse or other animal? Is your pet a beloved member of your family? Join other pet owners to celebrate your pet and to receive a blessing by Pastor Kally on Sunday, October 4, from 1-3 p.m. outdoors at SCF. All leashed, haltered or contained creatures, great and small, are welcome to attend the free festivities. Treats, blessings, and prayers will be given. Owners who have lost pets are encouraged to attend with ashes to be blessed or to simply have their pet remembered.

**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.

**ARE YOU SIGNED UP TO RECEIVE OUR EMAILS AND NEWSLETTERS?**

Did you know SCF sends out a newsletter every week? We also send emails as needed to let the congregation know about things not in the newsletter such as scams, office closed, holiday closures, notes from Pastor Kally or Joan, etc. If you are not receiving them and would like to, email Joan Lewis at [officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org](mailto:officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org). to sign up.

**FEMININE SPIRITUALITY:** Feminine Spirituality Group is taking a break for the summer and will resume meeting on September 14, 10-11:30 a.m.

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