

Welcome to
Sunriver Christian
Fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The 13th Sunday
After Pentecost

August 23, 2026
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Kally Elliott, *Celebrant*
Pastor Mark Broucker, *Preacher*
Linda Shearman & Carol Thomas, *Song Leaders*

Jann Phares, *Reader*
Amber Mitchell, *Keyboardist*

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.

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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;
wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Call to Worship

Celebrant: By the mercies of God, we are gathered here.

All: With our questions, our gratitude, and our whole selves.

Celebrant: We come as many people, carrying many stories and many gifts.

All: And in Christ, we belong to one another.

Celebrant: No one has every gift. No one is without a gift.

All: There is room for each of us, and need for all of us.

Celebrant: Come, let us listen for the voice of God and make room for the Spirit among us.

All: Let us worship God.

Hymn of the Day

Will You Come and Follow Me? OneLicense



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call your name?
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be
Will you set the pris - 'ners free and nev - er be
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be



the same? Will you let my love be shown,
the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare
the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean,
the same? Will you use the faith you've found
the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go



will you let my name be known, will you let my
should your life at - tract or scare? Will you let me
and do such as this un - seen, and ad - mit me
to re - shape the world a - round, through my sight and
where your love and foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and



life be grown in you and you in me?
an - swer prayer in you and you in me?
what I mean in you and you in me?
touch and sound in you and you in me?
live and grow in you and you in me.

Call to Confession

Celebrant: God's mercy gives us room to be honest about the ways we have diminished ourselves, overlooked the gifts of others, and forgotten how deeply our lives are bound together. Trusting that grace will meet us in the truth, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we often measure ourselves by the wrong things—by what we accomplish, what others think of us, or how well we manage to appear as though everything is fine. We compare our gifts with the gifts of others. We dismiss what we have to offer, or imagine that what we offer matters more. We forget that we belong to one another. We have treated some bodies as more valuable than others. We have ignored pain that was inconvenient to notice. We have held tightly to our own way when love asked us to change. By your mercy, renew our minds. Teach us to see ourselves with humility, our neighbors with compassion, and this world as a place where our lives may become an offering of love. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Celebrant: Hear the good news: God's mercy is already at work, meeting us with forgiveness, restoring what has been wounded, and drawing us back to one another. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Jann

A reading from Romans 12:1-8

Reader: I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader: Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection

Sermon

Pastor Mark Brocker

Response Hymn

We Are All One in Mission OneLicense

1 We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,
2 We all are called for serv - ice to wit - ness in God's name.
4 Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard.

our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.
Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, our pur - pose is the same:
Now let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing Word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove
to touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace,
We all are one in mis - sion, we all are one in call,

to plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
so ev - 'ry folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

Please be seated.

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: For the church throughout the world: keep us rooted in the mercy of Jesus. Where people are excluded, help us widen the welcome. Where people are hurting, move us toward them with compassion. Where hope is wearing thin, make the church a place of courage and care. By your mercy, O God,

All: Make us instruments of your love.

Reader: For this aching world—for people living through war, violence, hunger, disaster, displacement, and the daily cruelty of being treated as disposable: protect those in danger, strengthen those who work for peace, and unsettle the consciences of those who profit from suffering. By your mercy, O God,

All: Make us instruments of your love.

Reader: For our nation and its leaders, and for leaders everywhere: give them humility enough to listen, wisdom beyond slogans, and courage to serve the common good—especially when mercy is costly and justice is inconvenient. By your mercy, O God,

All: Make us instruments of your love.

Reader: For the earth, our shared home: forgive our carelessness and our appetite for more. Teach us to live as members of creation, not its owners, and to protect the places and creatures entrusted to our care. By your mercy, O God,

All: Make us instruments of your love.

Reader: For all who are sick, grieving, lonely, exhausted, frightened, or carrying something they cannot yet put into words. We pray especially for those named in our community, and for those we name now, aloud or in silence.

Silence is kept.

Reader: Hold them in your mercy, and help us become the care we so often ask you to provide. By your mercy, O God,

All: Make us instruments of your love.

Reader: For those whose gifts feel unused, whose roles are changing, or who wonder what purpose this season of life may hold: remind them that worth is not earned by productivity. Stir up fresh callings, unexpected friendships, and work that brings life to others. By your mercy, O God,

All: Make us instruments of your love.

Reader: For this congregation: help us notice the gifts in each person, not only in those who have always led or spoken the loudest. Give us the humility to listen, the generosity to share responsibility, and the courage to try something new. By your mercy, O God,

All: Make us instruments of your love.

Reader: Merciful God, receive the prayers we have spoken and the ones still forming within us. Gather our many voices into the prayer Jesus taught his friends 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**

Offertory

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: At this table, Christ gathers us into one body. We come with different stories, different gifts, different hopes, and different needs, and here, all of us are fed from the same loaf and share the same cup. This is Christ's table. Mercy has prepared it, love has made room, and there is a place here for you. Come, for all is 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 the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Celebrant: Merciful God, it is right to thank you. You formed creation in beauty and called it good. You made us from the earth, as people with bodies that hunger and tire, rejoice and ache, work and rest. You made us for relationship: many lives, many gifts, one human family.

When we forgot that we belonged to you and to one another, you did not abandon us. Through prophets and poets, through commandments and promises, you kept calling us back to mercy, justice, and love.

In Jesus, you came among us in flesh and blood. He touched those others avoided, ate with those others judged, and gathered unlikely people into one community. He gave his life rather than stop loving, and you raised him from death, showing us that cruelty will not have the final word.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, 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 cup of the new covenant, my grace, poured out for you and for all people. Do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore, together we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Celebrant: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup. Make them for us the communion of Christ's body and blood. Feed us with mercy, renew our minds, and join our many gifts in the work of love. Send us from this table as the body of Christ, each offering what we have for the healing of the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, loving God, now and forever.

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

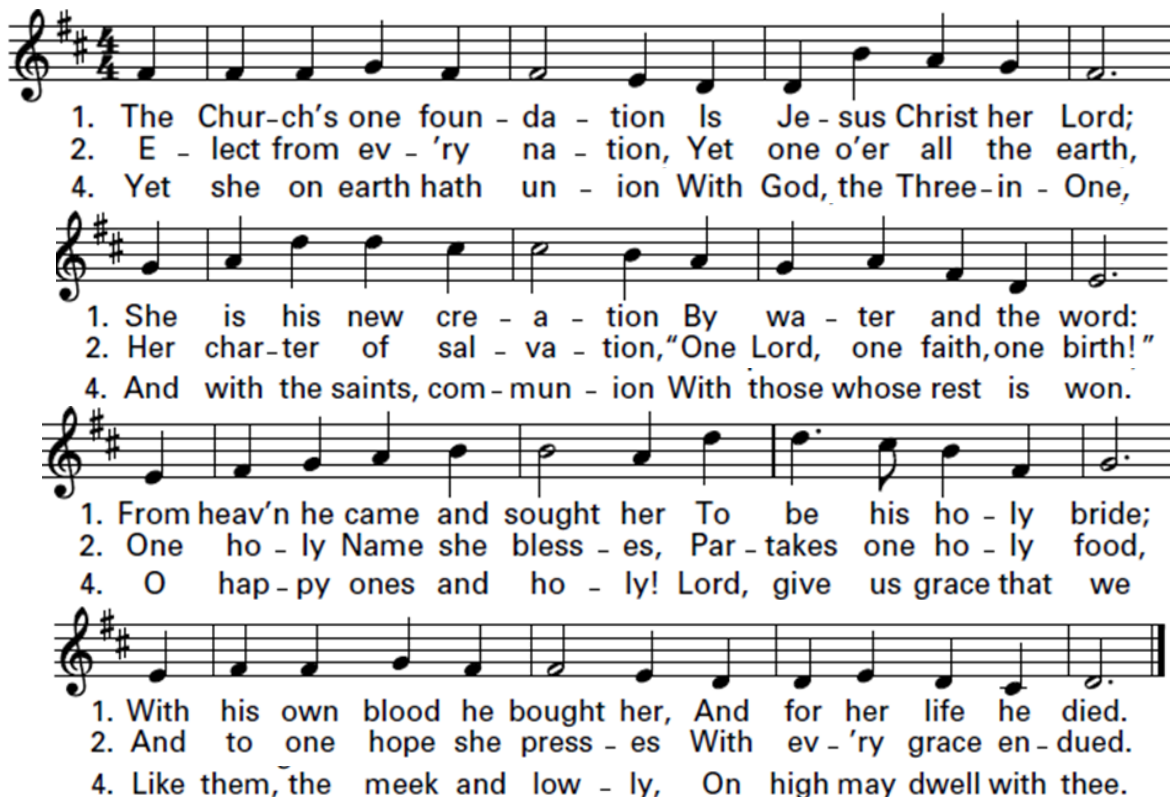
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, you have met us at this table with bread for the journey and mercy enough for today. Thank you for making room for us and for binding us to one another. Send us now to offer our lives, as they are: our time, our attention, our courage, our tenderness, and our particular gifts. Make us your people in the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Closing Hymn

The Church's One Foundation OneLicense



1. The Chur-ch's one foun - da - tion Is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2. E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, Yet one o'er all the earth,
4. Yet she on earth hath un - ion With God, the Three-in - One,

1. She is his new cre - a - tion By wa - ter and the word:
2. Her char-ter of sal - va - tion, "One Lord, one faith, one birth!"
4. And with the saints, com - mun - ion With those whose rest is won.

1. From heav'n he came and sought her To be his ho - ly bride;
2. One ho - ly Name she bless - es, Par - takes one ho - ly food,
4. O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we

1. With his own blood he bought her, And for her life he died.
2. And to one hope she press - es With ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
4. Like them, the meek and low - ly, On high may dwell with thee.

Benediction

Pastor Mark

Coffee is served today by Ronda Floyd

Next Sunday—Celebrant & Preacher: Pastor Jeff Bullock

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.

SUNDAY FLOWERS: The flowers this Sunday are in honor of Cindy and Mark McConnell. We are so grateful for all you both have done for SCF. You will be greatly missed. From your SCF family.

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. to sign up.

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 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 23 5:00 PM - SCF Picnic, Mary McCallum Park

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

NANCY MCGRATH GREEN GALLERY: Our summer exhibition continues in the Nancy McGrath Green Gallery. This current show, *Every Picture Tells a Story*, continues through September 29. Save the date for our artists reception for our fall show *Photography: 7 Points of View*, October 4, after worship. Summer gallery hours: Tuesday–Thursday, 11am – 2pm and directly after church service on Sundays, approximately 11:15 to noon. We'll also open by appointment. Contact mcgrathgreengallery@gmail.com



[right: Kid Kestral by Vivian Olsen.]

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS: Visions of Sugarplums is fast approaching. Save the date for this great event: Saturday, November 14, 10-3. SHARC. Contact Ronda Floyd, for volunteer opportunities: rondafloyd@gmail.com, and join in on the fun:

SCAN TO DONATE

Simply scan the code and it will 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.

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 is August 26. Interested? Let's talk. Kathy Bullock 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.

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

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.

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