

Welcome to
Sunriver Christian
Fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The 14th Sunday
After Pentecost

August 30, 2026
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Jeff Bullock, *Celebrant & Preacher*

Don Udlock, *Reader*

Amber Mitchell, *Keyboardist*; 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

God Is Here!

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Please remain seated.

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!

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Jeff

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Call to Worship

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly

repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

Pease stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory OneLicense

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with some lines having four different phrasings corresponding to the four parts of the hymn. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, key signatures, time signatures, and note values (quarter, eighth, and half notes).

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple
2 Lo, the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to
4 Set our feet on loft - y plac - es; fill our lives that

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient church - 's sto - ry;
sail his ways! Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
we may be strength - ened with all Christ - like grac - es,

bring her bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom,
free our hearts to work and praise. Grant us wis - dom,
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom,
pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom,

grant us cour - age for the fac - ing of this
grant us cour - age for the liv - ing of these
grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
grant us cour - age, lest we fail our call from

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
days, for the liv - ing of these days.
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
thee, lest we fail our call from thee.

The Collect

Celebrant: Let us pray:

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Scripture Readings

Don

A reading from Romans 12:9-21

Reader: Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Reader: The Holy Gospel according to *Matthew* 16:21-28

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader: Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection

Sermon

Pastor Jeff

Please stand in body or spirit.

Response Hymn

Be Thou My Vision OneLicense

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 vain, emp - ty praise,
4 Light of my soul, af - ter 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 heav - en's Sun!
thou my best thought both by day and by night,
Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er 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: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: **That we all may be one.**

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People: **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People: **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People: **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Reader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence: The People may add their own petitions.

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Invitation to the Table

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 him thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Celebrant: On the night of his arrest, Jesus gathered his friends around a table. 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, poured out for you and for the world. Whenever you drink it, remember me."

And so, we remember, not just his death, but his life, his love, his refusal to let fear have the final word.

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Make them for us signs of your grace. Make us people who live from loving, who practice compassion, who share hope, who trust that nothing we live through is wasted. Gather us into your life of love, until all are fed, all are healed, and all are welcomed home.

All: **Amen.**

Celebrant: And now has our Savior Christ taught us, we pray:

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**

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

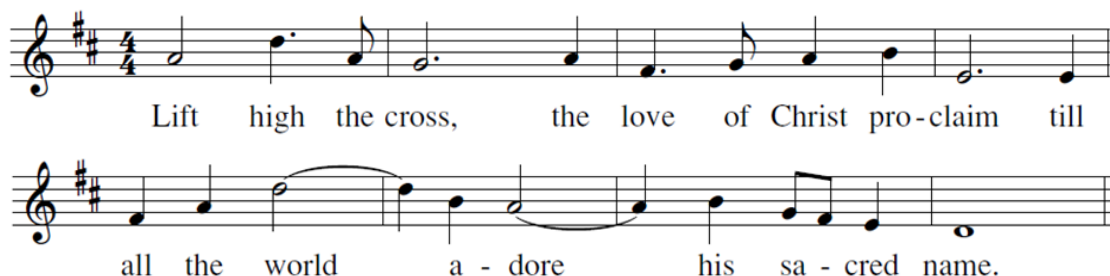
Celebrant: God of grace, we give you thanks for this meal. In this bread and cup, you have met us again, not as strangers, but as your beloved. You have fed us with mercy, strengthened us with hope, and reminded us that we belong. Send us now into the world, rooted in love, ready to live as people who know who they are and whose they are.

All: Amen.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Closing Hymn

Lift High the Cross OneLicense





1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where the Mas - ter trod, our
2. Led on their way by this tri - um-phant sign, the
3. Each new - born fol - l'wer of the Cru - ci - fied bears
4. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree, your
5. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be: praise



King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
death has bought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry!

Benediction

Pastor Jeff

Celebrant: Go now into the week ahead remembering the truth spoken at the river: before anything else, you are God's beloved. Let that love steady you when the world asks you to prove your worth, or measure your value by what you can do. Go in peace, held by grace, and free to live from who you already are. Amen.

Coffee is served today by Yvonne & Jay Smith
Next Sunday—Celebrant & Preacher: Pastor Kally Elliott

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.

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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.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS AT SCF

September 6 10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Kally
September 13 10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Kally
September 14 10:00-11:30 AM – Feminine Spirituality, Fellowship Hall
September 15 1:00-2:30 PM - Memory Café, Fellowship Hall
September 20 10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Kally
September 22 1:30 AM - SCF Managing Board
September 22 Newcomers Dinner; time & venue TBA
September 27 10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Kally
September 29: 4 PM - Youth Group-Mary & Dan Pahl's home; more details to come

OUR DAILY BREAD: Copies of Our Daily Bread for September, October, & November, are available on the counter at the end of the coffee bar by the front door

MEMORY CAFÉ: Memory Café will meet Tuesday, September 15, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. in the SCF Community Room: Betsy Ross, certified therapy dog, will appear with her owner, Carol Holzer, LCSW, to introduce participants to the benefits of pet therapy. This team regularly works at St. Charles Medical Center. 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!

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.

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: 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 was August 26, but if you are interested, contact: Kathy Bullock Kdoginsd@aol.com

FEMININE SPIRITUALITY: Feminine Spirituality Group resumes meeting 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 September 22. All are welcome to attend.

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

Kid Kestral by Vivian Olsen



VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS: Visions of Sugarplums made a large amount of Pie Dough in preparation for Chicken Pies and Fruit Pies coming to Visions of Sugarplums on November 14, 2026. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Porter lind.porter@gmail.com or Ronda L Floyd ronda@gmail.com or Patty Smith mandrpatty@msn.com



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