

Welcome to
Sunriver Christian
Fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The 11th Sunday
After Pentecost

August 9 , 2026
10 a.m.

Order of Service

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

Jenny Long, *Reader*

Donna Warner, *Keyboardist*; Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

Juliana Ives, *Oboe*

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
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Kally

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Celebrant: When the way ahead is uncertain, God is with us.

All: When the work is difficult, God is with us.

Celebrant: When fear becomes louder than hope, God is still with us.

All: We gather to remember whose love holds us and whose way we follow.

Celebrant: Friends, let us bring our whole selves—our faith, our questions, our weariness, and our hope.

All: Let us worship God.

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Opening Hymn

Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult OneLicense

1 Je - sus calls us o'er the tu - mult of our
3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
4 Je - sus calls us— by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
pleas - ures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Call to Confession

Celebrant: Friends, fear has a way of narrowing our vision. It can make us cling tightly to what we know, resist what we cannot control, or forget that we need one another. We do not come before God pretending that fear has never gotten the better of us. We come trusting that God already knows us, loves us, and meets us with mercy. Let us confess together.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of mercy, we confess how easily fear takes over. We see the strength of the wind and forget the strength of your love. We become convinced that cruelty will win, that compassion is foolish, or that nothing we do will make a difference.

Sometimes we hold tightly to what is ours because generosity feels too risky. Sometimes we remain silent because speaking the truth might cost us something. Sometimes we are so determined to appear strong that we refuse the hand reaching toward us.

Forgive us.

When fear narrows our vision, help us see Jesus. When we begin to sink, teach us to call out. When someone else is struggling, make us willing to reach out our own hands. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Celebrant: Friends, God knows us completely, our courage and our fear, our faith and all the places where faith is still growing and God meets us with mercy. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, held in love, and given grace to begin again.

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

Jenny

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

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

The Holy Gospel according to *Matthew 14:22-33*

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader: Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking towards them on the lake. But when the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified, saying, 'It is a ghost!' And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Peter answered him, 'Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.' He said, 'Come.' So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came towards Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, 'Lord, save me!' Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?' When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Please be seated.

Musical Reflection

*Vivaldi's Oboe Sonate, Movement 1
Verroust's Oboe Melody No. 10, Andante*

Juliana Ives

Sermon

Pastor Kally

Please stand in body or spirit.

Response Hymn

Precious Lord, Take My Hand OneLicense

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night draws
stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.
near, When my life is al - most gone,
near, And the day is past and gone,
Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the
Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my hand lest I
At the riv - er I stand, Guide my feet, hold my
light, Take my hand pre - cious Lord lead me home.
fall. Take my hand pre - cious Lord lead me home.
hand. Take my hand pre - cious Lord lead me home.

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: God who hears the cries of your people, we pray for a world in which the wind can be very loud. We pray for people living under violence and war, for those forced from their homes, and for those whose lives are treated as though they do not matter.

All: Make a way where no way can be seen.

Reader: We pray for those who hold power. Disrupt the belief that greatness is measured by control, wealth, or fear. Give our leaders courage to tell the truth, protect the vulnerable, and use their authority for the good of all people.

All: Show us the power revealed in Jesus.

Reader: We pray for those who are exhausted from rowing into the wind: caregivers whose responsibilities keep changing, people waiting for medical answers, families struggling to repair what has been broken, and those doing their best without knowing whether it will be enough.

All: Come near to them in the darkness.

Reader: We pray for people who feel themselves sinking beneath grief, loneliness, anxiety, pain, or despair. Hear the prayers they can speak and the prayers for which they have no words.

All: Reach out your hand and hold them.

Reader: We pray for your church. When fear makes us cling too tightly to what we know, help us trust your presence. When cruelty is praised as strength, keep us faithful to the compassion of Jesus. When we grow discouraged, remind us that the wind does not decide what is possible.

All: Teach us to live by the truth of your love.

Reader: We pray for this congregation and for those whose needs are known among us. We name them now, aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence is kept.

Reader: Make us attentive to the people around us. May our presence, our generosity, and our care become signs of Christ's outstretched hand.

All: Use our hands to share your love.

Reader: We remember those who have died and all who grieve. Hold them in the love from which neither life nor death can separate us.

All: Keep us in your eternal care.

Reader: God of the wind and water, receive these prayers and the prayers we carry silently. When we are afraid, remind us that Christ is already coming toward us, saying, "Take heart. I am here."

All: Amen.

Offertory

Telemann's Oboe Fantasia No. 2 In A Minor: Allegro
Juliana Ives

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: Friends, this is Christ's table. Here, we do not have to prove the strength of our faith. We do not have to pretend that we are fine or that the wind has not frightened us. We come as people who need grace, and Christ meets us here. So, come. There is a place for you at this table.

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: It is right to give you thanks, O God.

When your people were trapped between Pharaoh's army and the sea, you heard their cries and made a way to freedom. When rulers claimed that the world belonged to them, you continued to speak through prophets, calling your people back to justice, mercy, and love.

In Jesus, you came among us. He fed people who were hungry. He welcomed those others had pushed aside. He came to frightened disciples in the darkness and reached for Peter as he sank beneath the water. In Jesus, you showed us that true power comes near and gives life.

On the night before he died, 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 and said: "This cup is the new covenant, my grace poured out for you and for the world. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. Make this meal a sign of your grace and form us into people who reach toward one another with the love of Christ.

Give us strength for the rowing, courage to ask for help, and faith enough to trust the voice of Jesus when the wind tells another story.

Together, we pray as Jesus taught us, 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

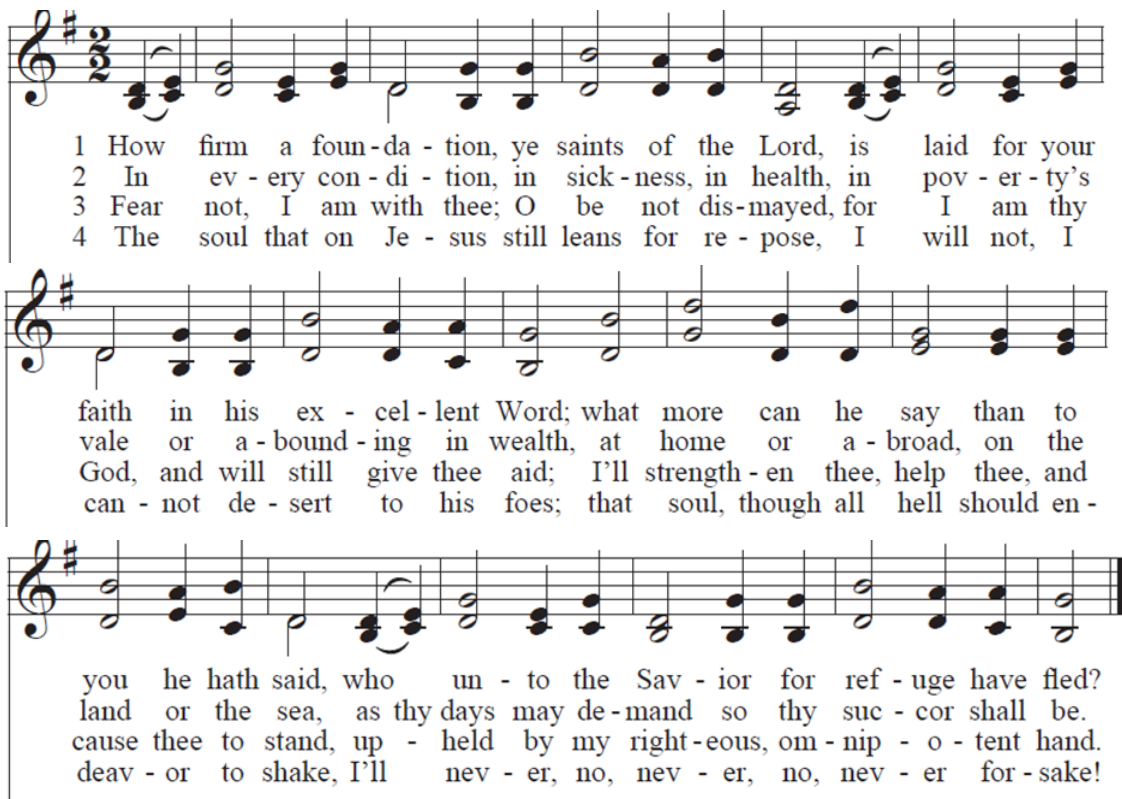
Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Gracious God, you have met us at this table and fed us with your love. Send us out remembering that no wind can carry us beyond your reach. Make our lives an outstretched hand to someone who needs to know they are not alone.

Please stand in body or spirit.

Closing Hymn

How Firm a Foundation OneLicense



1 How firm a foun-da-tion, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2 In ev-ery con-di-tion, in sick-ness, in health, in pov-er-ty's
3 Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis-mayed, for I am thy
4 The soul that on Je-sus still leans for re- pose, I will not, I
faith in his ex-cel-lent Word; what more can he say than to
vale or a-bound-ing in wealth, at home or a-broad, on the
God, and will still give thee aid; I'll strength-en thee, help thee, and
can-not de-sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en-
you he hath said, who un-to the Sav-ior for ref-uge have fled?
land or the sea, as thy days may de-mand so thy suc-cor shall be.
cause thee to stand, up-held by my right-eous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
deav-or to shake, I'll nev-er, no, nev-er, no, nev-er for-sake!

Benediction

Pastor Kally

Coffee is served today by Gina Rosbrook

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., Thomas W., 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.

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.

TIME & TALENTS FAIR: Sunday August 16, right 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 the Fair.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS AT SCF

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	1:00-2:30 PM - Memory Café, Fellowship Hall
August 23	10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Kally: Celebrant Preacher: Mark Bocker
August 23	5:00 PM - SCF Picnic, Mary McCallum Park
August 30	10:00 AM - Worship Service, Pastor Jeff Bullock

NANCY MCGRATH GREEN GALLERY

Big art weekend. Check out our gallery exhibition, *Every Picture Tells a Story*, then head to the Village for the Sunriver Art Fair (open until 3pm).

Whooooo is hiding in our gallery? *Every Picture Tells a Story* features two owls. Can you find them? The show runs through September 29.

Cat lovers, don't miss Pam Beaverson's original linocut prints outside the sanctuary door in the gallery. Gallery summer hours: Tuesday – Thursday, 11am – 2pm or by appointment. Contact mcgrathgreengallery@gmail.com



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.

SCAN TO DONATE

Simply scan the code and it will take you directly to the SCF donation page.



SCF VOCAL CHOIR: IT'S COMING FAST! (First choir rehearsal is August 26)

It's time to start tuning your voices! Our first choir rehearsal is happening soon and we are actively seeking new members, like you. No talent required, just a heart to serve God with music. If you are feeling that little niggling that you'd kinda' like to do this, please contact me and let's talk. Kathy Bullock at *Kdoginsd@aol.com*

THANK YOU FROM BARBARA BROCKER: A huge Thank You to SCF for how big a part you had in my Handbell Life Award. I am deeply grateful for all that SCF has done to support me and the bell program though all these years. Thank you. Barbara Brocker

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!

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.

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

WARM SPRINGS DONATION: At last Sunday's service, the Endowment Trustees announced a donation to the Warm Springs emergency recovery fund to assist those affected by the Bench Fire. The quick response with specific donated items was overwhelming and is now sufficient. Many of you have asked for the link so that individual donations may be made. The initial goal of \$250, 000 has been reached which is good news. However, the estimated amount needed far exceeds this amount, given not only the loss of homes and out buildings, but also the loss of a considerable amount of timber which provides a critical revenue source for the tribes. Please consider making a donation to assist our neighbors in Warm Springs.. thank you for your consideration. That link is: <https://www.drln.org/news/official-warm-springs-wildfire-recovery-fund/>

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