

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS: Bring your dogs, cats, horses, gerbils, lizards, snakes, monkeys, stuffed animals, or whatever creature is part of your family, to our Blessing of the Animals, October 4 from 1:00–3:00 p.m. OUTDOORS at SCF. Each animal will receive a brief, personal blessing and your pet does not have to be on their best church behavior! We bless animals because they are part of God's good creation and because they bring companionship, comfort, laughter, and love into our lives. It is also a chance to give thanks for them and to remember our responsibility to care for all living creatures. This is a fun, casual event and a wonderful opportunity for community outreach. Come with a pet or without one, meet some neighbors, and enjoy what will almost certainly be a little joyful chaos. **We will also have pet minders available for anyone who would like to visit the new exhibit in the Nancy McGrath-Green Art Gallery while they are here.** [see below]

NANCY McGRATH GREEN GALLERY: Photography: 7 Points of View opens **TODAY**, October 4 with a reception after worship for the exhibiting photographers. Forget what you think a camera can do. These seven Central Oregon photographers have wildly diverse perspectives. This exhibition will provoke lots of discussion – so be sure the welcome the photographers by joining them at the reception. October 4 will be a busy Sunday. The photographers will be available in the gallery until 12:30. That leaves plenty of time to drop into the Blessing of the Animals from 1 to 3. Photography: 7 Points of View runs through January 3, 2027 but the photographers will only be visiting our congregation on October 4. *Photo: Climbing Boot Butte by Steve Peters*



MEMORY CAFÉ: Memory Café will meet Tuesday, October 20, from 1:00–2:30 p.m. in the SCF Community Room. John Salzer presents the fascinating story of Sunriver's military past. Find out why the Great Hall survived when almost everything else disappeared. 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!

Stewardship Kick-Off Ice Cream Social: Stay after worship on October 25 for ice cream, conversation, and the official beginning of our stewardship season. Yes, we will talk about giving, but stewardship is about far more than paying the church bills. It is about what we value, what we hope for, and what we can do together. We will celebrate some of the ways SCF is making a difference, look ahead to where we believe God may be leading us, and enjoy being together. There will be ice cream, plenty of toppings, and fun people. Come, have a sundae and help us kick off the season.

FAITH SISTERS GROUP [formerly "Feminine Spirituality Group"] meets Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m.

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS: Monkey Bread was the most recent baking event for the Visions of Sugarplums hardworking volunteers. Treat your family to the famous monkey bread! Makes the whole family Happy! We are so blessed to have so many volunteers who dedicate their time in the kitchen to help our community in need. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts and stay tuned to see what they do next. Visions of Sugarplums is November 14. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Linda Porter lind.porter@gmail.com; Ronda L Floyd rondaflloyd@gmail.com; Patty Smith mandrpatty@msn.com



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The Holy Eucharist in Celebration of The 19th Sunday After Pentecost

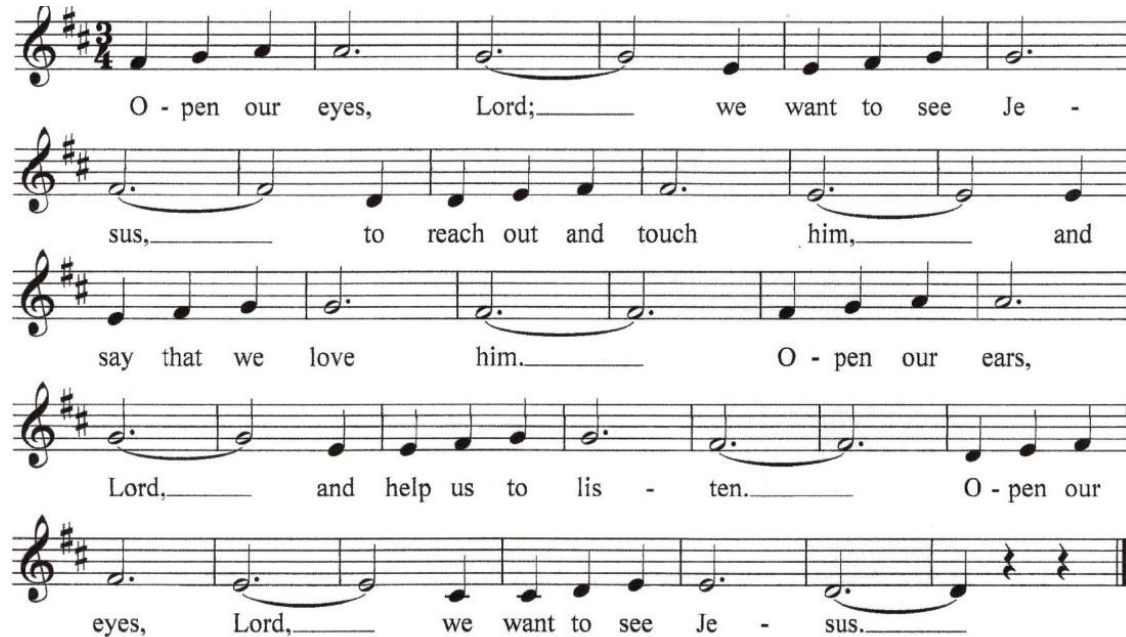
October 4, 2026
10 a.m.

Order of Service
Rev. Dr. Kally Elliott, Celebrant & Preacher **Gina Rosbrook, Reader**
Meagan Iverson, Pianist; Gina Rosbrook, Song Leader

Please silence all cell phones.

Bells *The ringing of the bells calls us to worship and quiets our minds and voices.*

Gathering Song SING TWICE *Open Our Eyes, Lord* W&P 113 OneLicense
Please remain seated.



Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Kally

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Celebrant: The heavens are telling the glory of God.

All: The earth is alive with God's goodness.

Celebrant: Morning after morning, creation speaks.

All: Night after night, the world whispers of wonder.

Celebrant: There is no speech, no language, no corner of creation where God's presence cannot be known.

All: We are part of this beloved creation.

Coffee is served today by Linda & Stan Porter

Next Sunday—Celebrant & Preacher: Pastor Mick Bollenbaugh

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER NEEDS: Please keep these people in your prayers: Betsy M., Kelly B., Peter R., Melodee M., Arlan R., Monica M., Joan L., Jeanette B., Joan F., Stacy M., Lori, Sandy G., Bob C., 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., Scott J., Lauren B., Carol F., Jennie F., Erik E., Amber F., and Olivia L.

BLOOD DRIVE: SCF is hosting a blood drive Tuesday, October 13, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS [1-800-733-2767] or visit and enter SunriverChristianFellowship to schedule an appointment or send an email to Steve Phares: phares_7@msn.com

UPDATING OUR PRAYER LIST: We are updating our prayer list and could use your help.

Please email Pastor Kally at kelliott@sunriverchristianfellowship.org or the church office at officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org to let us know if someone should be added or removed, or if a current request needs to be updated. **When adding someone, please give us their connection to SCF and a brief reason for prayer, when appropriate and shared with their permission. For example: "John S., Mary P.'s brother, recovering from surgery." You can also let us know how long the request should remain on the list.** We understand that privacy is important. A request may be listed by name only or kept confidential and shared directly with Pastor Kally. Our hope is simply to keep the list current and help our congregation better pray for and care for one another.

GUEST BOOK: We would love it if our guests would sign the guestbook 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, please sign up by emailing Joan Lewis at officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS AT SCF

October 4	After SCF Service— Artists reception: <i>Photography: 7 Points of View</i>
October 4	1:00-3:30 PM – Blessing of the Animals
October 13	10:00-3:00 PM – Blood Drive
October 20	1:00-2:30 PM - Memory Café, Fellowship Hall
October 25	After SCF Service— Stewardship Kick-Off Ice Cream Social

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MANAGING BOARD: The SCF Managing Board meets monthly at SCF at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is on October 27. All are welcome to attend.

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

CENTRAL OREGON MASTERSINGERS IN CONCERT AT SCF: Central Oregon Mastersingers "Understory" Chamber Ensemble presents *Through the Valley*, an intimate choral journey through longing, connection, and hope, at **Sunriver Christian Fellowship on October 17 at 4 p.m.**, and at Trinity Episcopal Church in Bend on Sunday, October 18 at 4 p.m. Tickets are \$25.00, purchase online at www.centraloregonmastersingers.org. Drawing from a wide range of musical traditions, this program traces a journey through uncertainty and sorrow toward transformation, connection, resilience, and hope. Through intimate a cappella singing, varied vocal textures, and repertoire that challenges the ensemble both technically and emotionally, *Through the Valley* will establish the artistic identity of The Understory while honoring the core mission of Central Oregon Mastersingers.

Closing Hymn

Goodness of God CCLI

Please stand in body or in spirit.

1. I love You

Lord Oh Your mer - cy nev - er fails me All my
voice You have led me through the fi - re In dark - est

days I've been held in Your hands From the mo - ment that I wake up Un - til I lay
night You are close like no oth - er I've known You as a fath - er as a Mother, as

my head I will sing of the good - ness of God
a friend I have lived in the good - ness of God

13 All my life You have been faith - ful All my life You have been

16 so so good With ev - ery breath that I am a - ble I will

19 1. sing of the good - ness of God 2. I love Your sing of the good - ness of

God I will sing of the good - ness of God

Benediction

Choral Benediction

Celebrant: Not its owners.

All: Its neighbors and caretakers.

Celebrant: Not standing above it.

All: Living within it.

Celebrant: So come, with gratitude for what has been given, with tenderness for what has been entrusted to us, and with wonder at the God who holds it all.

All: Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

Come to the Table of Grace CCLI License A-740306

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

This is God's ta - ble, it's not yours or mine.

Come to the ta - ble of *grace.

*verse 2: PEACE; verse 3: LOVE; verse 4: JOY; verse 5: HOPE

Prayer of Confession

Celebrant: There are things we have done and things we have left undone, but perhaps there is another question worth asking: What have we done with what was entrusted to us? I am going to name a few gifts and after each one, I will leave a little silence. You don't need to answer aloud. Just notice what comes. Let us pray.

God of every good gift, you have entrusted us with this earth.

[Silence.]

Celebrant: You have entrusted us with our neighbors.

[Silence.]

You have entrusted us with people who depend upon us.

[Silence.]

You have entrusted us with our bodies, our time, and our resources.

[Silence.]

You have entrusted us with this church.

[Silence.]

You have entrusted us with the good news of your love.

[Silence.]

All: Forgive us for the times we have mistaken responsibility for control. Forgive us for treating gifts as possessions. Forgive us when we have protected what was ours instead of sharing what was yours. Forgive us when we have decided who belongs and who does not. Open our hands again. Teach us to receive gratefully, to care tenderly, to share generously, and to love without needing to possess. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Celebrant: God’s mercy is wider than what we can see and deeper than what we can understand. There is always room to begin again, to see differently, to love more fully. Friends, hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Passing of the Peace *Please stand in body or in spirit.*

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Scripture Readings

Gina

Reader: A reading from Psalm 25

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.

Celebrant: You entrusted creation to our care, to tend, share, enjoy, protect, and love. When we forgot, you sent prophets. When we closed our hands, you called us back. When we mistook our perspective for the whole truth, you sent voices from places we had forgotten to look.

Finally, you came among us in Jesus. Jesus ate with people others avoided. Touched people others feared. Listened to people others ignored. He gathered around tables with saints and sinners and people who were usually a little of both, which means there is hope for us.

Loving Christ, On the night before you died, you took bread, gave thanks, and broke it. You gave it to your friends, saying, “Take and eat. This is my body, given for you. Every time you eat, do so in remembrance of me.”

After supper, you took the cup, saying, “This cup is the new covenant, my grace poured out for you and for the world. Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

Pour out your Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. As we share this meal, draw us closer to you and to one another. Send us from this table ready to love more generously and to care well for the people and the world you have entrusted to us, until every creature is gathered into your peace and all creation is made whole.

Hear us now as we pray as you 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**

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

All: God of grace, thank you for meeting us at this table. Send us out with open eyes and open hearts, ready to care for one another and for this world you have entrusted to us. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed: *Please stand in body or in spirit*

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*[*catholic means universal, the whole church throughout the world.]*

Invitation to the Table:

Celebrant: Look at this table. It has survived centuries of Christians arguing about it. We've argued about what the bread means, what the cup means, who can serve it, who can receive it, how often we should come, what words must be spoken. This Table just keeps outliving our arguments because we didn't create it. Jesus did. Jesus took bread and wine, blessed it and gave it away.

Today the bread will look different around the world. The languages will sound different. The prayers will be different, but the invitation still comes from the same Christ.

This is Christ's table. Christ is the host.
Come. There is room for you here.

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: God of all creation, before there were churches, before there were denominations, before anyone drew a boundary on a map, your Spirit moved over the waters. You spoke, and life came forth: water and earth, seed and tree, wing and fin, creature and human.

You called it all good.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. Gracious and upright are you, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way. You guide the humble in doing right and teach your way to the lowly.

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

The Holy Gospel according to *Matthew 21:33-46*

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

Reader: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore, I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.' When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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Please be seated

Musical Reflection ***God of Hope, God of Mercy*** J. Raney, H. Fosdick The Vocal Choir

Response Hymn

One Bread, One Body W&P 111

Please stand in body or spirit.

One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all;
one cup of bless - ing which we bless, and
we, though man-y through-out the earth,
we are one bod - y in this one Lord.
1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,
3 Grain for the fields, scat - tered and grown,
wom - an or man, no more.
one in the Lord of all.
gath - ered to one for all.

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 of all life, today we pray for the whole vineyard. For this earth: its forests and deserts, oceans and rivers, mountains and fields. For places damaged by fire and flood, pollution and war, and by our failure to care.

All: God of life, teach us to see and care for what you love.

Reader: For the creatures with whom we share this earth: those who live in our homes, those who work alongside human beings, those who live beyond our sight, those whose habitats are disappearing, and those whose lives are threatened.

All: God of life, remind us that we are fellow creatures.

Reader: For people around the world who gather at Christ's table today: for communities divided by war, people separated by borders, Christians worshiping under threat, and neighbors who have been taught to fear one another.

All: God of peace, widen our vision.

Reader: For people whose experiences are different from ours: people who see things we have missed, people whose stories challenge our assumptions, people whose voices have been ignored.

All: God of wisdom, teach us to listen.

Reader: For those in our own community who are sick, grieving, lonely, frightened, exhausted, or simply trying to make it through another week.

All: God of compassion, hold them close.

Reader: And for ourselves: for the people and responsibilities entrusted to us, for the things we hold too tightly, and for the places where we need courage to open our hands.

All: God of grace, make us faithful.

Reader: We offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, who welcomes us to the table and sends us into the world.

All: Amen.

Offertory *Your Holiness Surrounds Me* arr. D. Nevue/M. Iverson
Meagan

Offertory Response: *Please stand in body or spirit.*

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.**