Welcome to

Sunriver Christian Fellowship

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist in Celebration of All Saints Sunday

November 1, 2026

10 a.m.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Kally Elliott, *Celebrant & Preacher* **Dave Long, *Reader***
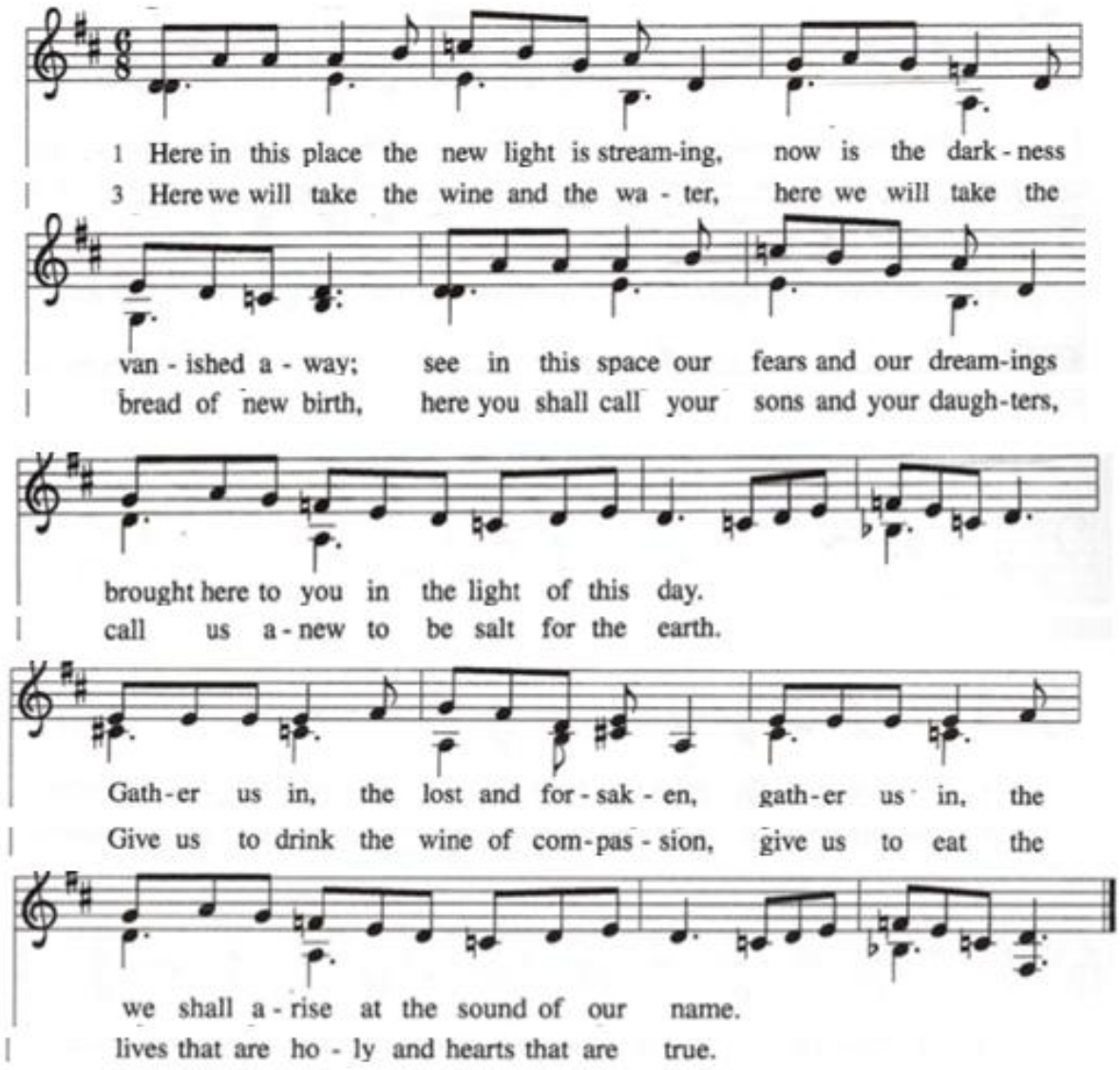
Meagan Iverson, *Pianist;* Gina Rosbrook, *Song Leader*

Please silence all cell phones.

The Bells *The bells call us to worship and quiet our minds and voices.*

Gathering Song ***Gather Us In*** ELW #532 OneLicense

Please remain seated.



Welcome & Announcements Pastor Kally

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship

Celebrant: There are people who helped us believe that God was good. We remember the sound of their voices. We still find ourselves repeating things they used to say.

All: **Thank you, God, for the people who loved us into faith.**

Celebrant: Some days, their absence takes us by surprise. Jesus says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."
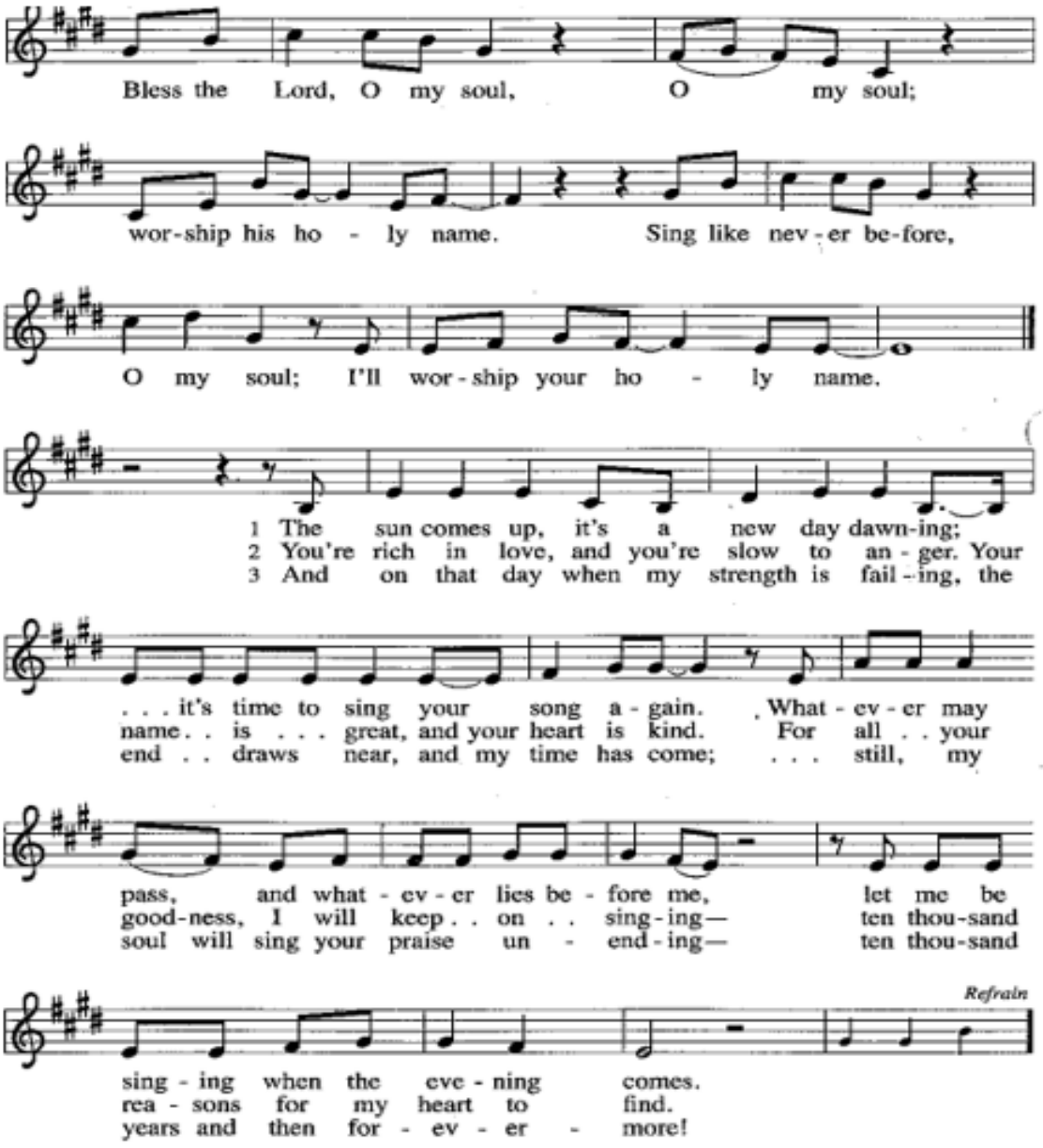
All: **Be close to us, God. We miss them.**

Celebrant: Across the generations, the church has trusted this promise: in life and in death, we belong to God.

All: **Hold us together in your love. Help us worship with the hearts we have today.**

Opening Hymn ***Ten Thousand Reasons*** All Creations Sings #1097

Please stand in body or in spirit.



Invitation to Confession

Celebrant: We have received our faith from people who needed forgiveness, just as we do. The mercy of Christ held them through their lives. That same mercy holds us now, as we tell God the truth about our own.

Prayer of Confession

***All*: Merciful God, Jesus blesses the merciful, yet we can be more interested in winning an argument than understanding the person before us. We grow impatient and speak sharply, sometimes to the people we love most.**

Jesus blesses those who mourn, yet we sometimes stop asking how someone is doing because we do not know what to say. Jesus blesses the peacemakers, yet we let hurtful words go unchallenged to avoid an uncomfortable conversation. As a church, we can give more attention to keeping things familiar than to making room for someone new.

Forgive us. We give you thanks for those who showed us another way: who listened patiently, made room for us, and loved us through our mistakes. By your grace, help us carry that love into the lives we touch. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

***Celebrant*:** We are God's children now. The grace that held those who taught us faith holds us, too. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved. There is room to begin again, even in the places where we thought nothing could change.

***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

Reader: *A reading from the First Book of John 3:1-3*

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure. *The Word of the Lord.*

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Reader: Please stand in body or spirit for the reading of the Gospel.
The Holy Gospel according to Matthew 5:1-12

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

Reader: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.
The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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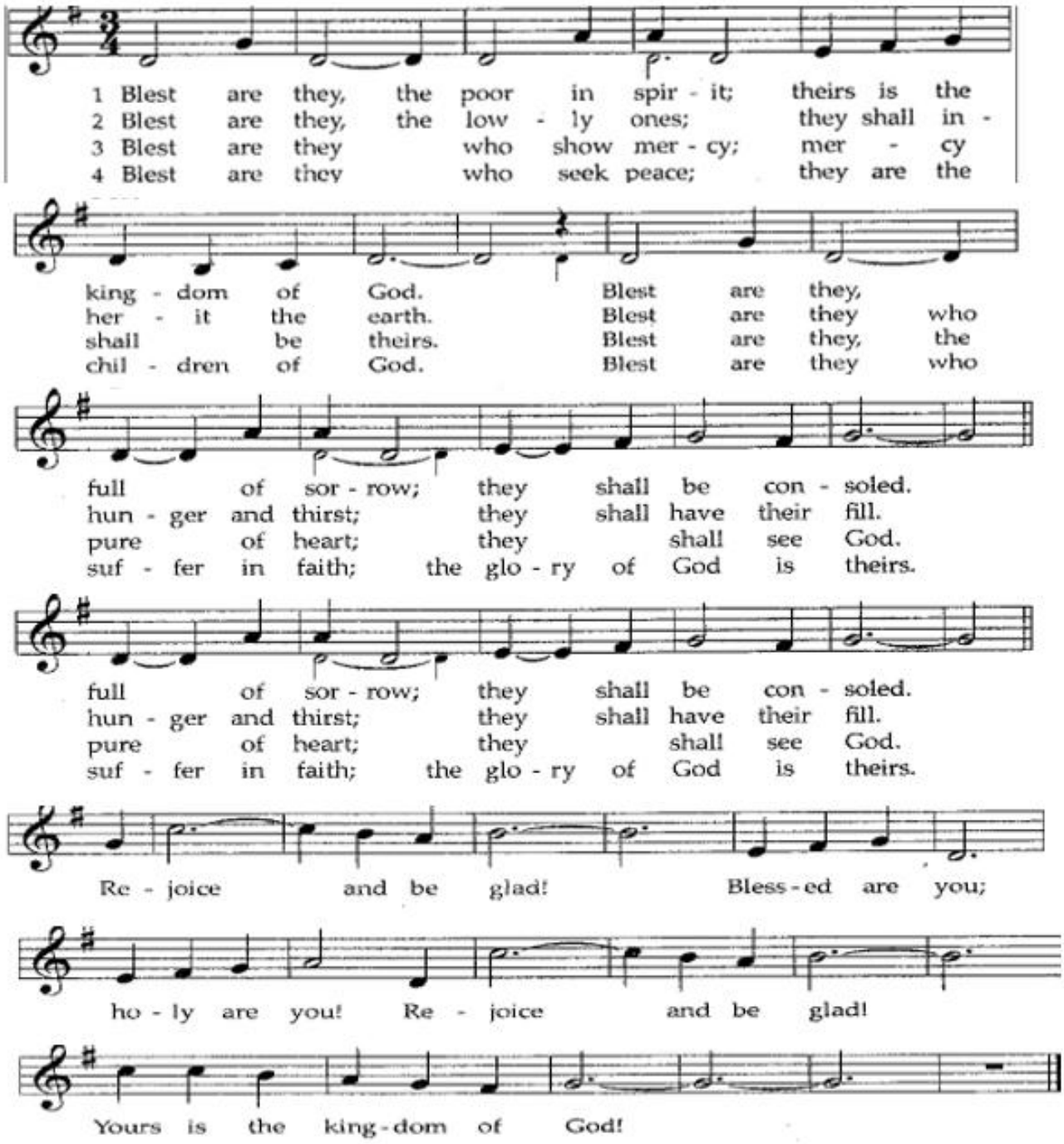
Musical Reflection ***Do Lord, Remember Me*** arr. M. McDonal The Vocal Choir
[Traditional Spiritual: The text quotes the words of the thief on the cross Luke 23:42]

Sermon Pastor Kally

Response Hymn

Please stand in body or spirit.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Communion of Saints

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: Faithful God, none of us learned to follow Jesus on our own. We have received a faith that others carried before us. Some gave the church words we still pray. Some challenged it to change. Others showed, through the way they lived, what mercy could look like.

Their witness has reached us across the years. We belong with them to the communion of saints, held in your love and still learning to follow Christ. Today we give you thanks for their lives, and for the ways they continue to shape ours.

For Julian of Norwich, who gave the church words for your tenderness and helped people trust your love in the midst of suffering:

All: **Thank you for her life. Help us trust the love that held her.**

Reader: For Karl Barth, who helped the church confess its allegiance to Christ, and Dietrich Bonhoeffer, who called Christians to live their faith when obedience became costly:

All: **Thank you for their courage. Help us be faithful in our own time.**

Reader: For Dorothy Day, who made room for people with nowhere to go and brought the church's prayers close to the suffering of its neighbors:

All: **Thank you for her life. Help us make room for one another.**

Reader: For those whose names are familiar in our own homes and in this church. Those who taught us to pray, welcomed our questions, and helped us believe that we were loved:

All: **Thank you for the faith they shared with us.**

Reader: For the people we wish were beside us today. For the years we shared, and the ordinary moments we would love to have again:

All: **We give you thanks. We miss them. Hold them and us in your love.**

***Reader*:** We remember those we love who now live in the fullness of God's love.

We remember their lives before they became an absence in ours. Their laughter. The way they said our name. The ordinary days we would give so much to have again. We bring you these people, God. We bring our gratitude for having known them, and our sorrow that they are gone.

Jesus says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." With love, we remember:

[The tolling of the bells for Saints lost]

Reader: There are other names among us this morning. People we loved, people who loved us. In the quiet, remember them before God.

[silence]

***Reader*:** God of the living and the dead, you know each person we have named. You know the story behind every name held in silence. Thank you for the years they were given, and for the part of their lives we were able to share. We grieve the years some should have had. We grieve what death interrupted.

Receive our beloved into your mercy. Where there was pain, give rest. Where things were left unresolved, hold what we cannot mend.

We commend them to you in the hope of resurrection. Keep us in communion with them through Jesus Christ, until that day when we shall know as we are known, and love will no longer be shadowed by loss.

Reader: Loving God, we remember, too, those whose needs have gone unspoken today. You know what it has taken for some people simply to be here today.

***All*: Hold them and us in your love.**

***Reader*:** We also pray for our community and for places where grief is shared by many. Be with those living in fear, those facing violence, and those working to protect and care for others. Strengthen your church to practice the mercy Jesus taught us.

***All:* Hold them and us in your love.**

***Reader*:** God of every generation, you have held those who came before us. Hold us now. Help us care for one another in the time we have together. Through Jesus Christ.

***All*: Amen**

Offertory

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.

Invitation to Communion

Celebrant: At this table, Jesus gives us a way to remember him: bread in our hands, a cup shared, his words spoken again. Today we come with others in our hearts, remembering meals we shared and people we long to see. Christ welcomes us into a communion larger than this room. Those we miss are held in his love. We receive that love here, too. Come. The table is ready.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Celebrant: *God* 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 our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: Eternal God, you have been our dwelling place in every generation. Before any of us knew your name, your love was at work. You gave life to the world and called it good. You heard your people crying out in captivity and led them toward freedom. Through prophets and faithful witnesses, you kept calling them back to mercy and justice.

We thank you for Jesus Christ, born into a family, loved by friends, familiar with the small joys of a shared meal. He touched people who had gone without tenderness. He saw those others had stopped noticing. He called the poor in spirit blessed, and promised comfort to those who mourn.

When his friend died, he wept. When his own death drew near, he sat at a table with the people he loved and gave them bread.

We remember his betrayal and his suffering. We remember the women who stayed near the cross, and the grief of those who laid him in the tomb.

We give you thanks that you raised him from death. In the risen Christ, you have given us a hope we could not make for ourselves. The grave will not keep all that you have made and loved.

Celebrant: At this table, receive our thanksgiving with that of your whole church. We praise you with the saints whose names are spoken across the world, and with the people whose names we spoke here today.

We remember those who once shared this bread with us. Thank you that their belonging to Christ has not ended. In him, keep us joined to them as we await the fullness of your kingdom.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and cup. Feed us with the life of the risen Christ. Give comfort to those who mourn, and renew our love for one another.

We long for the day when your people will hunger no more, when every tear will be wiped away. Keep that hope alive in us. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Hear us now as we pray as you taught us to 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
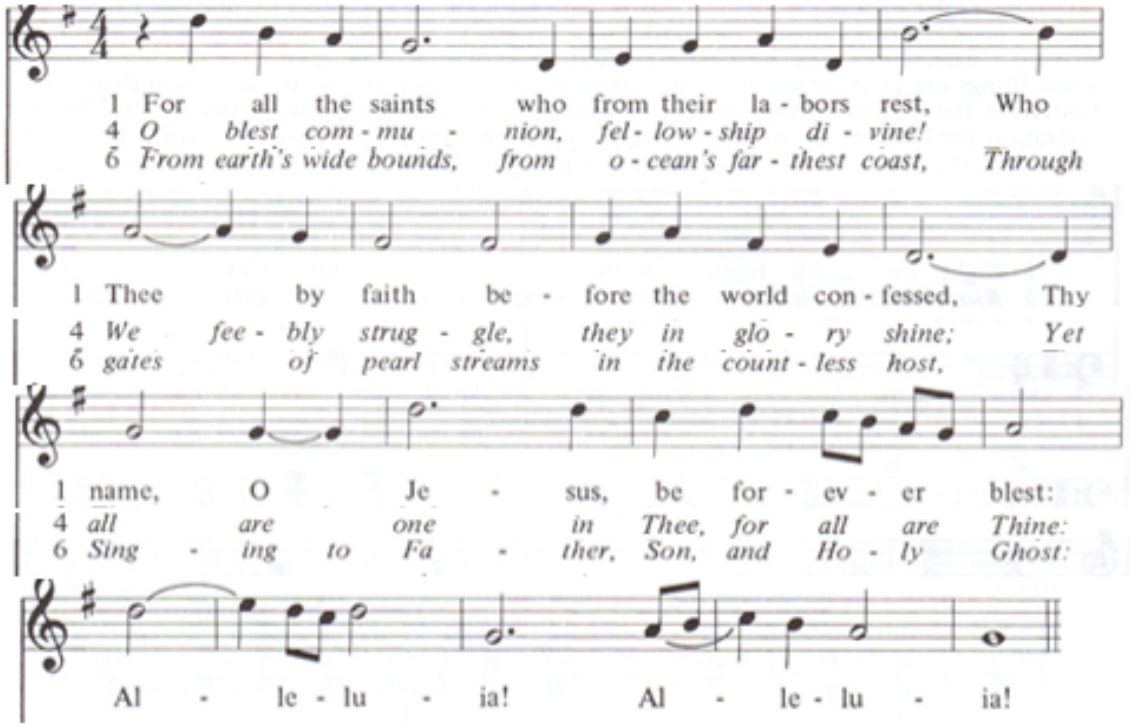
We serve communion by intinction. You are invited to take a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, and receive the elements together. Gluten-free and individual sterile options are available.

Prayer After Communion

All: **God, we have spoken the names and shared the bread. Thank you for meeting us here. Go with us into the quiet that follows this service. Give us grace for the days when missing someone takes us by surprise. Help us treasure what we were given, and trust our beloved to your care. Until we feast together in your kingdom, keep us close to Christ and to one another. Amen.**

Closing Hymn ***For All the Saints*** ELW #427 OneLicense

Please stand in body or in spirit.



Benediction

Celebrant: May God be gentle with you as you remember. May a story bring a smile, and may there be someone beside you when the tears come. The love that holds those you miss holds you, too. May you rest in that love today, and find courage there for tomorrow. In life and in death, you belong to God. Go in peace.

All: **Amen.**

Choral Benediction: *You Shall Go Out with Joy!* D. Rubin, arr. Larson.

The congregation is encouraged to join in singing with the choir.

Coffee is served today by Ronda Floyd & Liz Haberman

Next Sunday—Celebrant & Preacher: 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., Lori, Sandy G., Bob C., Whitney M., Nancy J., Lloyd S., Cliff R., Gina T., Jett A., Rachel, Sharon B., Rich D., Dianne, Curtis S., Melissa J., Sheree, Karin B., Scott J., Lauren B., Carol F., Jennie F., Erik E., Amber F., and Olivia L.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS AT SCF

November 1:	All Saints Day: 10 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kally Elliott
November 8	10 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Mick Bollenbaugh
November 14	Visions of Sugarplums: 10-3, SHARC
November 15:	10 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kally Elliott
November 17:	Memory Café, 1-2:30 p.m.
November 22:	10 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Barry Heath
November 29	First Sunday of Lent, 10 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kally Elliott

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, please sign up by emailing Joan Lewis at officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS: Next Sunday, November 8, view a showcase of the many Raffle items that will be available November 14 at Visions of Sugar Plums at SHARC. Raffle tickets may be purchased next Sunday as well as at the event on November 14. And it is time to fill the Wagon of Wine, one of the most popular Raffle items. Help us fill our little red wagon by contributing your favorite wine. You may bring your wine contribution to the church on Sundays and give it to Linda or Ronda or drop off wine during the week and place in Joan's office. And if you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Linda Porter lind.porter@gmail.com; Ronda L Floyd rondafloyd@gmail.com; Patty Smith mandrpatty@msn.com

TREE OF GRATITUDE: Beginning next Sunday and continuing throughout November, we invite you to embrace the spirit of Thanksgiving by reflecting on the many blessings in your life. Visit our **Tree of Gratitude** in the lobby, write something you are thankful for on a leaf, and add it to the tree. Together, let's watch our tree grow with gratitude and abundance!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: The needles are clicking, and our knitters are a "head" of our goal to furnish 50 hats for Shepherd's House before winter descends in force. Last year Monica Mack challenged us to knit 40 hats, the challenge was accepted and the goal reached. If you are interested in helping with your knitting, crocheting or sewing skills, we would love to have you join us. Knitting patterns and yarn are available for you. Contact Susan Kenny: sskfour@gamil.com

MEMORY CAFÈ: Tuesday, November 17, 1-2:30 p.m. **Name that Tune**. Listen to familiar tunes, share your guesses, and enjoy a trip down memory lane together. Pumpkin pie will be served. SCF Community room. No registration required.

NANCY McGRATH GREEN GALLERY: Don't miss our current show**: Seven Points of View** through January 3. The gallery is located at 18139 Cottonwood Road, inside Sunriver Christian Fellowship. If you normally worship online, make a point to stop by. Gallery hours are 1–4pm weekdays, after worship on Sundays and by appointment: mcgrathgreengallery@gmail.com).

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

FAITH SISTERS GROUP: meets Mondays, 10-11:30 a.m.

MANAGING BOARD: The SCF Managing Board meets monthly at SCF at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting is November 17. All are welcome to attend.

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