

Welcome to
**Sunriver Christian
Fellowship**

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The 20th Sunday
After Pentecost

October 11, 2026
10 a.m.

Order of Service

Rev. Dr. Mick Bollenbaugh, *Celebrant & Preacher*
Meagan Iverson, *Pianist*; Randy Heise & Carol Thomas, *Song Leaders*

Don Udlock, *Reader*

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 Mick

Woodchuckers Update

Don

Lighting of the Christ Candle:

Call to Worship

Celebrant: God prepares a feast for all peoples.

All: **We come to receive what God has prepared.**

Celebrant: God meets us in the valley and accompanies us through it.

All: **We bring our fears and the people we love.**

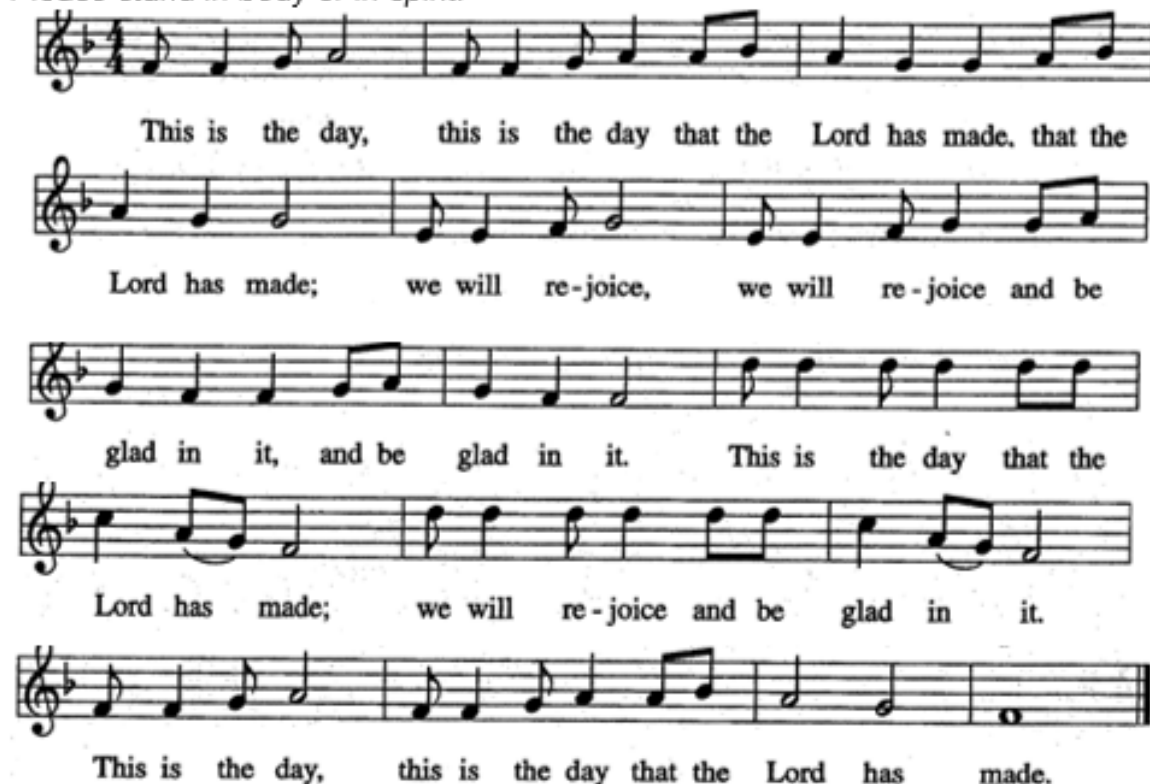
Celebrant: God gathers us at a table where mercy overflows.

All: Make room in our hearts for one another.

Celebrant: Come, let us worship God.

Opening Hymn SING TWICE *This is the Day* W&P 141 One License

Please stand in body or in spirit.



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. It consists of five lines of music. The first line contains the first measure of the hymn. The second line contains the second measure. The third line contains the third measure. The fourth line contains the fourth measure. The fifth line contains the fifth measure. The lyrics are written below the notes.

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made, that the
Lord has made; we will re-joice, we will re-joice and be
glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day that the
Lord has made; we will re-joice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

Invitation to Confession

Celebrant: It is possible to say yes to God and still keep much of our lives out of reach. We know the habits we defend, the people we avoid, the things we keep promising to address. In God's presence, we can speak honestly about them.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of mercy, we hear your invitation, but we often have something else to do. We put off making the phone call. We leave an apology unsaid. We notice someone being left out and hope another person will make room. We enjoy being welcomed, and sometimes resent the welcome given to others. We want your forgiveness, but hold tightly to what someone owes us.

Forgive us. Help us face the harm we have caused. Teach us how to receive your generosity and practice it with the people we meet. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Celebrant: Hear the good news: Christ meets us with mercy. In his life, death, and resurrection, God has acted to forgive us and bring us home. Receive that forgiveness. You are free to tell the truth, to make amends, and to begin again. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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

Celebrant: The peace we receive from Christ is ours to share. As you greet one another, offer the words, "Peace of Christ." The peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

Please be seated.

Scripture Readings

Don

Reader: *A reading from Philippians 4:1-9*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

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 22:1-14

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader: Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged.

He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Please be seated

Musical Reflection **Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us** arr. S. Geschke The Bells

Sermon Pastor Mick

Response Hymn **Let Us Break Bread Together** FOG #564 OneLicense

Please stand in body or spirit.

The image displays a musical score for the hymn "Let Us Break Bread Together" in 2/2 time, featuring three vocal parts (1, 2, and 3) and piano accompaniment. The score is written in G major (one sharp) and includes lyrics in both English and Latin. The first system contains the first line of the hymn, the second system contains the second line, and the third system contains the third line. The lyrics are: "1 Let us break bread to - geth-er on our knees; 2 Let us drink wine to - geth-er on our knees; 3 Let us praise God to - geth-er on our knees; When I fall on my knees, With my face to the ris - ing sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me."

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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, we bring you the world you love. We bring people whose names we know and people whose suffering never reaches our attention. We pray for those who do not have enough to eat, for parents stretching groceries through another week, for people waiting for housing, and those who have stopped expecting anyone to help. Bless the work of people who feed their neighbors. Show us where our own help is needed. God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for people living through war, for those held captive, and for families searching for a safe place to sleep. Restrain those who use violence to secure their power. Give leaders the courage to protect life and the patience to seek peace. Teach your church to follow Jesus when fear makes cruelty sound reasonable. God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for people whose bodies or minds are struggling, for those awaiting a diagnosis, for those living with pain, for people who find it hard to ask for help, and for the people who love them and feel helpless. May they receive skilled care and steady companionship. Help us listen without rushing to explain their suffering. God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for those who are grieving, for the empty chair at breakfast, for the quiet house at the end of the day, for the loss that others have forgotten to ask about. Be near to them and help us remember and keep showing up. God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Reader: We pray for Sunriver Christian Fellowship and for the whole Church. Where we have wounded one another, help us take responsibility. Where we disagree, keep us attentive to the person before us. Give us a welcome that reaches beyond the people who already feel at home here.

We also give you thanks for the people who have cared for us, for moments of laughter, and for the goodness we might otherwise hurry past.

Receive these prayers, God, including the ones we have no words for. We entrust them to you through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Reader: Our gifts support the work we share: caring for people, gathering for worship, and serving our neighbors. Let us give with gratitude for what we have received.

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 the Communion

Celebrant: It feels good to be invited, knowing someone wants you there and has made a place for you. This morning, that invitation comes to us. Jesus invites us to gather at his table together, to receive the bread and cup, and to let ourselves be cared for. Come. Receive what is offered here, and let that care shape the care you offer others.

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, we give you thanks for the world you have made and for the life we receive from it. For soil that grows our food, for water, for the hands that plant and harvest, and for those who prepare a meal and make room for us, we thank you.

You called a people into covenant and accompanied them through the wilderness. When they lost their way, you continued to speak through the prophets, calling them to justice and faithfulness. You gave them a vision of a feast for all peoples, with tears wiped away and death swallowed up forever.

We thank you for Jesus, who ate with people others avoided and welcomed those who came to him. He healed the sick. He confronted those who burdened their neighbors. He taught his friends to forgive and to love their enemies.

When he was betrayed and put to death, you raised him to new life. Through him, you have opened a future that death cannot close.

We remember that on the night of his betrayal, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, saying: "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 Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup. May they be for us a sharing in the body and blood of Christ. Join us to one another and to your people throughout the world. Let the life we receive here shape what we do when we go from here.

Keep us faithful to Jesus until we share in the fullness of your promised feast. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, loving God, now and forever.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us to pray together, 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

A// Jesus, thank you for feeding us. As we leave this table, help us notice who needs company, who needs a meal, and who needs someone to speak on their behalf. Give us the willingness to respond. Amen.

Closing Hymn

Build a Longer Table All Creation Sings 1062

Please stand in body or in spirit.



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,

feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.

Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.

Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Benediction

Celebrant. Go with the peace of Christ. Give someone your full attention. Make the call you have been putting off. When you have an opportunity to offer kindness, take it. And may the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and in the week ahead.

All: Amen.

Coffee is served today by Chris Baldwin & Susan Kenney

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., Carol M., 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.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you! Thank you so much to everyone who stepped in to cover for me, brought food, and provided transportation while I was on medical leave. Your kindness, generosity, and support meant more to me than I can say. I am truly grateful for each of you. **Joan Lewis**

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 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.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS AT SCF

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
November 14 Visions of Sugarplums: 10-3, SHARC

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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

NANCY McGRATH GREEN GALLERY:

Don't miss our current show **Photography: Seven Points of View** through January 3. Forget what you think a camera can do. These seven Central Oregon photographers have wildly diverse perspectives. This exhibition will provoke lots of discussion. Visit us weekdays, 1-4 pm, Sundays following worship service (approximately 11:15 am to noon) or by appointment (email us: mcgrath.green.gallery@gmail.com). The gallery is located at 18139 Cottonwood Road, inside Sunriver Christian Fellowship.



Climbing Boot Butte by Steve Peters

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS: You will definitely want to find the Empanadas this year at Visions of Sugarplums Frozen Foods! Monica Mack, Jenny Long, Chris Baldwin, Mary Pahl, Vicki Udlock, Linda Porter, and Ronda Floyd gathered together to make delicious Beef & Cheese Empanadas. They're sure to be a favorite this year...don't miss them! 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 rondafloyd@gmail.com; Patty Smith mandrpatty@msn.com



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!

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

SCAN TO DONATE to SCF: Simply scan the code and it will take you directly to the SCF donation page



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.

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.

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