

Welcome to
**Sunriver Christian
Fellowship**

An Ecumenical Ministry Sponsored by the Episcopal and Lutheran Churches



The Holy Eucharist
in Celebration of
The 22nd Sunday
After Pentecost

October 25, 2026
10 a.m.

Order of Service
Rev. Dr. Kally Elliott, Celebrant & Preacher **Carol Thomas, Reader**
Meagan Iverson, Pianist; Don Udlock, Song Leader

Please silence all cell phones.

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



Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Kally

Spotlight on SCF: Stewardship

John Salzer

Lighting of the Christ Candle

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

In memory

This piece is in memory of the four people who died on October 15.

The ringers toll for each child and teacher:

Five tolls for five-year-old Rhoam Summer

Eight tolls for the eight-year-old

Eleven tolls for the eleven-year-old

A steady toll for the teacher, Megan Lambert

The meaning of the final bell is your own interpretation

Call to Worship

Celebrant: "The Lord is near to the brokenhearted."

All: God, be near to us.

Celebrant: With the psalmist, we ask, "How long, O Lord?"

All: Hear the questions we cannot put to rest.

Celebrant: Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart."

All: We bring you the hearts we have today.

Celebrant: Meet us in our worship.

All: Help us receive your love and care for one another.

Opening Hymn **SING TWICE** *Wind of Spirit* CCLI License A-740306

Please stand in body or in spirit.

Wind of the Spir - it, move fresh as we wor - ship and
fill us with hope ev - 'ry day.
Breath of cre - a - tion, blow life in our be - ing, and
gift us with pur - pose, we pray; so our
life is filled with mean-ing, and love is what we're breath-ing in the
wind of the Spir - it,
wind of the Spir - it.

Call to Confession

Celebrant: Scripture asks us to love our neighbors as ourselves and not to stand idly by when another person's life is threatened. This week, those words ask something difficult of us. In the mercy of God, we can examine our choices and consider what we may need to change.

Prayer of Confession

All: God, we love our children. We want them to come home safely, yet we keep facing losses no family should have to bear. Forgive us when we become so certain of our answers that we stop asking whether they are working. When we dismiss one another, help us listen. When we avoid difficult decisions, give us courage.

Help us face gun violence honestly and work toward laws and practices that protect life. Guide how we use our money, our influence, and our votes. Teach us to love our neighbors through the choices we make. Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Celebrant: Hear the good news: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved. God's mercy gives us room to acknowledge where we have fallen short, to learn from one another, and to begin again. We do this work held in the love of God.

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

Carol

Reader: *A reading from Leviticus 19: 1-3, 9-18*

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. When you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very edges of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. You shall not strip your vineyard bare or gather the fallen grapes of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the poor and the alien: I am the Lord your God. You shall not steal; you shall not deal falsely; and you shall not lie to one another. And you shall not swear falsely by my name, profaning the name of your God: I am the Lord. You shall not defraud your neighbor; you shall not steal; and you shall not keep for yourself the wages of a laborer until morning. You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling-block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord. You shall not render an unjust judgement; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself.

Reader: You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord. *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 22:34-40

All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Reader: When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.' *The Gospel of the Lord.*

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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Please be seated

Musical Reflection

Sweet Hour of Prayer arr. Eithun

The Bell Choir

In seasons of distress and grief,
My soul has often found relief,
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

Sermon

Pastor Kally

Response Hymn

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant ELW #659 OneLicense

Please stand in body or spirit.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant". It is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The score consists of three systems of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system has three lines of lyrics. The second system has two lines of lyrics. The third system has two lines of lyrics. The music is a simple melody with some rests and a final cadence.

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,

let you be my ser - vant, too.
walk the mile and bear the load.
speak the peace you long to hear.

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 prayers we have shared and those we have kept to ourselves. You ask us to love you with our whole hearts. We bring you the hearts we have today, with all their grief and questions.

For those killed at Silver Rail, and for their families and friends. For the people who knew their voices, their laughter, their everyday ways. For those injured and all who are caring for them. Stay close through the hours that feel impossible to bear.

All: God, hold them close. Help us keep showing up.

Reader: For every child and family in Bend-La Pine Schools. For teachers, administrators, and every employee whose work helps children learn and belong. For those returning to familiar places that now feel different. Give them patient care and people who will listen without asking them to be okay.

All: Be with them through each day, and help us care.

Reader: For police officers, dispatchers, firefighters, paramedics, medical teams, and everyone who came to help. For those who acted in terrifying circumstances and those carrying memories they cannot easily put down. May they receive care themselves, long after the emergency has passed.

All: Give them rest and people they can lean on.

Reader: For Emilie, the FAN advocate serving Three Rivers and Silver Rail, as she works closely with families. Help her hear what each family needs. Surround her with people and resources to help her respond, and give her somewhere to bring her own grief.

All: Sustain Emilie and all who are caring for these families.

Reader: For Bend, Sunriver, La Pine, Deschutes County, our home. We are grieving, angry, and arguing about what will keep children safe. When you ask us to love our neighbors as ourselves, help us remember the people who will live with the decisions we make. Keep children and families at the center of our conversations.

For our country, where so many communities have prayed prayers like these. Give our leaders—and all of us—the resolve to prevent these shootings. Help us examine what must change and follow through.

All: Give us wisdom and courage to protect one another.

Reader: We also remember the needs that were here before the shooting: illness, loneliness, private grief, and worries about someone we love. Those needs still matter. Help us make room for them, too.

God, your command to love reaches into our ordinary days. Help us recognize the care we can offer, and receive the care we need. Stay with us as we leave this place, and help us stay with one another.

All: Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

Reader: What we have, our money, our time, our abilities, is ours to use, but also ours to care for and share. Our offering is one way we practice doing that. Let us give with gratitude.

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 Table

Celebrant: Jesus invites us to this table. He knows grief, and he knows what it is to need the company of others. Here we receive bread and cup, and remember that we belong to him and to one another. Come as you are today. Let yourself be cared for.

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: God, we thank you for the life we share. For the earth that feeds us, for the people who have cared for us, and for the moments when someone's kindness helped us through a difficult day.

You have been faithful through generations. You heard your people crying out in slavery and led them toward freedom. You gave them teaching for their life together: leave some of the harvest for people who need it, pay workers fairly, judge honestly, and love your neighbor.

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Through the prophets, you kept calling your people to remember those whose lives were being overlooked.

And in Jesus, you came among us.

Jesus, you sat at people's tables and listened to their stories. You fed hungry people and welcomed those who had been pushed aside. You challenged people, too. You asked questions that stayed with them. You showed us a love willing to get involved.

Even as danger gathered around you, you shared a meal with your friends.

On the night you were betrayed, after giving thanks, you took bread, broke it and gave it to your disciples, saying, "Take and eat, this is my body broken for you. Every time you eat, remember me."

In the same way, you took the cup and blessed it, saying, "This cup is the cup of the new covenant, my grace poured out for you and for the world. Every time you drink, remember me."

We remember you here: your life among us, your death, and your resurrection. We trust your promise to be with us.

Holy Spirit, be present in this bread and cup and among all who receive them. Feed us with the love of Christ. Help us care for one another, and give us courage for the conversations and decisions ahead.

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

A/℟: Jesus, thank you for feeding us and making a place for us here. Help us notice who needs our attention, listen with care, and respond with love. Amen.

Closing Hymn **They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love** FOG 671 OneLicense
Please stand in body or in spirit.

1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; we are
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; we will
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; we will
one walk with each Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; and we
work with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; and to -
pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - styored.
geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save each one's pride.
And they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love, by our
love, yes they'll know we are Christ - ians by our love.

Benediction

Celebrant: Go gently with one another. There is grief here that will need our care for a long time. May God hold you close, and give you courage to love your neighbors in ways that help keep them safe.

May the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the companionship of the Holy Spirit be with you today and in the days ahead.

All: Amen.

Coffee is served today by the Ice Cream Social & Stewardship Committees
Next Sunday—Celebrant & Preacher: Pastor Kally Elliott

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., 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.

ALL-SAINTS RECOGNITION: November 1, we will remember loved ones who have died since All Saints Sunday on November 2, 2025. To include a loved one's name in the remembrance, please email the name(s) to Joan in the church office by noon on Thursday, October 29. Email is preferred to ensure each name is spelled correctly. Joan: officemanager@sunriverchristianfellowship.org.

UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS AT SCF UPDATE

October 25: 10 a.m. Worship Service: Pastor Kally Elliott
October 25 After SCF Service– Stewardship Kick-Off Ice Cream Social
October 27: SCF Managing Board Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
October 29: Halloween Youth Group-Sara Sather's, 4 p.m. RSVP
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

HALLOWEEN YOUTH GROUP HAPPY HOUR: Thursday, October 29, 4 p.m. at Sara Sather's, 9 Poplar, Sunriver. Bring a treat and/or beverage to share. Spooky sips, good company. HALLOWEEN ATTIRE ENCOURAGED. Please RSVP to Sara at sather1tec@gmail.com so she knows how many to expect.

VISIONS OF SUGARPLUMS: November 14: Thank you to all our amazing volunteers for working hard to make Visions of Sugarplums a success again this year. Out of respect for the focus of our service this Sunday, the Holy Cow won't be making an appearance until November. This Sunday Ronda and Linda will be in the lobby after church with empty food containers that you can take home for your cooking and baking projects and to answer any questions you may have.

It's that time of year: Time to fill the Wagon of Wine, one of the most popular Raffle items for the Visions of Sugarplums Extravaganza! 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

NANCY McGRATH GREEN GALLERY: **Seven Points of View continues through January 3.** Our fall exhibit features seven Central Oregon photographers with wildly diverse perspectives in their work. 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).

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.

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.

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.

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 [formerly “Feminine Spirituality 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 on October 27. All are welcome to attend.

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