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## Spiritual Blessings

July 16, 2017 6th Sunday after Pentecost



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## Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs Come Thou Font of Every Blessing & Blest Are They

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



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## Blest Are They



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## Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

## No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of mercy, you said to the Israelites, "You shall not oppress a stranger, since you yourselves know the feelings of a stranger, for you also were strangers in the land of Egypt." We are all strangers, each one of us to another. Fill our welcome and our love of the stranger with your mercy. Amen.

### Meet Someone New

We practice being Christians by extending our hand in friendship to people we may not know very well or at all. If we can't practice it here in worship, where else can we do it? Go ahead, make the first move. "Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_\_. You're new to me." OR "Can I introduce myself to you?" are good ways to start. We simply cannot be afraid of one another.

Reprise Blest Are They

#### Confession

Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we speak the truth of who we are we are brought again to the knowledge of how madly God loves us.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

God of Mercy,

Lord, we have betrayed you by following our own way. We have denied you by fearing to follow your way. We have made a mockery of the lives you have given us. We have diminished your role in our lives in ways we know and in ways we'd never imagine. Lord, we are lost. We are sorry. Please forgive us. Give us your new life. Live in us and with us day by day, That together we may make a world that is new.

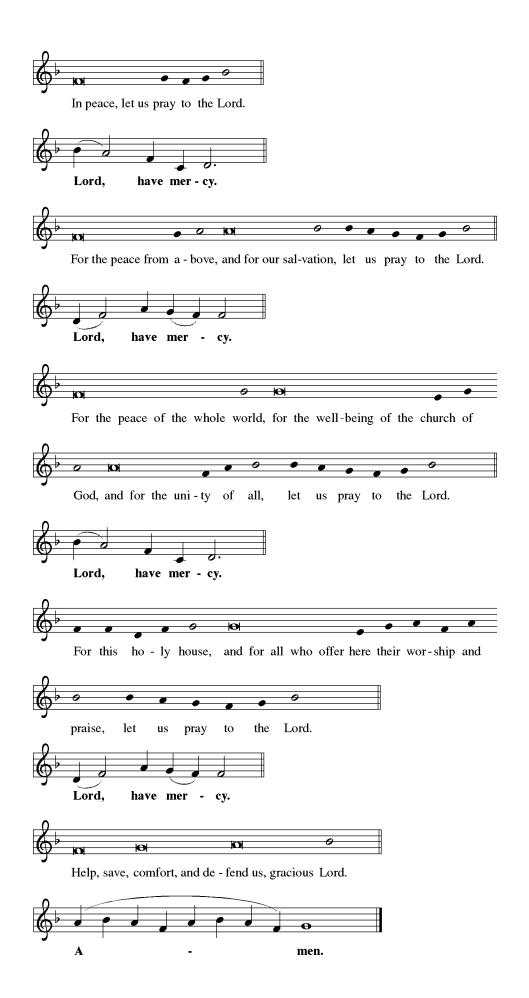
Hear this Good News:

God shows mercy to us. God is mercy and God is faithful to you. God loves you and there is nothing that you can do to make God love you any more or any less. You are forgiven. Be at peace. In the name of Jesus. **Thanks be to God! Amen.** 

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all **And also with you.** 

KYRIE ELEISON (Lord, Have Mercy)







Prayer of the Day Let us pray, *A brief silence is kept before the prayer.* 

God of spirit, we are yours because you have said we are. Guide us to live by your grace and joyfully tell others of your promises to all. In Jesus' name, Amen.

## **The Story**

READER: Today, our story and God's story is found in the book of Ephesians, chapter 1, verses 1-14.



Readers: Reader, Group 1, Group 2

**Reader:** Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, To the saints who are in Ephesus and are faithful in Christ Jesus: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Group 2: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love.

Group 1: He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

**Reader:** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

Group 1: In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory.

Group 2: In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

**READER:** Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God's story.

Sing – Alleluia

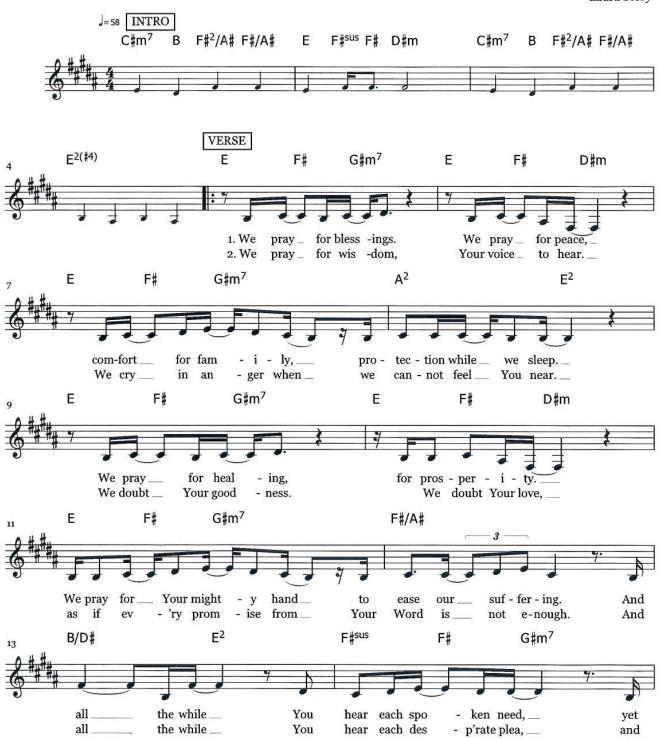
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Sermon

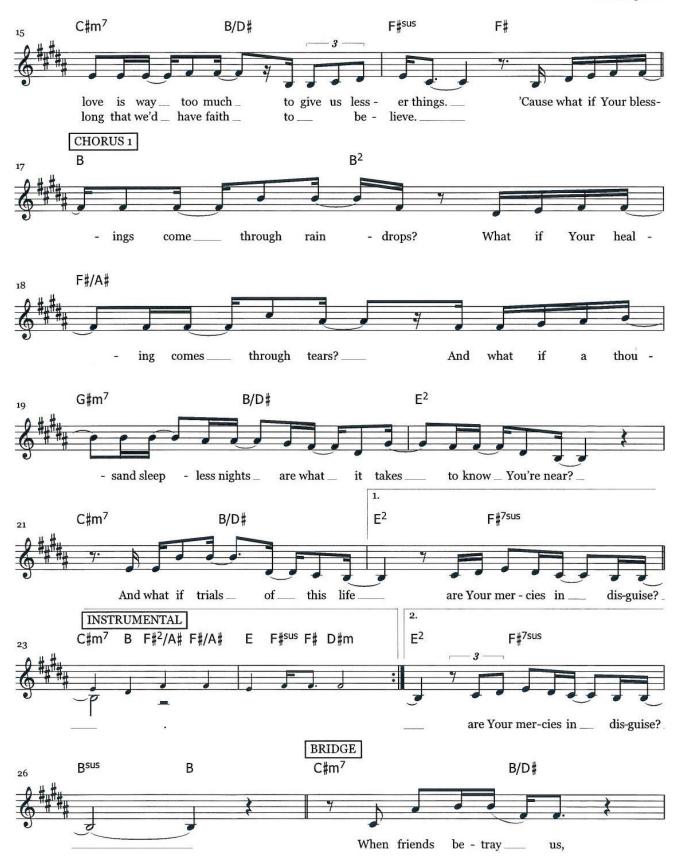
Song After Sermon Blessings Please write your prayer requests as we sing together. The people who will pray your prayers will pick them up from you.

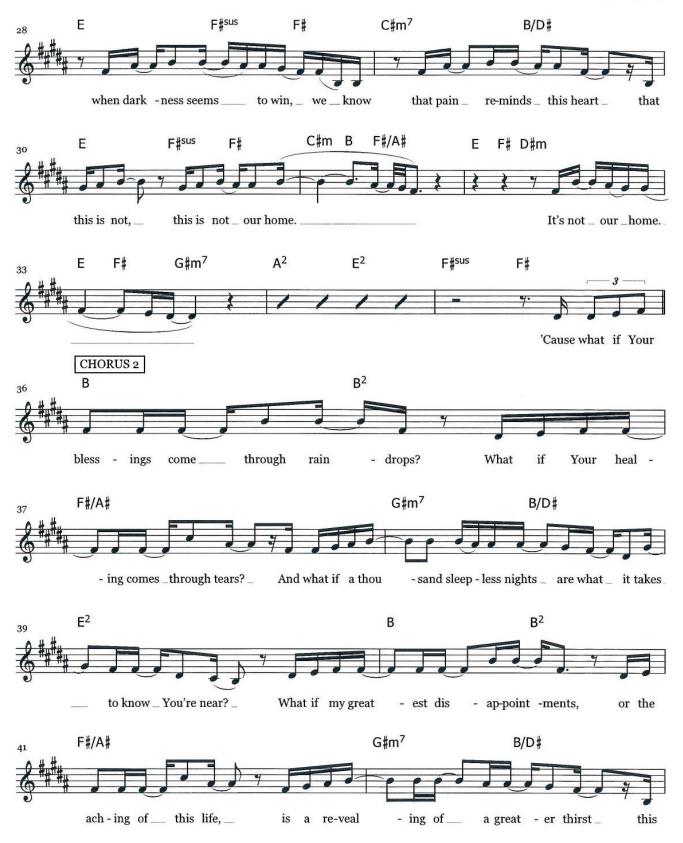
## Blessings

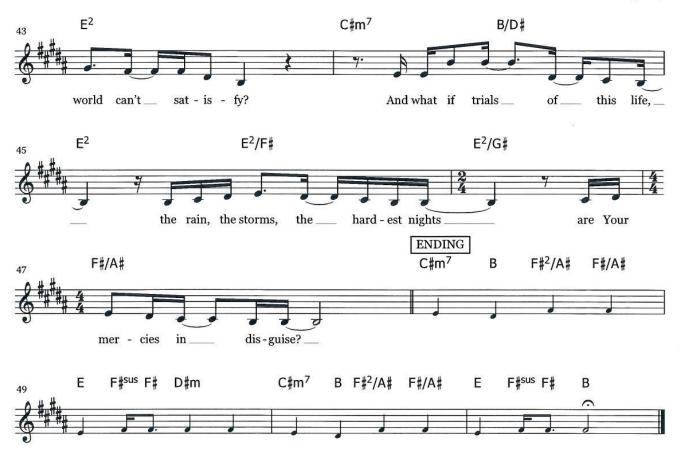
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Proyers of the People Prayers will be written on papers or texted by the people and prayed out loud, anonymously, by two people from the congregation. After 3-4 prayers are read, the reader of the prayers will say "Lead us, Lord of love" with the response: "Hear our prayers." Pray-er: Lead us, Lord of love, ALL: Hear our prayers.

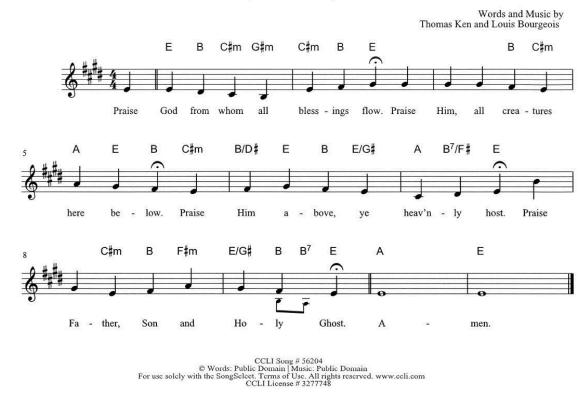
## Offering

All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough. Please put your offering of gratitude to God in the plate as it passes by. Prayerfully consider giving a consistent financial gift to River of Hope so our community cannot just survive but thrive.

The watering can is for Laundry Love The Backpack is for pudding for Common Cup and the Backpack program.

Offering Song Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

## Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow (Old 100th)



## Thanksgiving for Gifts

Generous God, Thank you God for the countless ways that you bless us to bless the world. We thank you for this money received to continue to tell your Good News to the world. We thank you for the ways that you call us each into a life in you. Please accept our grateful praise. Amen.

### The Lord's Prayer

You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, We pray that your good will be done, Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, Give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, From each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence Beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen. -This version of the Lord's Prayer written by Parker J. Palmer

# The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

## MILESTONES

"It's time for milestones-a time of sharing milestones in our community. Big, small, good, bad. Come on up if you have one to share." After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!"



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May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you: wherever he may send you, may he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm.

May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you; may he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors. Amen

Sending Song You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

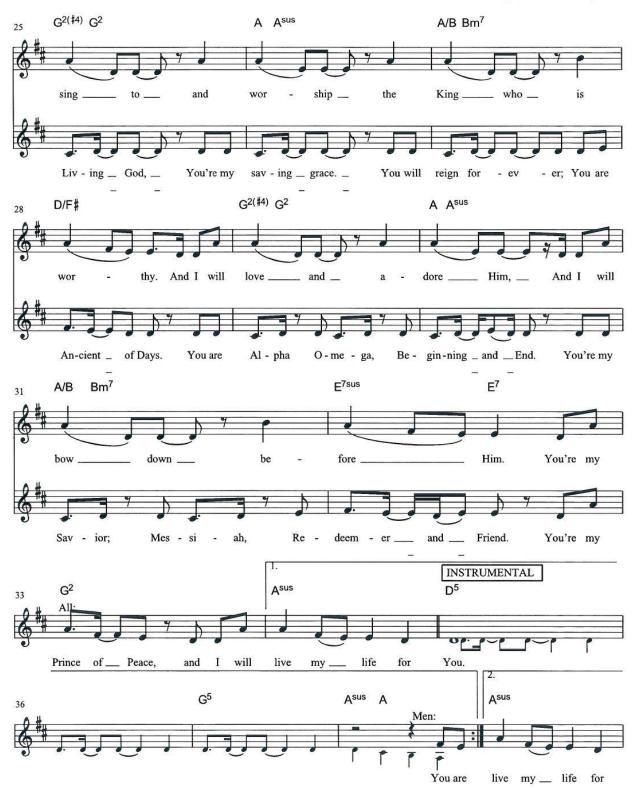


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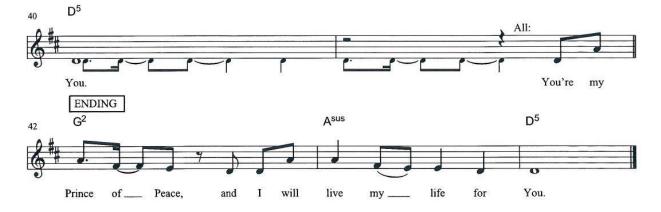
You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace) - 2



You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace) - 3



You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace) - 4



Go in peace, share the hope of Jesus! Thanks be to God!

## Music to Send You Out

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