

November 6, 2016 Confirmation Sunday



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Gathering

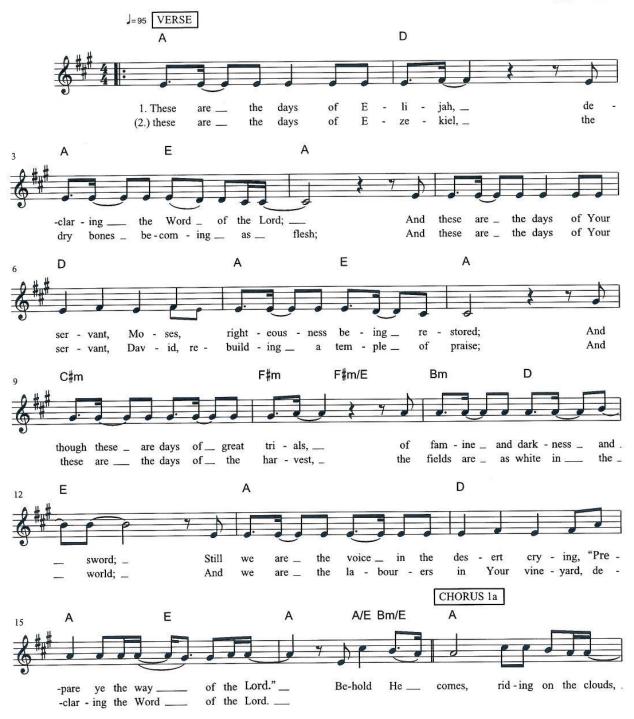
Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs "Lord I Lift Your Name On High" & "Days of Elijah"



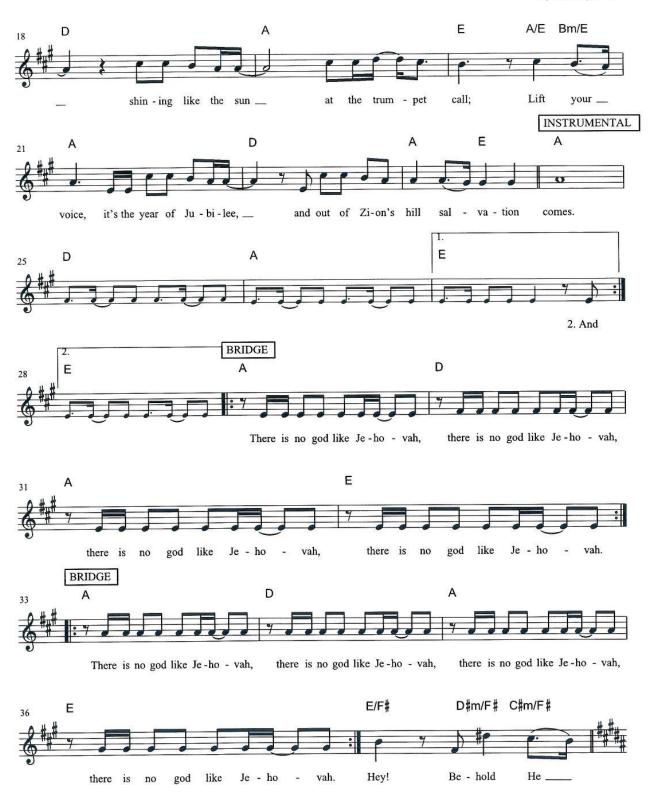
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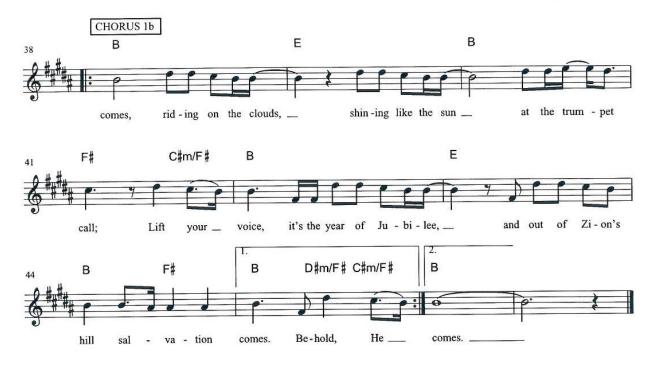
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Days Of Elijah - 2





Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

[Deaja] Please join me in praying the No Longer Strangers Prayer God of promises, you promise to always love us and you remain faithful to us no matter what. Send us toward each other, strangers, friends, and enemies alike, reminding us that you have promised to love them, too. 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 of "Days of Elijah" to gather everyone back together.

[Veronica] You are the right side (motion to the right). You are the left side (motion to the left).

Confession Let us confess that God is God and we are not. Silence for reflection and self-examination. [Count to 10 Veronica] Dear faithful God, (left) We have not loved you with all of our hearts. (right) We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise

(left) We have put up walls to keep people at a distance.

(right) We have failed to respond when someone is hurting.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

(left) We abuse the gifts of your creation.

(right) We destroy your beauty out of ignorance and greed.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

(left) We fail to respond to your call to do justice.

(right) We seek only comfort for ourselves.

ALL: We have not responded to your promise.

Silence



Promise of Forgiveness

[Mona] Forgiving God,

We are broken but God's promises are not. Through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. Alleluia! Thanks be to God! Amen!

Greeting

[Nate] 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.

Prayer of the Day

[JOC] Let us pray, A brief silence is kept before the prayer. [Count to 5, Joe] God of the seas, sky, and land,

When Jonah turned to run from you, you showed him that nothing and no one could hide from your presence. You are in all things, and you love all things. Show us the gift of your presence, and help us to carry your word of compassion and grace to all the world, in the name of the one who carried out your love flawlessly, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

The Word

Confirmand Scripture Readings Confirmation youth will go up on the stage, in alphabetical order, to the microphone, introduce themselves and their scripture and then read their scripture and then return to their seats. Joe Caya – Jonah 2:6 Nate Christensen – Psalm 62:5-7 Elinor "Ellie" Grace Hauser – John 8:12 Rogan Alexander Isbell – Psalm 27:1

Veronica June Junker – Provers 3:5 Deaja Rose Munoz – Romans 8:38-39; Provers 31:25

Josiah David Nelson – 2 Corinthians 5:7

. Autumn Ramona "Mona" Faye Worden – Psalm 62:2

To the Narrator: please tell the congregation what their parts are before announcing the reading. Also, go over any pronunciations they might have that could be difficult.

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today in the reading is from the book of Jonah chapter 1 verses 1-17; chapter 3 verses 1-10 and chapter 4, verses 1-11. **ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

CHAPTER 1

NARRATOR: Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai, saying,

THE LORD (left): "Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me."

NARRATOR: But Jonah set out to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid his fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the

presence of the Lord. But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and such a mighty storm came upon the sea that the ship threatened to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god. They threw the cargo that was in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep. The captain came and said to him,

CAPTAIN (left): "What are you doing sound asleep? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps the god will spare us a thought so that we do not perish."

NARRATOR: The sailors said to one another,

SAILORS (right): "Come, let us cast lots, so that we may know on whose account this calamity has come upon us."

NARRATOR: So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him,

SAILORS (right): "Tell us why this calamity has come upon us. What is your occupation? Where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?"

JONAH (all): "I am a Hebrew." I worship the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

NARRATOR: Then the men were even more afraid, and said to him,

SAILORS (right): "What is this that you have done!"

NARRATOR: For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them so. Then they said to him,

SAILORS (right): "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?"

NARRATOR: For the sea was growing more and more tempestuous. He said to them,

JONAH (all) "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great storm has come upon you."

NARRATOR: Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring the ship back to land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more stormy against them. Then they cried out to the Lord,

SAILORS (right): "Please, O Lord, we pray, do not let us perish on account of this man's life. Do not make us guilty of innocent blood; for you, O Lord, have done as it pleased you."

NARRATOR: So they picked Jonah up and threw him into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. Then the men feared the Lord even more, and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows. But the Lord provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

SERMON

CHAPTER 3:

NARRATOR: The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,

THE LORD (left): "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

NARRATOR: So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out,

JONAH (all): "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

NARRATOR: And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh:

KING (all): "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

NARRATOR: When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

CHAPTER 4

NARRATOR: But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said,

JONAH (all): "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live."

NARRATOR: And the Lord said,

THE LORD (left) "Is it right for you to be angry?"

NARRATOR: Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said,

JONAH (all) "It is better for me to die than to live."

NARRATOR: But God said to Jonah,

GOD (left) "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?"

NARRATOR: And he said,

JONAH (all): "Yes, angry enough to die."

NARRATOR: Then the Lord said,

THE LORD (left) "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

NARRATOR: Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story. ALL: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Song "You Are Mine"

You Are Mine



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Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation. The youth and their presenters (parents, godparents, other family and friends) will go to the baptismal font where the presenters will announce the following:

I/We present <u>NAME</u>, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

Let us pray.

Merciful God,

We thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God? I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God? I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God? 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit? 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.

The congregation may be seated.

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism.

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds, one at a time:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ? We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may sit in the chair next to the baptismal font and be surrounded by parents, Godparents, family and friends, all putting their hands on the confirmation youth for a blessing. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing. The blessing may be repeated for each person. The minister may lay both hands on the head of the person and say:

[In alphabetical order: Joe Caya, Nate Christensen, Ellie Hauser, Rogan Isbell, Veronica Junker, Deaja Munoz, Josiah Nelson, Mona Worden]

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in ______ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence both now and forever. Amen.

MENTORS BLESS THEIR MENTO

Mentors will place a headlamp on their mento's head and say this blessing, all at the same time: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

THANKSGIVING FOR MENTORS

Dear God of relationship,

Thank you for the gifts of friendship, faith and the family of Christ. We thank you for these mentors and their love, attention and care for their mentos: Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser, Kris Hartman, Jim Schaefer, Nancy Redetzke, Sandy Tracy, Eliza Mayhew, Linda Cox. Thank you God for these great witnesses to a life of faith. Amen.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

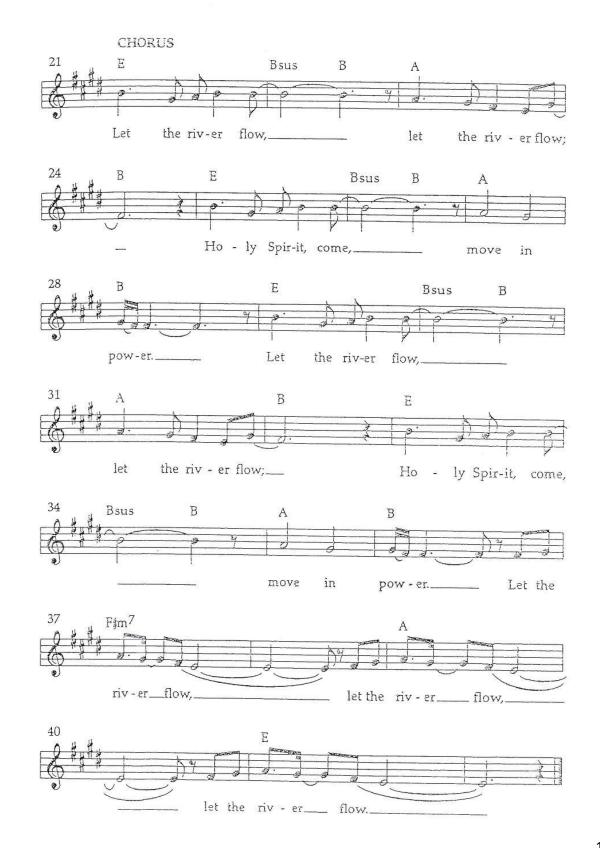
Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ. We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world. Alleluia!

Song/Hymn "Let the River Flow"

During the singing of the hymn or song, the newly confirmed will take pine boughs and sprinkle the congregation with water, reminding them of their baptism.







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 gifts to House of Grace, a mission congregation in Montrose, Minnesota.

Laundry Love: Take a container to collect quarters to support the ministry of Laundry Love.

Offering Song "I Offer My Life"

I Offer My Life

Words and Music by Claire Cloninger and Don Moen



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The Feast

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:

Let's pray: Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.

[JOSIAH] In thanksgiving for these gifts, let us pray, in response to your promise of faithfulness and life, we offer our lives. In response to your promise of love, we offer our love. In response to all of your promises, we offer our gifts. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table The Lord is with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

[JOSIAH] O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence. Come, Holy Spirit. 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.

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. 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.

Invitation to the Meal

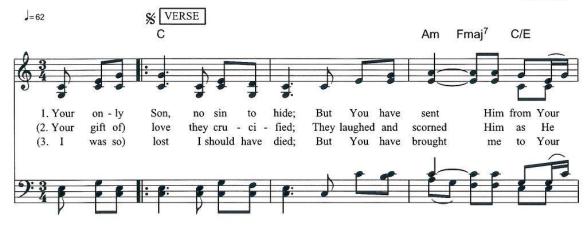
You are welcome to this meal. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

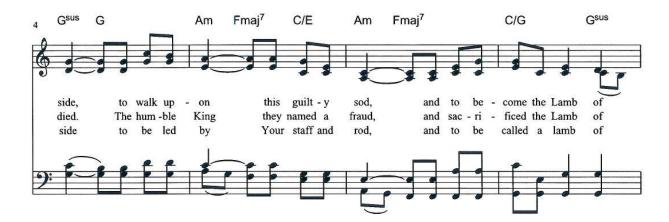
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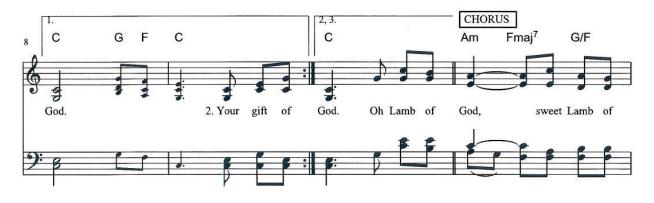
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Lamb Of God

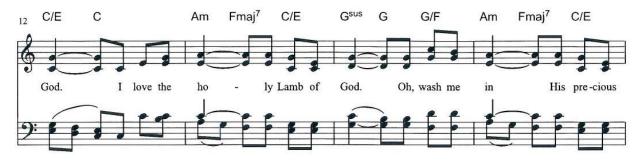
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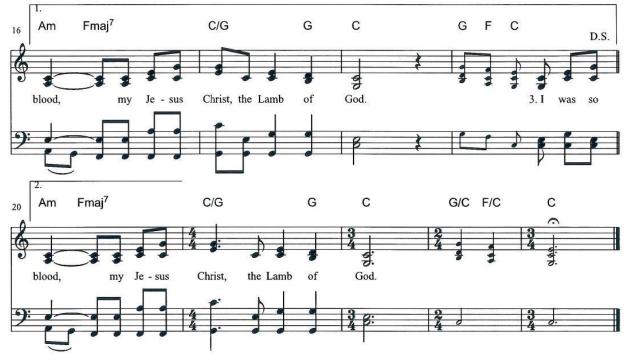






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Borning Cry



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Blessed Assurance



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Prayer After Communion

[ELLIE] Let us pray. God of promise, you keep your promise and you feed us so that we may live and give life to the world. Send us out ready to tell others of this great free gift of unending love. Amen.

The Sending

[ROGAN] 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!" "Standing On The Promises" will be sung at the beginning and end of the sharing.



Standing On The Promises

[JOE AND RUTH]Blessing

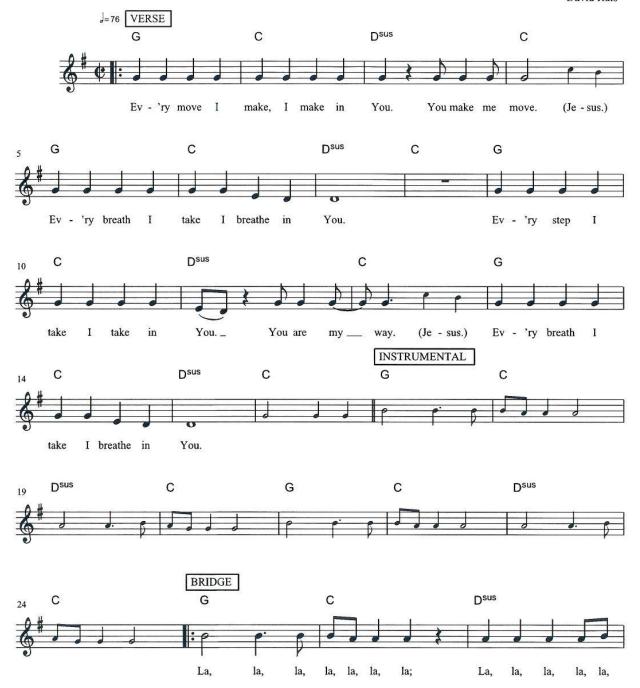
You, Child of the most loving and merciful God, have been blessed through the waters of the baptismal font, through the gift of this community, through the bread and wine, the Holy Scriptures and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May the love you have heard about, participated in, and been freely given, shine in you and from you into the world. Go forth in peace my brothers and sisters. Go forth in peace. **Amen.**

Sending Song "Every Move I Make" (KIDS – come play a rhythm instrument!)

Every Move I Make

Words and Music by David Ruis



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Every Move I Make - 2



Go in peace – serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Music to Send You Out

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