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May 28, 2017 7th Sunday in Easter



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs Be Unto Your Name & Forever

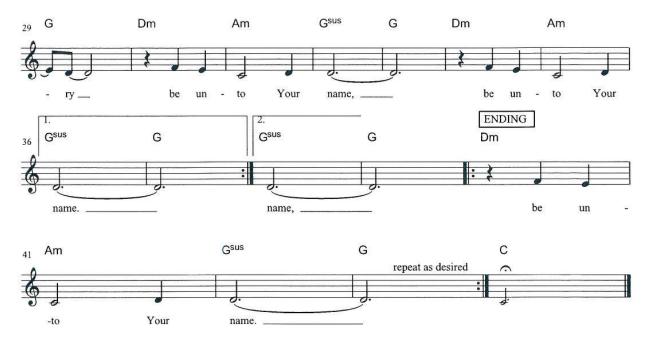
Be Unto Your Name

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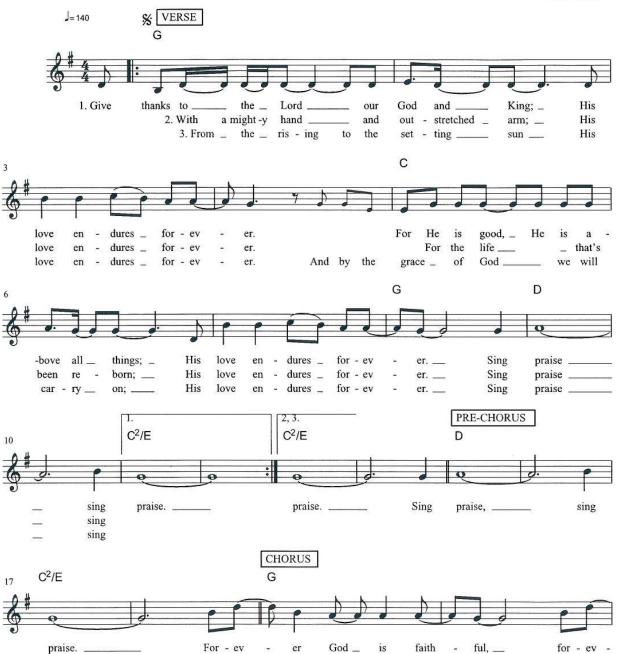
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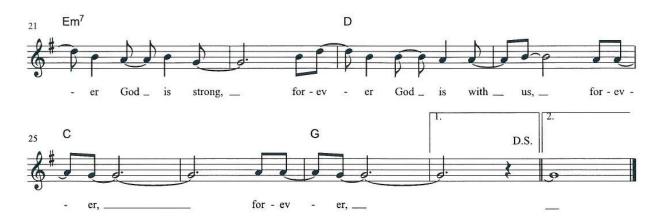


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Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Dear Jesus, Help us to see your love and life in those around us: friends, enemies, and strangers alike. You always show up in who we'd rather just call the "other." Help us to call them what you call them: a precious child of God. 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 Forever

Confession

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

Silence for confession

Transforming God,

we confess that we are turned in on ourselves and cannot save ourselves, no matter how hard we try. We have sinned against you in the things we think and don't speak, in the words we regret or delight in saying, and in the way we live our lives. We have sectioned off our hearts. We excel at building walls. We are good at reasoning and legitimizing our behaviors and thoughts. We want to be safe, never hurt again. We are sorry. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Please forgive us, make us new and ready to praise your name.

Amen.

Hear this Good News:

God never tires in forgiving us, always rebuilding hope in the name of Jesus Christ. In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to transform our lives. God does not leave you the way that God found you. Your stumbling blocks are turned into bridges. Your stony heart is turned to flesh. The walls of your heart have been broken down. You are forgiven. You are loved. In the name of the risen Christ, rejoice in this good news! **Amen! Alleluia!**

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.**

Pronunciation Lesson



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

God of unity and justice,

You care less about our ancestry and more about the state of our hearts. Cover us with the garment of your salvation and prepare us to share you love in your world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

The Story

NARRATOR: Today, our story and God's story is found in the book of Galatians, the 3rd chapter, verse 1 through verse 9, and verse 23 through verse 29.

Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional; arr. Mark Sedio, b. 1954 Arr. $\ensuremath{\mathbb{Q}}$ 1995 Augsburg Fortress.

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Paul (Narrator): You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this:

Side 1: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard?

ALL: Are you so foolish?

Side 2: Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh?

ALL: Did you experience so much for nothing? – if it really was for nothing.

Paul (Narrator) Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law, or by your believing what you heard? Just as Abraham "believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness," so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, "All the Gentiles shall be blessed in you." For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed. Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith.

ALL: But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

ALL: Sing Halle Halle Halle

Children's Sermon

Sermon

Song After Sermon Hallelujah

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

HALLELUJAH

Music by Leonard Cohen Adapted for Easter with Lyrics by Kelly Mooney

A crown of thorns placed on His head He knew that He would soon be dead He said did you forget me Father did you?

They nailed Him to a wooden cross soon all the world would feel the loss Of Christ the King before His Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

He hung His head and prepared to die Then lifted His face up to the sky Said I am coming home now Father to you.

A reed which held His final sip was gently lifted to his lips
He drank His last and gave His soul to glory.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

The soldier who had used his sword to pierce the body of our Lord Said truly this is Jesus Christ our Savior.

He looked with fear upon his sword then turned to face his Christ and Lord Fell to his knees crying Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Took from his head the thorny crown and wrapped him in a linen gown And laid him down to rest inside the tomb.

The holes in his hands, his feet and side now in our hearts we know he died To save us from ourselves oh hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

Three days went by again they came to move the stone to bless the slain With oil and spice anointing hallelujah.

But as they went to move the stone they saw that they were not alone But Jesus Christ has risen Hallelujah.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah. Prayers 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 "Lord, we depend on your mercy" with the response: "Hear our prayers."

Pray-er: God of mercy.

ALL: Hear our prayers.

Offering

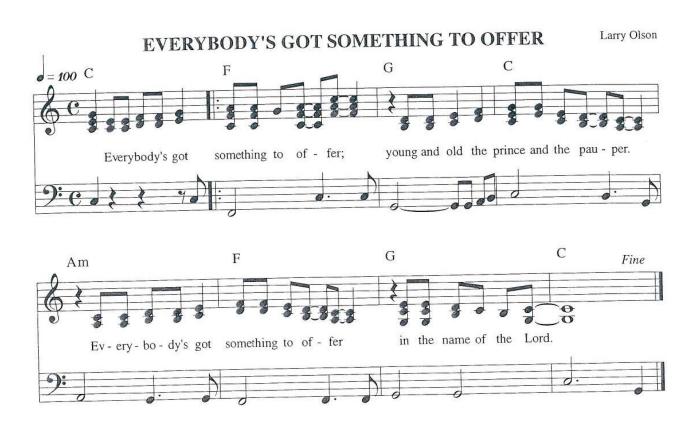
All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough.

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 Everybody's Got Something to Offer



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.

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Risen Lord.

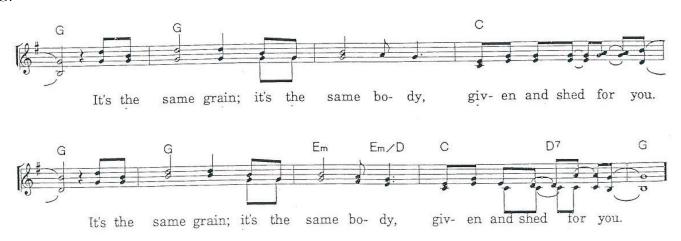
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

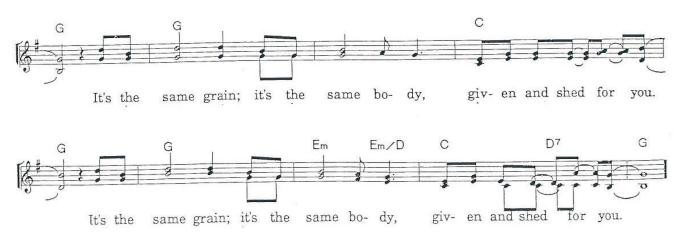
O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.

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."

SING:



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."



Remembering his death, we cry out Amen! Amen! Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen! Amen! Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. Amen.

O God, you are Breath:
send your Spirit on this meal.
O God, you are Bread:
feed us with yourself.
O God, you are Wine:
warm our hearts and make us one.
O God, you are Fire:
transform us with hope.

O God most majestic,
O God most motherly,
O God our strength and our song,
you show us a vision of a tree of life
with fruits for all
and leaves that heal the nations.
Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the Son,
and the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.

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.

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 forever. 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.

Communion Songs Given and Shed for You & One Bread, One Body

GIVEN AND SHED FOR YOU

John Ylvisaker

("Worried Man Blues")

American Tune



One Bread, One Body



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Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. Grace-filled God, your welcome of all who hunger and thirst at your table never ends. Thank you for your grace and your mercy that gathers us at this meal and gives us the gift of forgiveness and grace. At this table, we are one. Send us out as one. Let this meal bring us together. Amen.

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!"

Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)



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Blessing
God bless you and keep you,
God smile on you and gift you,
God look you full in the face
and make you prosper.
Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

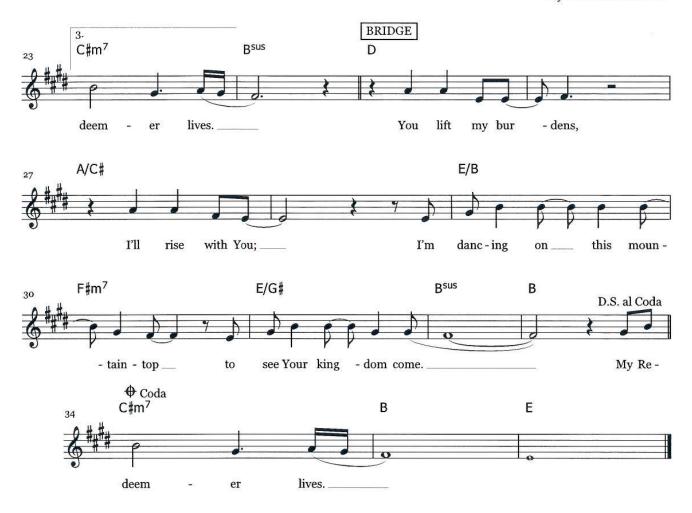
Sending Song My Redeemer Lives

My Redeemer Lives

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan



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

Music to Send You Out