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12th Sunday After Pentecost August 12, 2018 Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs "Change My Heart O God" & "He Has Made Me Glad"

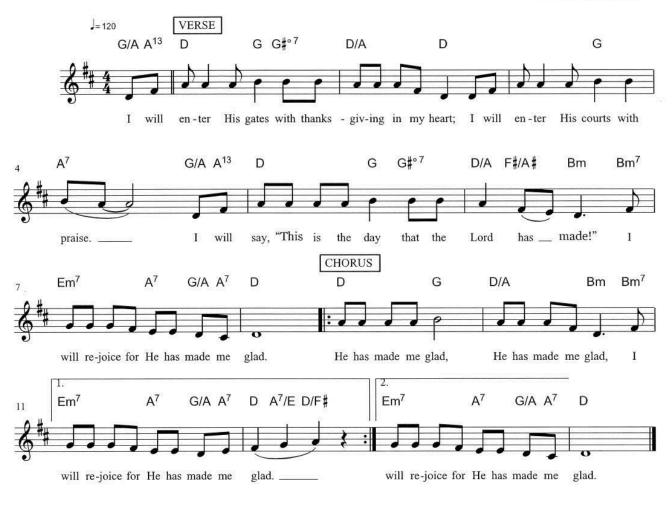


Change My Heart, O God

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He Has Made Me Glad

Words and Music by Leona Von Brethorst



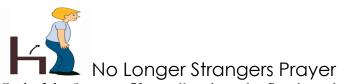
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Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

Call To Worship

Blah blah, when what we really need is... More Fire! Blah blah, exchange our wet blankets with More Fire! Blah blah, fill our actions with More Fire! Blah blah, thaw our hearts with More Fire! Blah blah, you give us More Fire!



God of the Stranger, You call us into the fire, into the work and wild wind of the Holy Spirit. You call us to borders, to thin places, and onto the road less traveled because it's there we meet you. Help us to see you in the stranger, the foreigner, the other. And then help us to love them like it's you. Because it is. Amen.

Meet Someone New

"He Has Made Me Glad" to bring people back together.



We desire to be free of the things that claim our allegiance and attention. We name the things we have left undone and the burdens we carry.

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

(silence is kept)

These are anxious days. We feel it in our racing pulse, beating hearts, shortness of breath, relentless email, showers of texts. Calm these storms, Comforter.

Christ have mercy

We do want more fire, but we get distracted by the lack of kindling, the wet matches, whether a log or teepee design is best. Redirect us, Holy Fire.

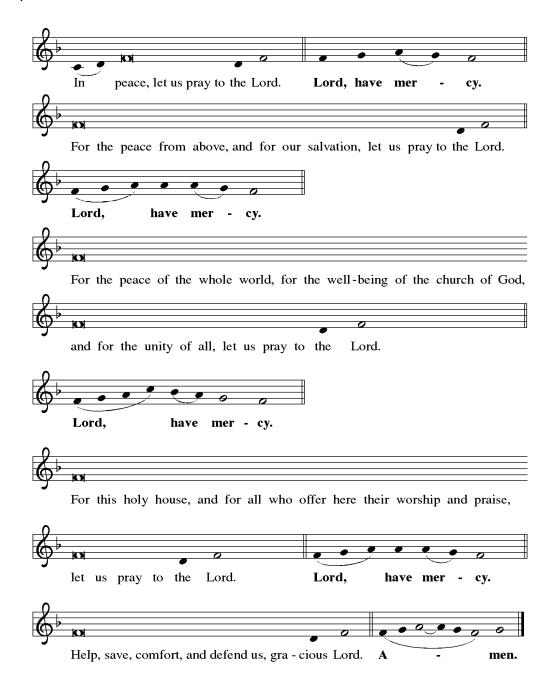
Christ have mercy

God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love—loves you as you are. Because Christ commands us to forgive each other, it is through Christ that I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, +and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **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



Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast"





The Lord is with you. And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, Lord God, you poured your grace onto St. Paul, a former persecutor of the Church. Allow us to see just how generous is your love and mercy. Allow us to know that you have a plan in your kingdom for each sinful one of us. Bless us, Lord, now and forever. Amen



THE STORY

NARRATOR: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Acts 16:1-15. ALL: Glory to you O Lord.

Narrator: Paul went on also to Derbe and to Lystra, where there was a disciple named Timothy, the son of a Jewish woman who was a believer; but his father was a Greek. He was well spoken of by the believers in Lystra and Iconium. Paul wanted Timothy to accompany him; and he took him and had him circumcised because of the Jews who were in those places, for they all knew that his father was a Greek. As they went from town to town, they delivered to them for observance the decisions that had been reached by the apostles and elders who were in Jerusalem.

Side 1: So the churches were strengthened in the faith and increased in numbers daily.

NARRATOR: They went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. When they had come opposite Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them; so, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying,

Side 2: "Come over to Macedonia and help us."

NARRATOR: When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying,

ALL: "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home."

NARRATOR: And she prevailed upon us. Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.....

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

Wade in the Word

Sermon

Song "Borning Cry"

As we sing, write your prayers on the small piece of paper given to you. Paper prayers will be collected during the song. The prayers will then be prayed out loud, anonymously.



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Prayers of the People

Worship Leader: Gathered together as the people of God, let us pray for the church, the world, and all people and places in need of God's grace and mercy...

Prayers will be read from the papers. Every 4-5 petitions will end with, 'Lord, we are in need of your mercy," and the congregation will respond, "hear our prayer."

When the 2 pray-ers are done with petitions, the worship leader concludes the prayers...

Worship Leader: Gracious and merciful God, we trust you with these prayers just as we trust you with our lives. Hear them and continue speaking to us every day. We are in need of your grace, the grace we only know through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Offering

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Offering Song "Let the Vineyards"



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THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, 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 Great Prayer of Thanksgiving There's a spot for you here **YES, AND** There's no judgement **YES, AND** Only mercy **YES, AND**

There is bread

YES, AND Wine YES, AND It's for everyone YES, AND Even you. YES, AND

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."

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 in heaven hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

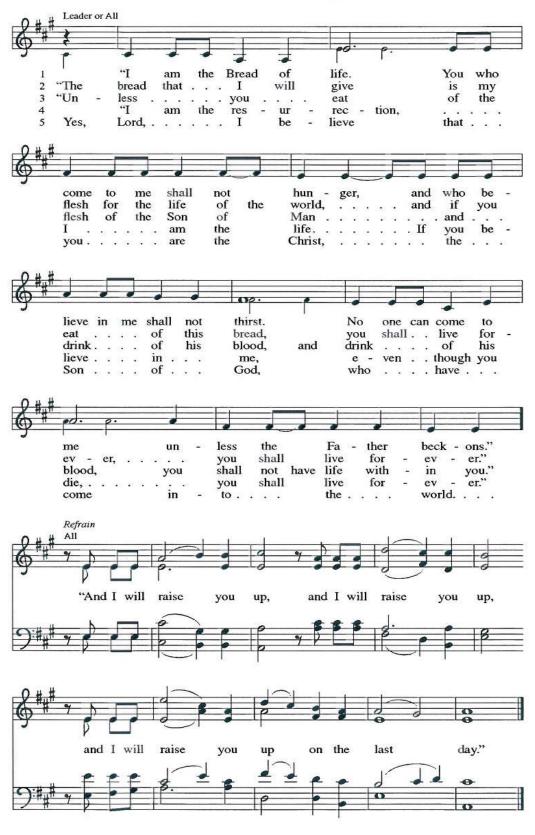


Invitation to the Meal

You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs/Hymns "I Am the Bread of Life" & "His Eye is on the Sparrow"

I Am the Bread of Life



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His Eye Is On The Sparrow

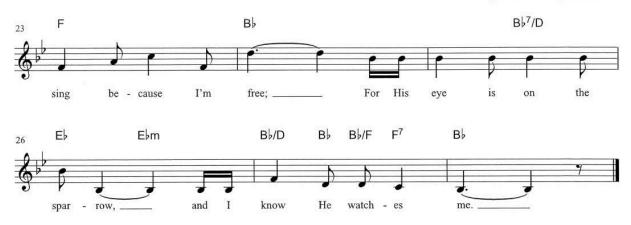


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His Eye Is On The Sparrow - 2



THE SENDING

Blessing after Communion

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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



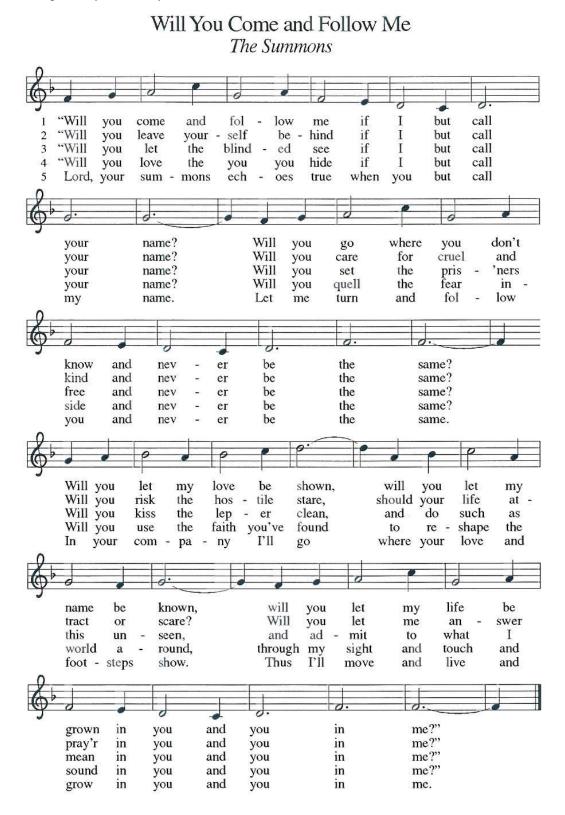
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Purpose Sightings

[Pic on power point] Don't forget to grab your copy of the Weekly River News on your way home today. There are lots of opportunities to live into our purpose listed in the Weekly. *And*, one of the most important things included in these pages are the invitation to pray and to read scripture during the week.

MILESTONES! "Will You Come and Follow Me" verse 1 & verse 5

If you've got a good or hard milestone in your life and can share it in a few sentences, meet me at the baptismal font and throw a water drop in as you share your milestone.



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Blessing

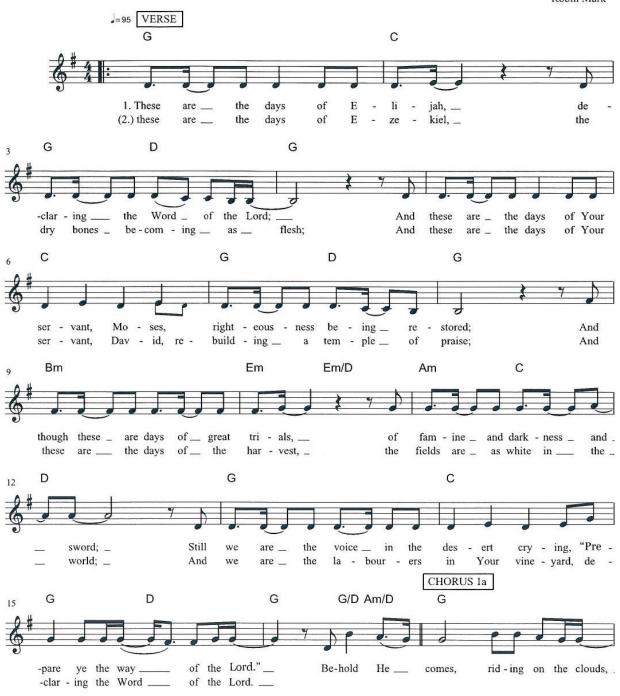
May the road rise up to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sun shine warm upon your face; the rains fall soft upon your fields and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Amen.

Kids are welcome to come up and play an instrument)

Days Of Elijah

Words and Music by Robin Mark



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