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17th Sunday After Pentecost September 16, 2018 Sunday Worship at 10:30am

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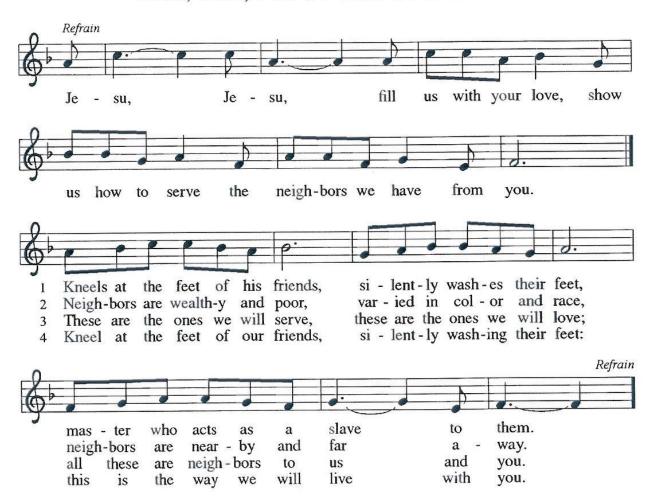
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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs "Jesu, Jesu" & "Blessed Be Your Name"

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love



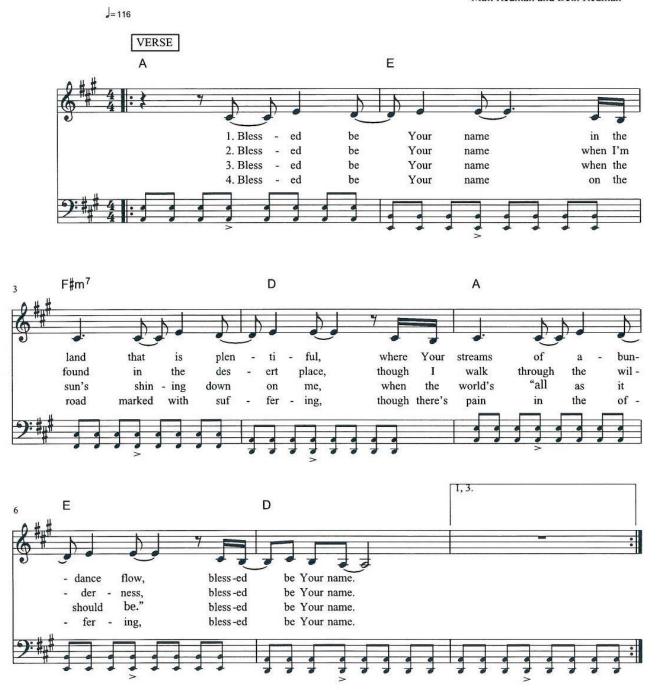
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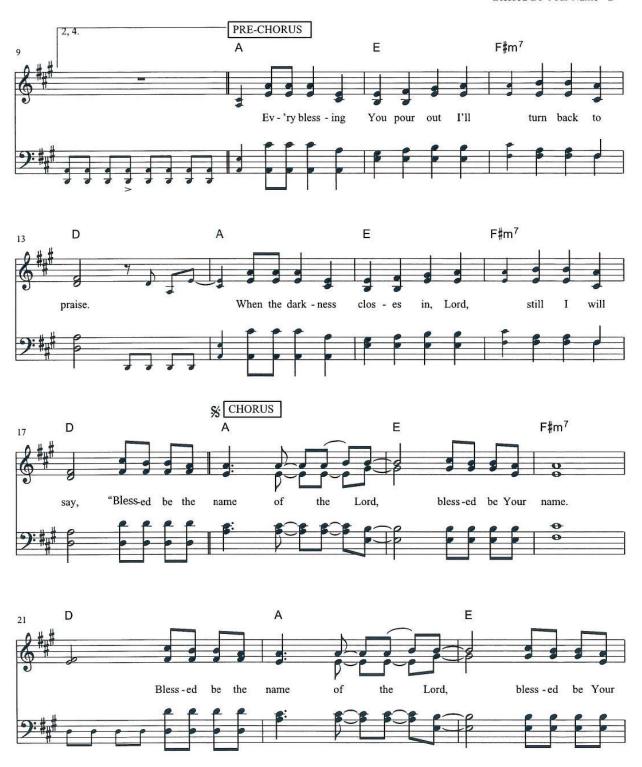
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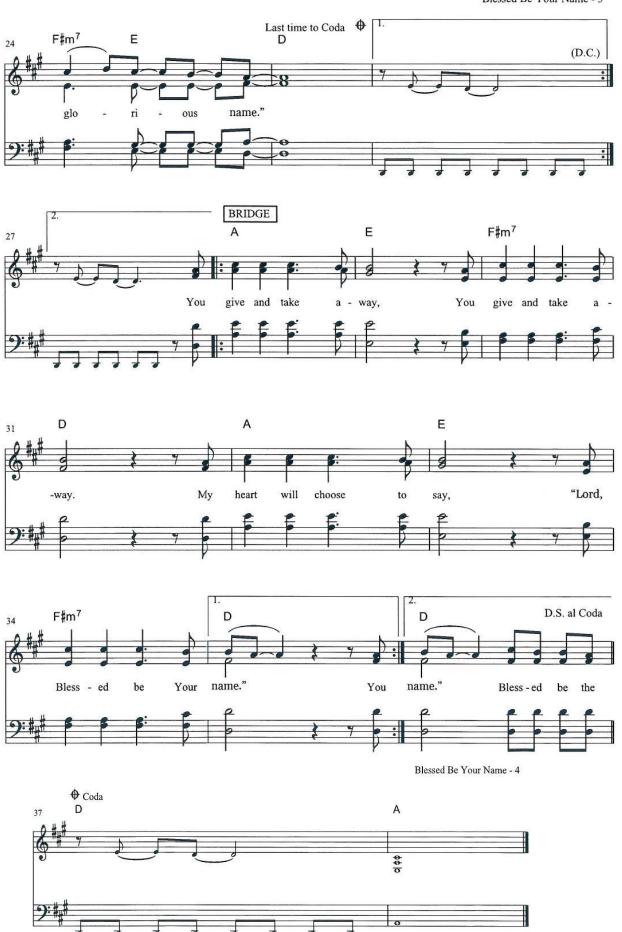
Blessed Be Your Name

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Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger, We are a mess. We insist we are fine, can do it all on our own, all by ourselves. We are so lonely. We need you and we need each other. Give us new eyes to see through the mess we create and to clearly see you – in the stranger, in the unexpected, even in the unpleasant. Always offering us new life, new hope. Amen.

Meet Someone New

"Blessed Be Your Name" to bring people back together.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. God of covenant, you promised Abraham and Sarah land, descendants, and blessing so that they might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we too will be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE STORY

NARRATOR: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Genesis 12:1-9. **ALL: Glory to you O Lord**.

NARRATOR: Now the Lord said to Abram,

ALL: "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

NARRATOR: So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said,

ALL: "To your offspring I will give this land."

NARRATOR: So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.....

ALL: Praise to you O Christ.

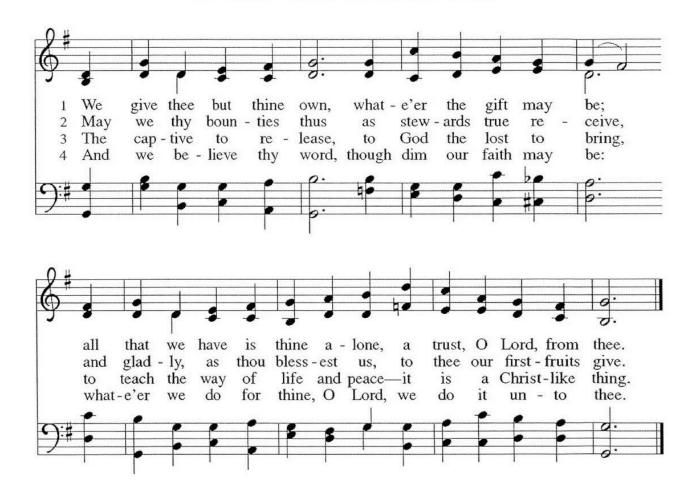
A CALL TO ACTION - GO!

Offerina

We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by using the green folded paper you were given on your way in or go to our website, riveroshopehutchinson.org click "give" and go from there.

Offering Song "We Give Thee But Thine Own"

We Give Thee but Thine Own



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt. Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, Cantica Lauda, 1850

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

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 God 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."

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.

Today, we will gather in a large circle to receive communion and then depart to serve!

THE SENDING

Blessing after Communion

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

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

Blessing TO GO AND SERVE

Just as God sent Abraham and Sarah into the unknown, God promised to bless the world through them. So now you – yes you – go as God sends you to bless the world.

The way is not always clear, the road not always certain.

But God is with you – that is the promise.

Now go in the peace of God to do God's work, using your hands.

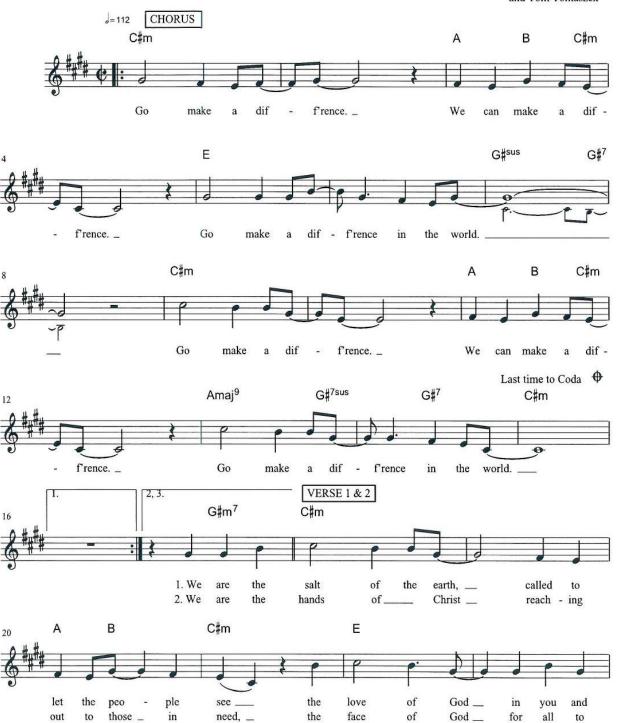
Thanks and praise be to God.

Sending Song "Go Make a Difference" (Kids are welcome to come up and play an instrument)

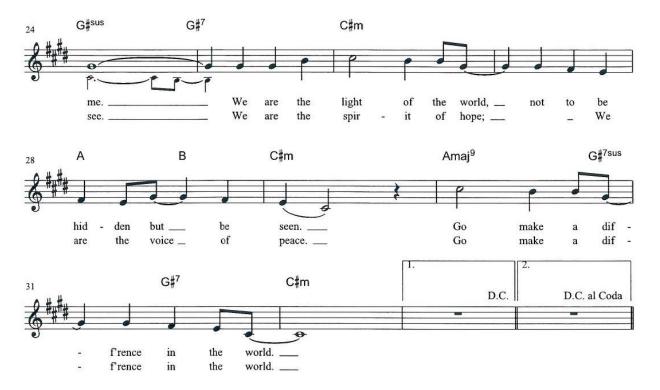
Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Go Make A Difference

Words and Music by Steve Angrisano and Tom Tomaszek



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