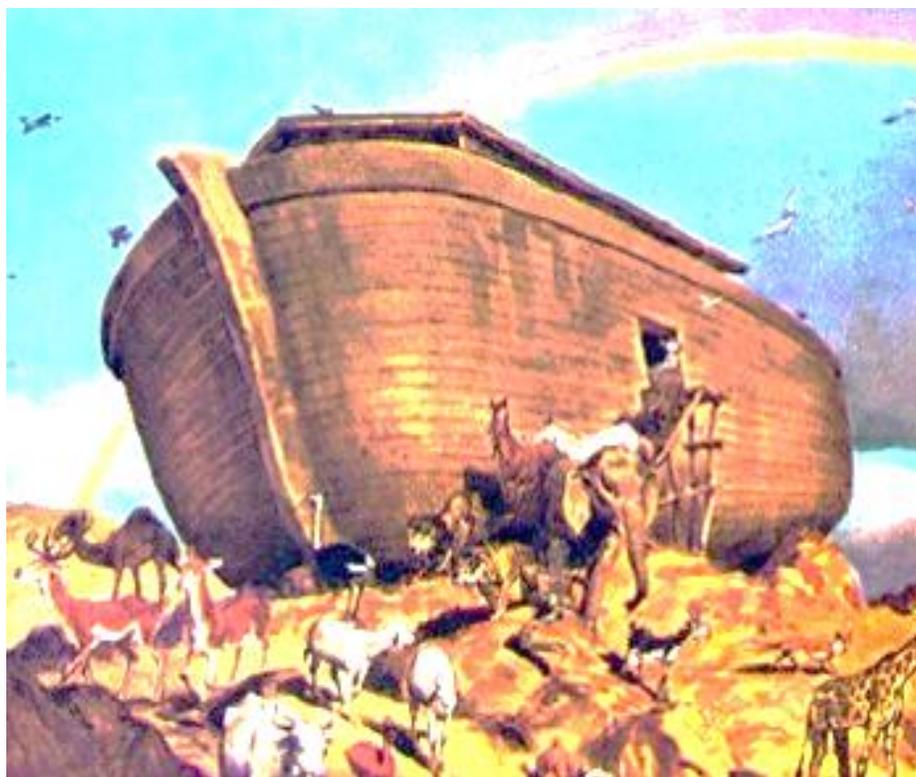


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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost  
September 9, 2018  
Sunday Worship at 10:30am

Messy Mass



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# GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs "All God's Critters got a place in the Choir" & "Rise & Shine"

## **All God's Critters Got A Place in the Choir**

*Written by Bill Stains*

*(Chorus)* All God's critters got a place in the choir,  
some sing low and some sing higher,  
some sing out loud on a telephone wire  
and some just clap their hands, and paws,  
or anything they got now.

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom,  
where the bullfrogs croak and the hippopotamus  
moans and groans with a big to-do  
and the old cow just goes moo.

The dogs and cats they pick up the middle,  
where the honey bees hum, and the crickets fiddle  
and the donkey brays, and the pony neighs  
and the old grey badger sighs. *(Chorus)*

Listen to the top with the little bird singing,  
on the melody and the high notes ringing,  
and the hoot owl cries over everything,  
and the blackbird disagrees.

Singing in the night time, singing in the day,  
the little duck quacks and is on his way,  
and the otter doesn't have much to say  
and the porcupine talks to himself.

It's a simple song of living sung everywhere,  
by the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear,  
by the grumpy alligator and the hawk above,  
the shy old weasel and the turtle dove. *(Chorus)*

# RISE AND SHINE

(Chorus): Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory (2X)  
Rise and shine and (*clap*) give God the glory, glory  
Children of the Lord.

The Lord said to Noah, there's gonna be a floody, floody (2X)  
Get those animals (*clap*) out of the muddy-muddy;  
Children of the Lord. (*Chorus*)

The Lord told Noah to build him an arky, arky (2x)  
Build it out of (*clap*) hickory barky barky;  
Children of the Lord. (*Chorus*)

The animals, the animals, they came on by twosies twosies (2X)  
Elephants and (*clap*) kangaroosies 'roosies;  
Children of the Lord. (*Chorus*)

It rained and poured for forty daysies, daysies (2x)  
Nearly drove them (*clap*) animals crazies, crazies;  
Children of the Lord. (*Chorus*)

The sun came out and dried up the landy, landy (2x)  
Everything was (*clap*) fine and dandy, dandy;  
Children of the Lord. (*Chorus*)

This is the end of, the end of my story, story (2x)  
Everything is (*clap*) hunky dory, dory  
Children of the Lord. (*Chorus*)

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Introduce the Theme with Kids

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

“Rise & Shine” to bring people back together.

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

Confession and Forgiveness: “Only By Our Lonesome”

# Only By Our Lonesome

\*We con - fess that we \_\_\_\_\_ can - not do it all \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly by our  
 We con - fess that we \_\_\_\_\_ can - not free our - selves \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly by our  
 We con - fess that we \_\_\_\_\_ can - not find our way \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly by our

lone - some, on - ly by our lone - some. There is space be - tween  
 lone - some, on - ly by our lone - some. And, de - spite our best, —  
 lone - some, on - ly by our lone - some. Please, for - give our sins, —

— where we put a wall \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly by our lone - some, on - ly by our  
 — we get ov - er - whelmed \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly by our lone - some, on - ly by our  
 — re - ig - nite our flame \_\_\_\_\_ on - ly by our lone - some, on - ly by our

lone - some. Won't you knock down all the walls that we built sta - ble?  
 lone - some.  
 lone - some.

Tip them o - ver and re - store them in - to stur - dy din - ner ta - bles.

\*Whistle first time through

## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

Hear this Good News! 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. Dear Creating God, **you choose us to be part of this vast creation and to bring life to all the world. Inspire us, lead us, urge us on in this partnership with you, reminding us of your love and faithfulness to us now and always. Amen.**

## THE STORY

NARRATOR: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Genesis 6:5-22, 8:6-12 & 9:8-17.

**ALL: Glory to you O Lord.**

NARRATOR: The LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind was great in the earth, and that every inclination of the thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually. And the LORD was sorry that he had made humankind on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart. So the LORD said,

**Side 1: "I will blot out from the earth the human beings I have created—people together with animals and creeping things and birds of the air, for I am sorry that I have made them."**

NARRATOR: But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD. These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**Side 2: Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth.**

NARRATOR: And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress<sup>[a]</sup> wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. Make a roof<sup>[b]</sup> for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you. And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female. Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive. Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them."

**ALL: Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.**

NARRATOR: *The story continues in chapter 8.* At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven; and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent

out the dove from him, to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground; but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark; and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

**ALL: Then he waited another seven days, and sent out the dove; and it did not return to him any more.**

NARRATOR: *The story continues in chapter 9.* Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

**Side 1: I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.”**

NARRATOR: God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

**Side 2: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.**

NARRATOR: When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” God said to Noah,

**ALL: “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”**

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

**ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

Sermon

Song “Mess with Us”

*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.*

# Mess With Us

Guitar:

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Why do we tend to look a - way \_\_\_\_\_ and i-  
 Why do we al-ways lock our \_\_\_\_\_ doors \_\_\_\_\_ knowing  
 Let us ask for God's end - less \_\_\_\_\_ strength \_\_\_\_\_ as the  
 Let us re-fuse the sta - tus \_\_\_\_\_ quo \_\_\_\_\_ u-sing

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G 7

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gnore things that are \_\_\_\_\_ un - just \_\_\_\_\_ shrug our shoulders a-voi - ding a -  
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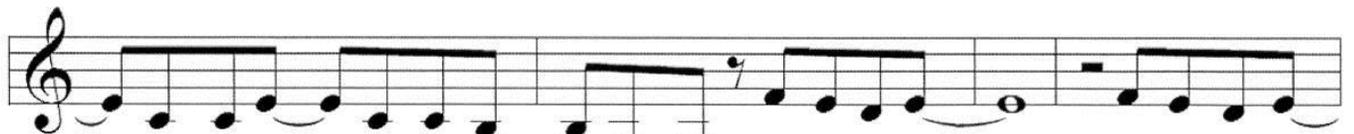
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\_\_\_\_\_ with the rest \_\_\_\_\_ of cre - a - tion \_\_\_\_\_ push us a - round \_\_\_\_\_ nudge us be - yond

Amin

G 7

Amin Emin C



\_\_\_\_\_ our own guilt and compla - cence \_\_\_\_\_ Lord \_\_\_\_\_ mess with us \_\_\_\_\_

## 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

*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, [riversofhopebutchinson.org](http://riversofhopebutchinson.org) click "give" and go from there.*

## Offering Song "We Give Thee But Thine Own" verse 1

### We Give Thee but Thine Own

1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;  
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,  
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,  
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.  
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.  
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.  
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

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.

## Communion Songs "Thy Holy Wings" & "When Peace Like a River"

## Thy Holy Wings

1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.

and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.

Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,

and let my ev - `ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite  
Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune; arr. hymnal version  
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Arr. © 2006 Augsburg Fortress.

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# When Peace, like a River

## *It Is Well with My Soul*

1 When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way, when  
 2 Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let  
 3 He lives—oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought; my  
 4 Lord, has - ten the day when our faith shall be sight, the

sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll, what - ev - er my lot, thou hast  
 this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard - ed my  
 sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross and I  
 clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound and the

taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 help - less es - tate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
 bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
 Lord shall de - scend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

*Refrain*

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.  
 It is well with my soul,

# 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

Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**and all that is within me,**

**bless God's holy name!**

Bless the Lord, O my soul,

**and forget not all God's benefits.** (Ps. 103:1-2)

Let us pray Loving God,

**we thank you**

**that you have fed us in this sacrament,**

**united us with Christ,**

**and given us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**

**to live and work to your praise and glory,**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

## 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! "Day By Day"

*The congregation will sing verse 2 before Milestones. Once Milestones have concluded, ask the congregation to please stand and face the baptismal font for a blessing.*

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.

## Day by Day

1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort  
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and  
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens

to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me  
wis - dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me  
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me

draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be - yond all  
o'er the paths I strug - gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil  
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter

mor - tal mea - sure, brings to naught the bur - dens of my quest; Sav - ior,  
of the mor - row, I will trust in your en - dur - ing grace. Sav - ior,  
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav - ior,

lead me to the home I trea - sure, where at last I'll find e - ter - nal rest.  
help me bear life's pain and sor - row till in glo - ry I be - hold your face.  
with your pres - ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom - ised land.

## Blessing

Receive these words of blessing from God found in Isaiah 41:10

So do not fear, for I am with you.

Do not be dismayed for I am your God.

I will strengthen you and help you,

I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. **Amen.**

## Sending Song "I Can See Clearly Now"

(Kids are welcome to come up and play an instrument)

### **I CAN SEE CLEARLY NOW**

Words and Music by Johnny Nash

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone.

I can see all obstacles in my way.

Gone are the dark clouds that had me down.

It's gonna be a bright, (bright), bright, (bright), sun-shiny day.

It's gonna be a bright, (bright), bright, (bright), sun-shiny day.

Oh yes, I can make it now, the pain is gone.

All of the bad feelings have disappeared.

Here is that rainbow I've been praying for.

It's gonna be a bright, (bright), bright, (bright), sun-shiny day.

Look all around, there's nothing but blue skies.

Look straight ahead, there's nothing but blue skies.

I can see clearly now, the rain is gone.

I can see all obstacles in my way.

Here is that rainbow I've been praying for.

It's gonna be a bright, (bright), bright, (bright), sun-shiny day.

It's gonna be a bright, (bright), bright, (bright), sun-shiny day.

It's gonna be a bright, (bright), bright, (bright), sun-shiny day.

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

**Music to Send You Out**