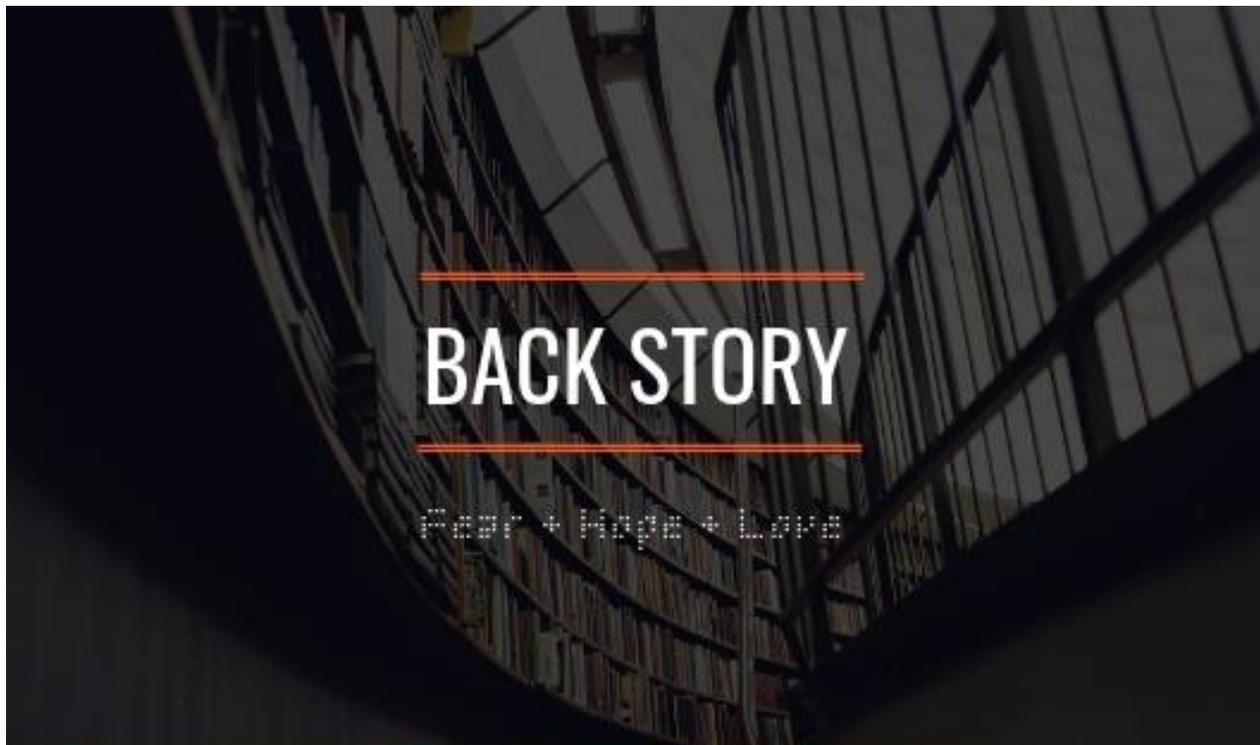


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You're welcome. 😊



BACK STORY

Fear + Hope + Love

Where does your story and God's story meet? Are you afraid your back story won't hold up to God's? You are invited to explore God's story and how it is connected to yours, no matter the plot line. River of Hope worships at the Hutchinson Event Center at 10:30am on Sunday mornings. riverofhopehutchinson.org



MARCH 10-APRIL 14, 2019

Sixth Week of Lent – Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs "Victory Chant"
"Jesus Loves Me"

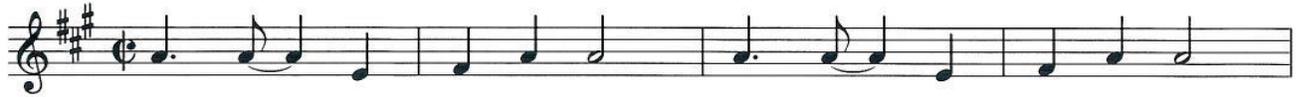
Victory Chant

Words and Music by
Joseph Vogels

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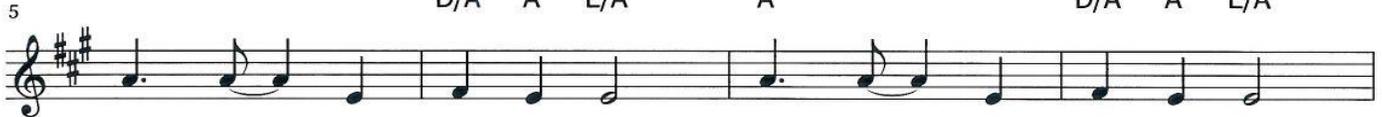
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A D/A A D/A A



1. Hail, Je - sus, You're my king, (Hail, Je - sus, You're my king,)

D/A A E/A A D/A A E/A



Your life — frees me to sing; (Your life — frees me to sing;)

A D/A A D/A A



I will praise — You all my days, (I will praise — You all my days,) You're

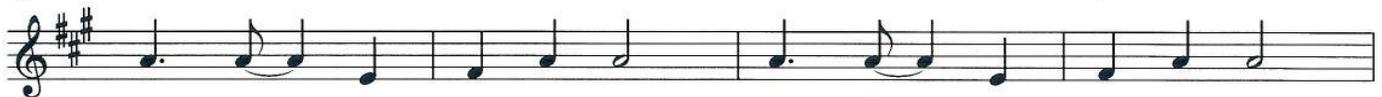
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per - fect — in all Your ways. (You're per - fect — in all Your ways.)

VERSE 2

A D/A A D/A A



2. Hail, Je - sus, You're my Lord, (Hail, Je - sus, You're my Lord,)

21 D/A A E/A A D/A A E/A

I will__ o - bey Your word; (I will__ o - bey Your word;) I

25 A D/A A D/A A

want to see__ Your king - dom come, (I want to see__ Your king - dom come,)

29 Bm/A A Bm/A A Bm/A A Bm/A A

not my will but Yours be done. (not my will but Yours be done.)

VERSE 3

33 B E/B B E/B B

3. Glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lamb, (Glo - ry, glo - ry to the Lamb,)

37 E/B B F#/B B E/B B F#/B

You take__ me in - to the land; (You take__ me in - to the land;)

41 B E/B B E/B B

We will con - quer in Your name, (We will con - quer in Your name,)

45 C#m/B B C#m/B E/B B C#m/B B C#m/B E/B B

and pro - claim that Je - sus reigns! (and pro - claim that Je - sus reigns!)

VERSE 4

49 B C#m/B B C#m/B B C#m/B B C#m/B B

4. Hail, hail, — Li - on of Ju - dah, — (Hail, hail, — Li - on of Ju - dah,) —

53 C#m/B B C#m/B E/B B C#m/B B C#m/B E/B B

how pow - er - ful You are! (how pow - er - ful You are!)

57 C#m/B B C#m/B B C#m/B B C#m/B B

Hail, hail, — Li - on of Ju - dah, — (Hail, hail, — Li - on of Ju - dah,) —

61 C#m/B B C#m/B E/B B C#m/B B C#m/B E/B B

how won - der - ful You are! (how won - der - ful You are!)

65 C#m/B B C#m/B E/B B C#m/B B C#m/B E/B B

How won - der - ful You are! (How won - der - ful You are!)

Introduce the Theme with Kids

“Jesus Loves Me”

Jesus loves me	Jesus loves me
This I know	This I know
For the Bible	For the Bible
Tells me so.	Tells me so
Little children	Little children
to him belong	to him belong
They are weak but	they are weak but
He is strong.	He is strong.

And they spell his name with a J! J! E! E! S! S! U-S! U-S! **Jesus**

I love Jesus	I love Jesus
Does he know?	Does he know?
Have I ever	Have I ever
Told him so	Told him so.
Jesus loves to	Jesus loves to
Hear me say	Hear me say
That I love him	That I love him
When I pray	When I pray.

And they spell his name with a J! J! E! E! S! S! U-S! U-S! **Jesus**

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the stranger, **We are each a stranger to someone else, with our own backstory. Help us to see you, alive and well, in our own lives and in the lives of those we do not know. Help us to treat them as you would, with love beyond measure. Amen.**

Meet Someone New

Now is the time to practice this very dangerous prayer we just prayed – there are no strangers because of the love we know in Jesus. We simply can't afford to be afraid of each other, especially in this place of worship of the God who brings us together. Visitors, stay right where you are. It's our job, as River of Hope, to make ourselves a little bit uncomfortable and to come and say hello to you. So, go and say hi to someone you don't know very well or at all.

“Victory Chant” to bring people back together. (verse 4)

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of the God who knows our entire backstory, inside and out. Do not be afraid, God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit is with you!

And also with you.

Palm Processional "The Name of the Lord"

The Name Of The Lord

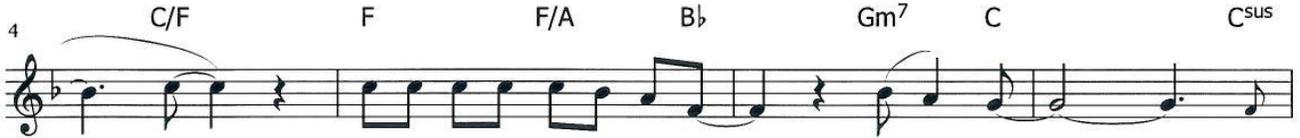
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♩=120 **CHORUS**
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B \flat /F



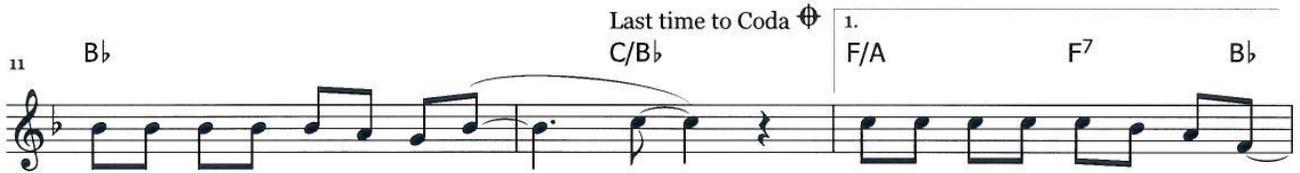
1. Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, ___ bless-ed be the name of the Lord, _
2. Ho - ly is the name of the Lord, ___ ho - ly is the name of the Lord, _
3. Glo - ry to the name of the Lord, ___ glo - ry to the name of the Lord, _



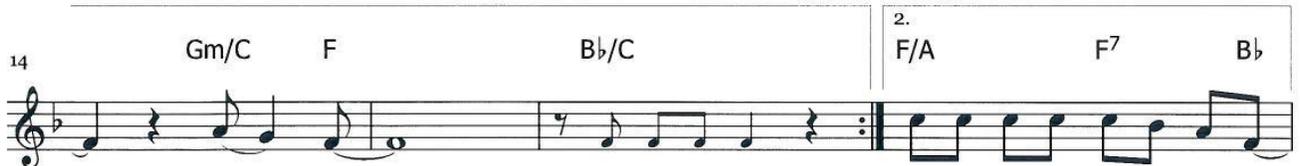
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_____ ho - ly is the name of the Lord ___ most _ high; _____
_____ glo - ry to the name of the Lord ___ most _ high; _____



Bless - ed be the name of the Lord, ___
Ho - ly is the name of the Lord, ___
Glo - ry to the name of the Lord, ___



bless-ed be the name of the Lord, _____ bless-ed be the name of the Lord _
ho - ly is the name of the Lord, _____
glo - ry to the name of the Lord, _____



_____ most _ high. _____ ho - ly is the name of the Lord _

VERSE

18 Gm/C F Eb/F Bb/F F Bb/F

— most — high. ————— The name of the Lord — is

22 Gm/F F Gm/F F C

a strong tow - er, the right-eous run in - to — it

26 Bb/C F Gm/F F Bb/F

and they are safe; ————— The name of the Lord — is

30 Gm/F F Gm/F F C

a strong tow - er, the right-eous run in - to — it

34 Gm/C F/C C⁷ F Eb/F Bb/F F Gm/F D.C. al Coda

and they — are safe. —————

37 ⊕ Coda F/A F⁷ Bb Gm/C F

glo - ry to the name of the Lord — most — high. —————

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray, **Righteous God**, you brought your son Jesus into Jerusalem to show people the radical grace of your love. Show us this grace, and give us eyes to see your goodness. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Story – Rapid River Players

During the season of Lent, the story will be told, read and even acted out by River of Hope-ers. Lean in and see if you can see yourself in the story.

Narrator: Today, God’s backstory and our backstory meet in Matthew 21: 1-17.

Glory to you O Lord.

Readers: Narrator, Jesus, Prophet, Crowd, City Folk, Chief Priest

Narrator: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: “Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, ‘The Lord needs them.’ And he will send them immediately.”

Narrator: This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

Prophet: “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”

Narrator: The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

Crowd: “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

Narrator: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,

City Folk: “Who is this?”

Narrator: The crowds were saying,

Crowd: “This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.”

Narrator: Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them,

Jesus: “It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’; but you are making it a den of robbers.”

Narrator: The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they became angry and said to him,

Chief Priest: “Do you hear what these are saying?”

Narrator: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: “Yes; have you never read, ‘Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself?’”

Narrator: He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing backstory that mixes together our backstory with God’s. **Praise be to God!**

Wade in the Word

Sermon

Statement of Belief - *A New Creed*

We are not alone,

we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus,

the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others

by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

to celebrate God’s presence,

to live with respect in Creation,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,

our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

A New Creed (1968; rev. 1980, 1995).

Graffiti Prayers of the People

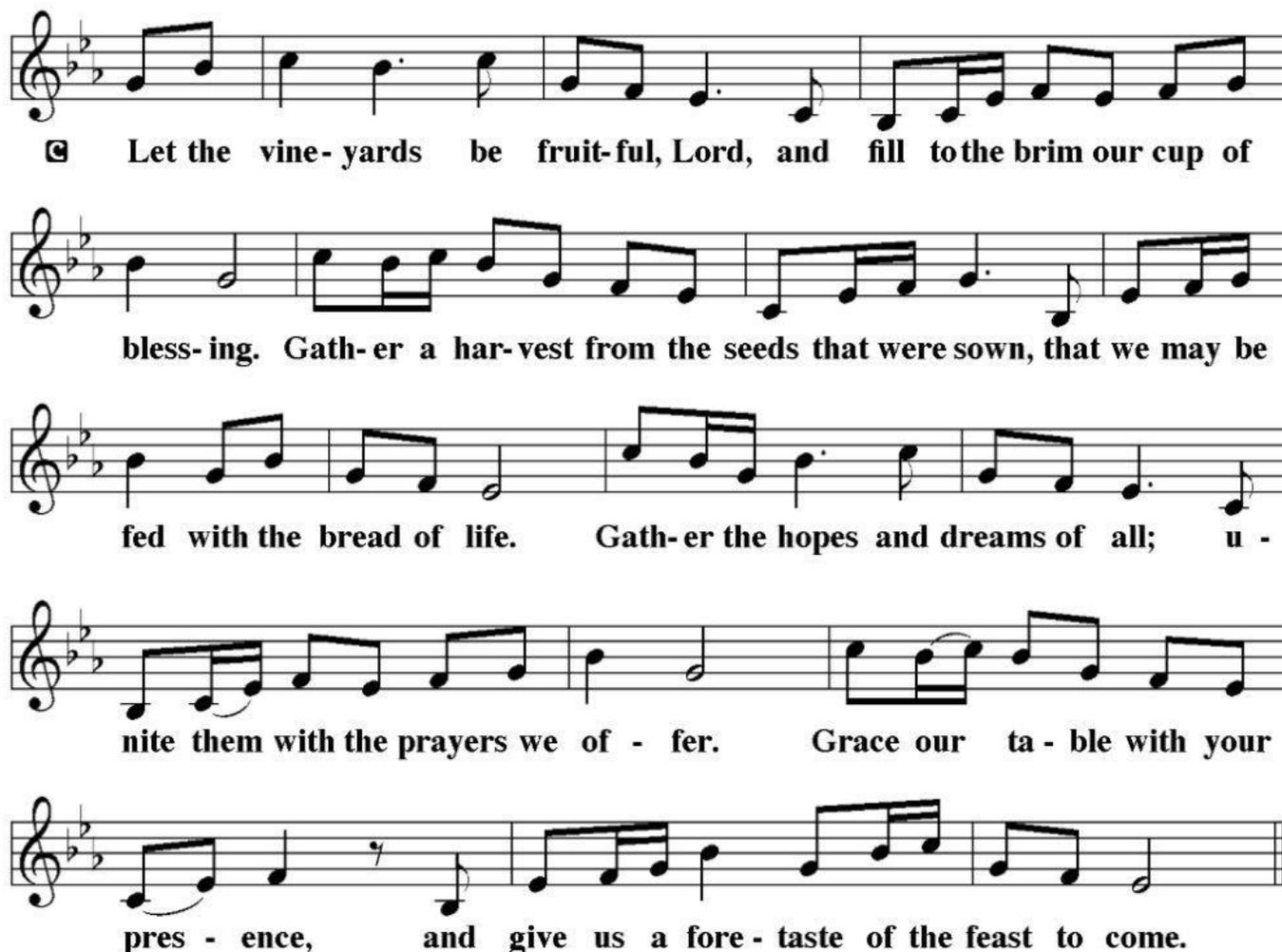
During this time of stillness and contemplation, prayers will be written on chalkboards finishing the following prayer prompts: "I fear...I hope...I love..." and then will be prayed out loud, anonymously. Also, pray in color! Help us create a backdrop for our backstory in God's love. Terry Kempfert will help you put paint in a cup. She will pour it onto the canvas. You are welcome to stay seated during this time of prayer as well. (Logistics note: Terry will remain with the paint canvas until she's got it poured, so if pouring is done and chalking prayers is done, then pray them out loud and continue on with the service while she works.)

**God, for all the parts of our stories,
There's grace for that.**

Offering

We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's an important way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by going to our website, riverofhopehutchinson.org click "give" and go from there.

Offering Song "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful Lord"



Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless-ing. Gath-er a har-vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath-er the hopes and dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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.**

Invitation to Communion

People of God, people with backstories. We gather as a holy communion, for a meal that has been shared countless times, in countless places, and in countless ways.

The first time this meal was shared, Jesus was gathered around a table with a ragged collection of people, all who had backstories: outcasts, betrayers, the power hungry, the fragile, lonely, lost.

The first time this meal was celebrated, Jesus promised that it was for all time, that whenever the bread was broken and the wine was poured, wherever the story was told around a table, he would be there.

Today we remember the story as it's been told a thousand times over. We eat the bread, and we drink the wine, and we affirm that because God is God and we are not, we are all welcome at this table.

So, if we come to this table angry,
Let this bread and wine be our peace.

brief silence

If we come to this table broken,
Let this bread and wine be our grace.

brief silence

If we come to the table betrayed,
Let this bread and wine be our wholeness.

brief silence

If we come to the table in despair,
Let this bread and wine be our hope.

brief silence

This is the table of forgiveness and mercy. Come and lay your backstory here. All is forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

When Jesus ate with his friends,
He took bread, and after blessing it,
He broke it and gave it to them saying:

“Take, eat; this is my body given for you.

Each time you do this, remember me.”

Then he took the cup, and after giving thanks, passed it to his friends, saying:

“Drink. This cup poured out for you and for all people is the promise of God.

Whenever you drink it, remember me.”

We remember Jesus’ death and resurrection, our hope and our life. We break the bread and share the one cup.

Thanks be to God.

The Lord’s Prayer (From The Message translation of the Bible)

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,

Reveal who you are. Set the world right; Do what's best --

As above, so below.

Keep us alive with three square meals.

Keep us forgiven with you and forgiving others. You're in charge!

You can do anything you want!

You're ablaze in beauty!

Yes. Yes. Yes.

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 “Prepare the Royal Highway”

“Holy is the Lord”

Prepare the Royal Highway

1 Pre - pare the roy - al high - way; the King of kings is near!
2 God's peo - ple, see him com - ing: your own e - ter - nal king!
3 Then fling the gates wide o - pen to greet your prom - ised king!
4 His is no earth - ly king - dom; it comes from heav'n a - bove.

Let ev - 'ry hill and val - ley a lev - el road ap - pear!
Palm branch - es strew be - fore him! Spread gar - ments! Shout and sing!
Your king, yet ev - 'ry na - tion its trib - ute too may bring.
His rule is peace and free - dom and jus - tice, truth, and love.

Then greet the King of glo - ry, fore - told in sa - cred sto - ry:
God's prom - ise will not fail you! No more shall doubt as - sail you!
All lands will bow be - fore him; their voic - es join your sing - ing:
So let your praise be sound - ing for kind - ness so a - bound - ing:

Refrain
Ho - san - na to the Lord, for he ful - fills God's word!

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Holy Is The Lord

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

♩=84 **VERSE**
F

B \flat ² C^{sus}

We stand and lift up our hands, — for the joy —

3 F/A B \flat ² C^{sus} F B \flat ²

— of the Lord — is our strength. — We bow down — and wor -

6 C^{sus} F/A B \flat ² C^{sus}

- ship Him now. — How great, — how awe - some is He. — And to- geth - er we — sing, -

PRE-CHORUS

9 G⁷ B \flat ² G⁷ B \flat ²

— ev - 'ry - one — sing. — Ho - ly is — the Lord —

CHORUS

13 F/A B \flat ² C^{sus} Dm⁷ B \flat ²

— God — Al - might - y. — The earth — is filled — with His glo -

16 C F/A B \flat ² C^{sus}

- ry. Ho - ly is — the Lord — God — Al - might - y. — The earth —

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19 Dm⁷ B^b2 C^{sus} Dm⁷ Last time to Coda ⊕ B^b2

— is filled — with His glo — - ry. — The earth — is filled — with His glo —

22 C^{sus} 1. C 2. C BRIDGE F

— ry. — It is ris — ing up — all —

26 C/E E^b2 1. B^b

— a — round. — It's the an — them of — the Lord's — re — nown. — It's ris —

29 2. B^b D.S. al Coda

— re — nown. — And to — geth — er we — sing,

31 ⊕ Coda C^{sus} Dm⁷ B^b2 C^{sus}

— ry. — The earth — is filled — with His glo — ry. —

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.

[Please be seated] Purpose Sightings

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

MILESTONES! “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

The congregation will sing before Milestones – verse 1 only.

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.

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; I want Je - sus to walk with me;
 in my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
 when I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;

me; all a - long my pil - grim jour - ney,
 when my heart is al - most break - ing,
 when my head is bowed in sor - row,

Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me. walk with me.
 Lord, I want Je - sus to walk with me.

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Final Blessing

For God so loved the world, may we naturally follow suit. For God so loves you, may you learn to trust that love. The blessing of the Holy One, whom the church through the ages has loved as the dance of the Holy Trinity, be with you as you go. Amen.

Sending Song "The Trees of the Field"

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

The Trees Of The Field

Words by
Steffi Geiser Rubin

Music by
Stuart Dauermann

♩ = 126 VERSE
Em

You shall go out with joy ___ and be led forth with peace.

5 D⁷/F# G C/G G D/F# D⁷

— The moun - tains and the hills will break forth ___ be -

9 B/D# Em

-fore you; Therell be shouts of joy, ___ and all the trees of the

13 Em/B B⁷ Em/B B⁷ Em Fine

field will clap, will clap their hands.

CHORUS

17 D⁷ G C/G G D claps

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands, ___ the

22 G

trees of the field will clap their hands; ___ The trees of the

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