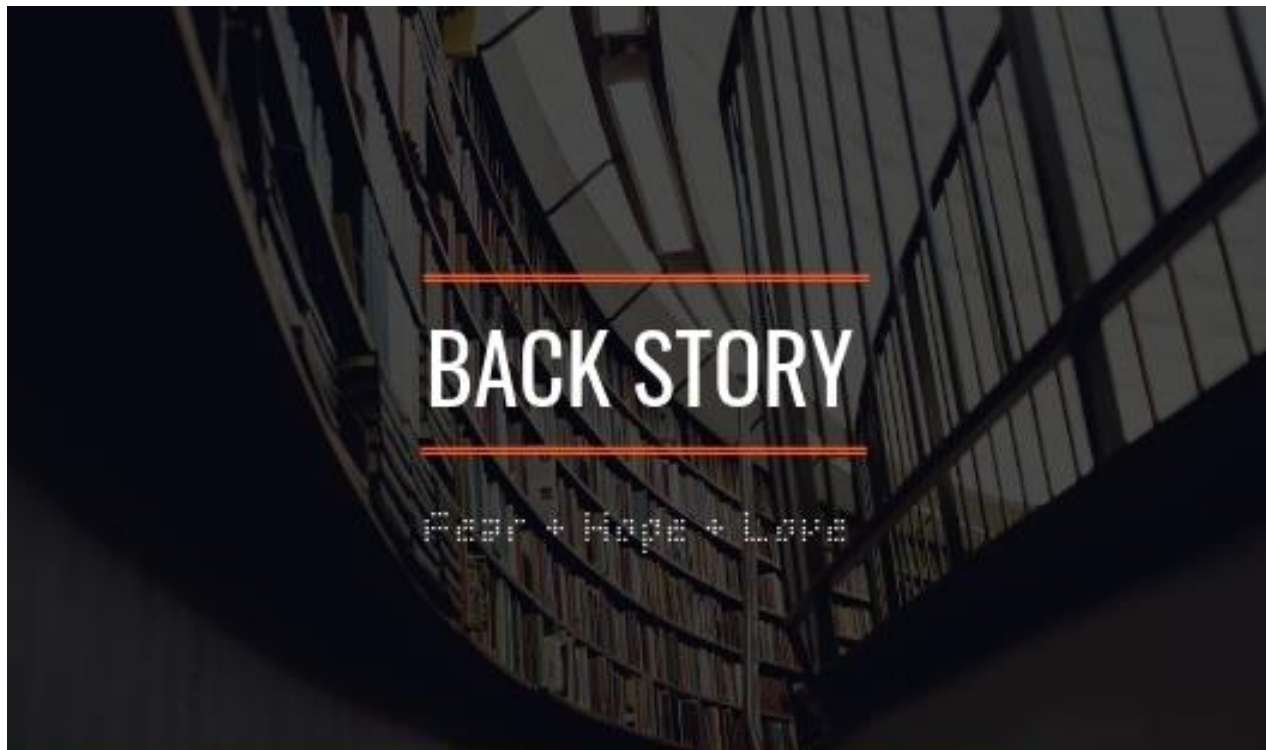


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BACK STORY

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



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April 7, 2019
Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"
"Canticle of the Turning"

Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

Refrain



Je - su, Je - su, fill us with your love, show



us how to serve the neigh-bors we have from you.



1 Kneels at the feet of his friends, si - lent - ly wash - es their feet,
2 Neigh-bors are wealth-y and poor, var - ied in col - or and race,
3 These are the ones we will serve, these are the ones we will love;
4 Kneel at the feet of our friends, si - lent - ly wash-ing their feet:

Refrain



mas - ter who acts as a slave to them.
neigh-bors are near - by and far a - way.
all these are neigh-bors to us and you.
this is the way we will live with you.

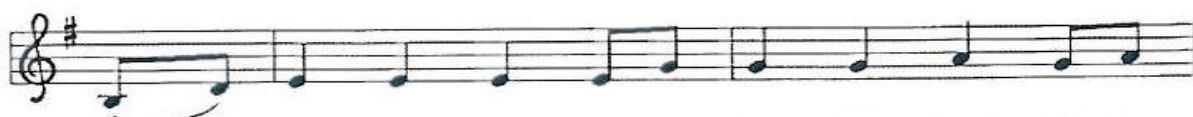
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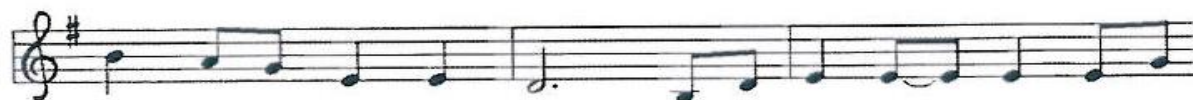
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Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my . . . God, my all, you . . .
 3 From the halls of pow'r to the for - tress tow'r, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from . . age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great . . things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - 'ry ty - rant . . from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall . . weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread, ev - 'ry
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



Refrain
 My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your jus - tice burn.



Wipe a - way all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

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.

"Canticle of the Turning" to bring people back together.

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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. **God of justice, you have shown yourself in this world in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. Make us see you in them. 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 25:31-46.

Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus: "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand,

King: 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

Jesus: Then the righteous will answer him,

Righteous: 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

Jesus: And the king will answer them,

King: 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Jesus: Then he will say to those at his left hand,

King: 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Jesus: Then they also will answer,

Accursed: 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?'

Jesus: Then he will answer them,

King: 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

Jesus: And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

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

Sermon

Children's Time (ending with "Jesus Loves Me" verse 1 & chorus)

Jesus Loves Me!

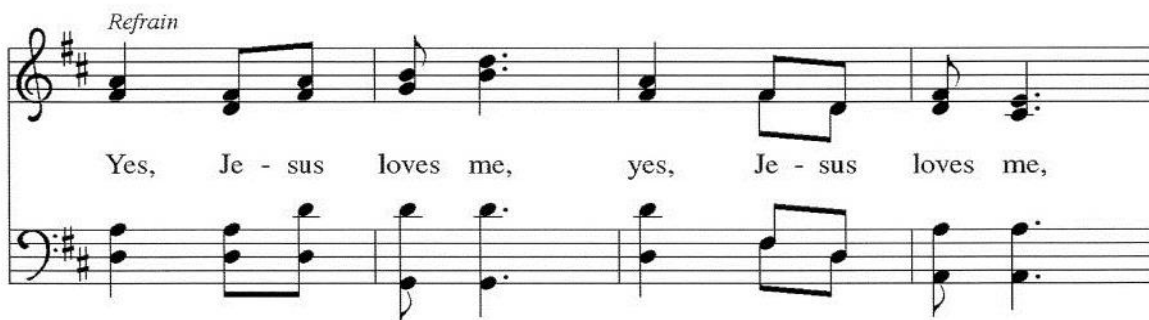


1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

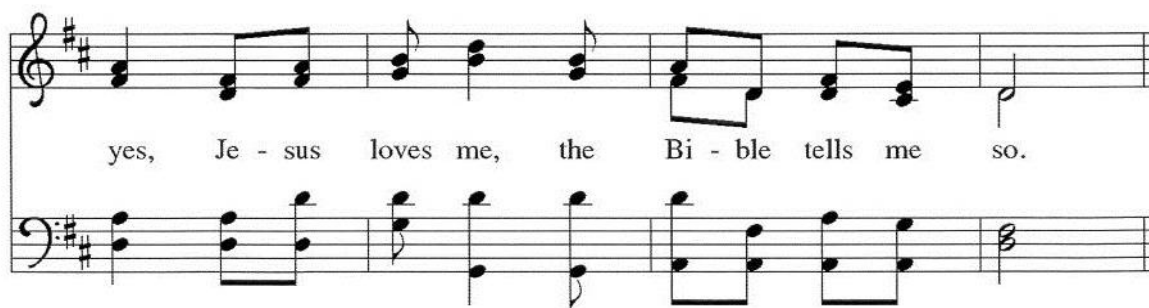


lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain



Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,



yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

Text: Anna B. Warner, 1820–1915, alt.
Music: JESUS LOVES ME, William B. Bradbury, 1816–1868

The Rite of Holy Baptism

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors and parents:

We present Clara Kay Huseby for baptism.

Parents and Sponsors, as you bring Clara to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bring her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
place in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture her in faith and prayer,
so that she may learn to trust God,
proclaim Christ through word and deed,
care for others and the world God made,
and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help Clara grow in the Christian faith and life?

I do.

Sponsors & Parents, do you promise to nurture Clara in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

I do.

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, do you promise to support Clara and pray for her in her new life in Christ?

We do.

Please stand.

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters: Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, Jesus was born from a watery womb, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

At this font, holy God, we pray: Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this water. Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation. Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears. Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please be seated.

Baptism

Clara Kay Huseby, you are baptized in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

You belong to Christ,
in whom you have been baptized.

Alleluia.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your child, Clara, new birth, cleanse her from sin, and raise her to eternal life.

Laying both hands on the head of each of the newly baptized, the minister prays:

Sustain Clara with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen.

The presiding minister marks the sign of the cross on the forehead of the newly baptized and says:

Clara Kay Huseby, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen**

Welcome

A lighted candle is given to the newly baptized (to a sponsor of a young child) as a representative of the congregation says:

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Let us welcome Clara.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the purpose we share: we go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. Clara, welcome to a life of giving thanks and praise to God joining us in being light to God's creative and redeeming word to all the world. Amen.

Down to the River to Pray
(chorus)

As I went down to the river to pray,
Studyin' about that good old way
And who shall wear the starry crown.
Good Lord, show me the way.

Oh, sister, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, sister, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray. (chorus)

Oh, Clara, let's go down,
Let's go down, come on down.
Oh, Clara, let's go down,
Down to the river to pray. (chorus)

Graffiti Prayers of the People

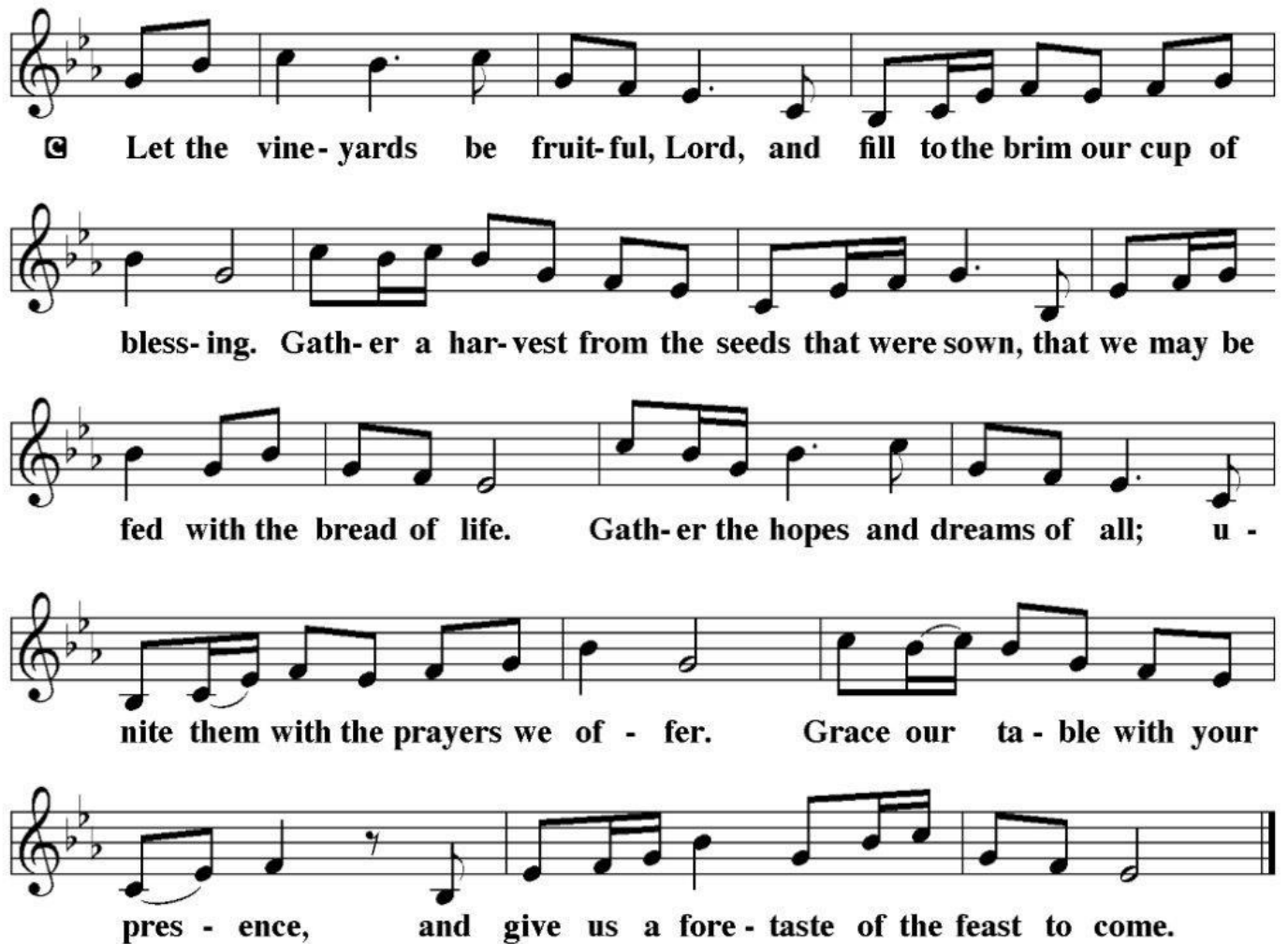
During this time of stillness and contemplation, prayers will be written on chalkboards finishing the following prayer prompts: "I fear...I hope...I love..." and then will be prayed out loud, anonymously. Also, pray in color! Help us create a backdrop for our backstory in God's love. Terry Kempfert will 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"



The musical score is written for a single voice part on a treble clef staff. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is composed of eighth and quarter notes, with some rests. The lyrics are printed below the staff, aligned with the notes. The song consists of five lines of music.

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 "Where Justice Rolls Down"
"Let Justice Roll Like a River"

Where Justice Rolls Down

Words and Music by
Bob Stromberg, Rick Carlson
and Michael Pearce Donley

♩ = 120

CHORUS 1a

G²(no3) D⁵ G²(no3) D/F#

Where jus - tice _ rolls _ down like _ a _ might - y _

4 D^{sus}/A D⁵ G²(no3) D/F#

wa - ter and right - eous - ness grows like _ an ev - er flow - ing _

8 D^{sus}/A Bm⁷ G²(no3) D/F#

stream; And mer - cy _ re - sounds like _ the waves on _ the _

12 A^{sus} A/G D/F# D/G G D/G A^{sus} Last time to Coda ⊕

o - cean, let prais - es _ rise high on _ the _ songs of the re -

VERSE

16 C⁶/C⁹ C/F F Am⁷ F/A

-deemed. _____

1. There is _ a riv - er _ that
2. Wade in _ the wa - ter _ and

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20 F/B \flat B \flat B \flat /C C C/F F Am⁷ F/A

streams from the temple; — Be - gins as — a trick - le — but
feel the — strong cur - rent; — Re - mem - ber — the stag - nance — of

24 B \flat ² C² C²/E C/F F

ends in the sea. As it grows heal - ing it will give; —
stale life be - fore. God is here; Leave the past be - hind.

28 B \flat ²(no3) C/E C/F F

Where it flows ev - ry - thing will
In these clear wa - ters, you will

32 1. A^{sus} A 2. A^{sus} A D.S. al Coda

live. — Where find. — Where

36 Coda D⁵ CHORUS 1b D²(no3) G²(no3)

deemed. — Where jus - tice — rolls — down like — a —

40 D²/F \sharp A^{sus} A D²(no3) G²(no3)

might - y — wa - ter and right - eous - ness grows like — an

44 D²/F \sharp A^{sus} A D²(no3)/B G²(no3)

ev - er flow - ing — stream; And mer - cy — re - sounds like — the

48 D^2/F^\sharp A^{sus} A D/F^\sharp D/G G D/G

waves on _ the _ o - cean, let prais - es _ rise high on _ the _

52 Em^7/A A Bm^7 D/F^\sharp D/G G D/G

songs of the re - deemed. Let prais - es _ rise high on _ the _

56 A $D^2(no3)$

songs of the re - deemed.

59

Let Justice Roll like a River

Refrain

The musical score is written for a single voice part in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of eight staves of music. The first staff is marked 'Refrain'. The lyrics are: 'Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash - all op - pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us, move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new, that we might live just - ly like you. I "Take from me your ho - ly feasts, all your of - f'ings and your mu - sic. Let jus - tice flow like wa - ters, and in - teg - ri - ty like an ev - er-flow - ing stream."'. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, half notes, and rests, with some notes beamed together. The final staff is also marked 'Refrain'.

Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash - all op -

pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,

move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,

that we might live just - ly like you.

I "Take from me your ho - ly feasts, all your

of - f'ings and your mu - sic. Let jus - tice

flow like wa - ters, and in - teg - ri - ty like an

ev - er-flow - ing stream."

Refrain

Stanzas 2-5

2 How long shall we wait, O God, for the day of your

3 Hear this, all of you who use the poor in your thirst of
 4 "E - ven now, re - turn to me, let your hearts be

5 You have been told the way of life, the way of

2 mer-cy to dawn, the day we beat our

3 pow-er and rich - es: the Lord will turn your
 4 bro-ken and hum - ble, for I am gra - cious,

5 jus-tice and peace: to act just-ly, to

Refrain

2 swords in - to plows, when your peace reigns o - ver the earth?

3 laugh - ter to tears, on the won - drous Day of our God.
 4 gen - 'rous and kind." Come and seek the mer - cies of God.

5 love gent-ly, to walk hum-bly with God.

Text: Marty Haugen
 Music: LET JUSTICE ROLL, Marty Haugen

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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

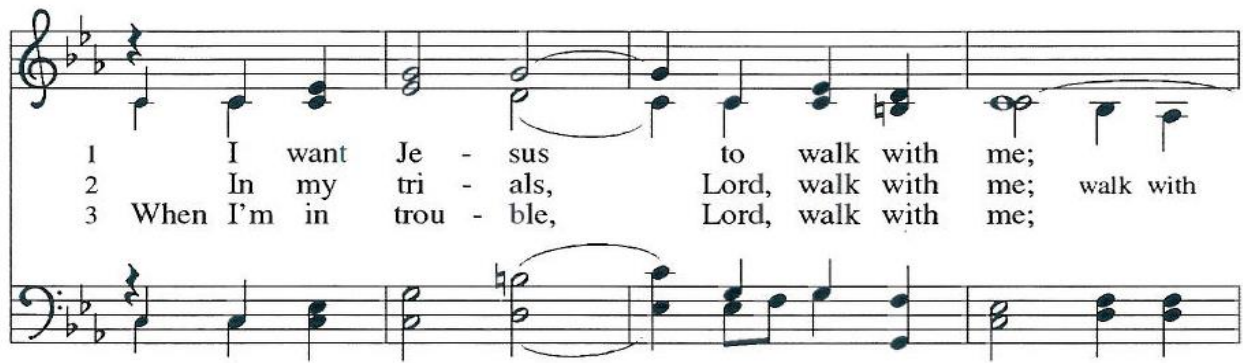
[Pic on power point] Don't forget to grab your copy of The Current on your way home today. There are lots of opportunities to live into our purpose listed in The Current. *And*, one of the most important things included in these pages are the invitation to pray and to read scripture during the week.

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



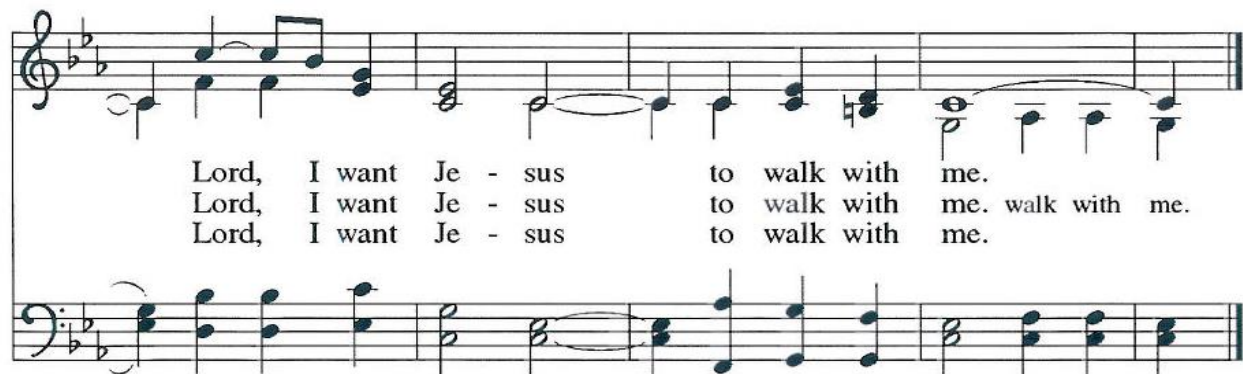
1 I want Je - sus to walk with me;
2 In my tri - als, Lord, walk with me; walk with
3 When I'm in trou - ble, Lord, walk with me;



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 "Go, Make a Difference"

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

Go Make A Difference

Words and Music by
Steve Angrisano
and Tom Tomaszek

♩ = 112

CHORUS

1 **C#m** **A** **B** **C#m**

Go make a dif - frence. _ We can make a dif -

4 **E** **G#sus** **G#7**

- frence. _ Go make a dif - frence in the world. _

8 **C#m** **A** **B** **C#m**

Go make a dif - frence. _ We can make a dif -

12 **Amaj9** **G#7sus** **G#7** **C#m** Last time to Coda Φ

- frence. _ Go make a dif - frence in the world. _

16 **1.** **2, 3.** **G#m7** **C#m** **VERSE 1 & 2**

1. We are the salt of the earth, _ called to
2. We are the hands of _ Christ _ reach - ing

20 **A** **B** **C#m** **E**

let the peo - ple see _ the love of God _ in you and
out to those _ in need, _ the face of God _ for all to

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24 $G^{\#sus}$ $G^{\#7}$ $C^{\#m}$



me. We are the light of the world, — not to be
seen. We are the spir - it of hope; — We

28 A B $C^{\#m}$ A^{maj9} $G^{\#7sus}$



hid - den but — be seen. — Go make a dif -
are the voice — of peace. — Go make a dif -

31 $G^{\#7}$ $C^{\#m}$



- frence in the world. —
- frence in the world. —

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

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