



18th Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2019

Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs – “Seek Ye First” & “I’m So Glad Jesus Lifted Me”

Seek Ye First

Words and Music by
Karen Lafferty

♩ = 120

VERSE

C C^{sus} Em F C F




1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God and His
2. We shall not live by bread a - lone but by
3. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, seek and

6 C Dm⁷ G⁷ C C^{sus} Em Em⁷



right - eous - ness, and all these things shall be
ev - 'ry word that pro - ceeds from the
ye shall find, knock and the door shall be

11 F C F



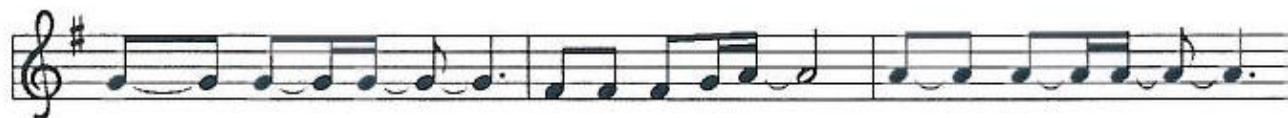
add - ed un - to you - Al - le -
mouth of God - Al - le -
o - pened un - to you - Al - le -

14 C F/C C G^{7sus} G⁷ C



-lu, al - le - lu - ia!
-lu, al - le - lu - ia!
-lu, al - le - lu - ia!

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

Introduce the Theme with Kids *(Give kids the Kid's Bulletin when done)*

Welcome, River Source, Clip Boards

(Please Stand) No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger,

Help us to see each other through your eyes. When we see with the eyes of judgement, give us your compassion. When we see with eyes of envy, give us your wisdom. When we see with eyes of indifference, give us your love. When we fail to see the hurting people in our path, give us your vision. Equip us, Holy Spirit, to share your compassion, wisdom and love with everyone we meet – no exceptions. Amen.

Meet Someone New

Worship Leader: *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.*

"I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" to bring people back together.

(Still Standing) Confession and Forgiveness

The Holy Spirit has brought us to this place today.

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, the strength of our ancestors, the hope of our children, the one who gives us the ability to "go out".

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess to the world, to each other and to ourselves that God is God – and we are not.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,

we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. As a called and ordained minister in the church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name ✠ of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.
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.**

(Still Standing)

Prayer of the Day

O God,

You are always present with us, even and especially when we're compelled to make difficult choices. Be at work in our hearts to find peace on our pathways, and look for the blessings you bestow upon us. In Jesus' name, amen.

(Please Be Seated)

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today from Ruth 1:1-17

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law,

Side 1: “Go back each of you to your mother’s house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband.”

Narrator: Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her,

Side 2: “No, we will return with you to your people.”

Narrator: But Naomi said,

Side 1: “Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband.

Side 2: Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying?

Side 1: No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me.”

Narrator: Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said,

Side 2: “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.”

Narrator: But Ruth said,

Side 1: “Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go;

Side 2: where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God.

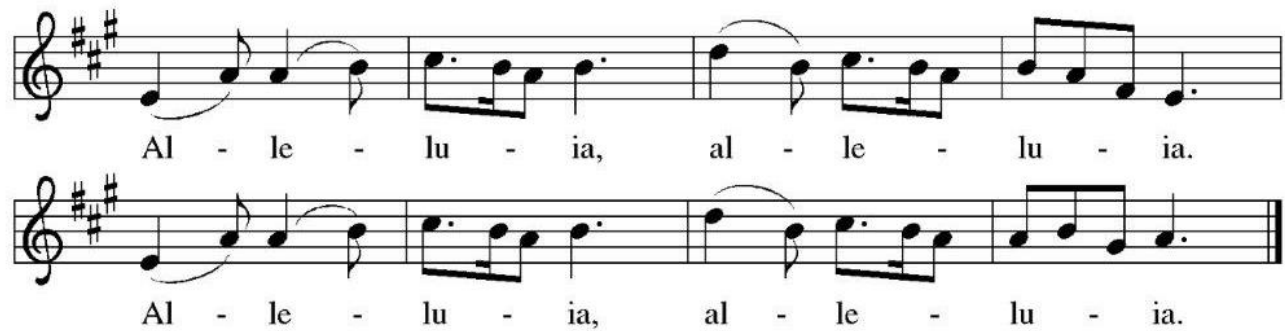
ALL: Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia



Verses may be sung by a leader. Then the alleluia is repeated.

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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Side 1: Jesus replied, "Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?"

Side 2: Then he looked at those around him and said, "Look, these are my mother and brothers.

All: Anyone who does God's will is my brother and sister and mother."

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song After Sermon "Day by Day"

Worship Leader: *As we sing, write your prayers on a post-it from the clipboard at the end of the row. Paper prayers will be collected during the song. The prayers will then be prayed out loud, anonymously, and placed on the altar.*

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.

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 given to the pray-ers will be prayed out loud, anonymously. Every 3-4 petitions will end with:

Leader: Life Giving God,

All: Hear our prayer

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

Worship Leader: Assured by your promise to hear us, we lay our prayers before your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offering

Worship Leader: *We are grateful for your financial gifts; it's the only way churches are churches. Set up automatic giving by going to our website, riverofhopehutchinson.org click "give" & go from there.*

(Please stand as you are able while the gifts/offering is brought forward.)

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTEAD, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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THE FEAST

Setting the Table

As the kids help set the table, make a circle around the table holding hands 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.**

(Stay Standing)

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Risen Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Holy Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is praised among all peoples.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with your people on earth and all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to the glory of your name

Holy, Holy, Holy

Santo, santo, santo

San - to, san - to, san - to, mi co - ra - zón te_a - do - ra.
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you.

Mi co - ra - zón te sa - be de-cir: San - to_e-res Se - ñor.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are ho - ly, God.

Text: Argentine traditional
Music: ARGENTINE SANTO, Argentine traditional

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

Worship Leader: *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 today 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.

(Please be Seated)

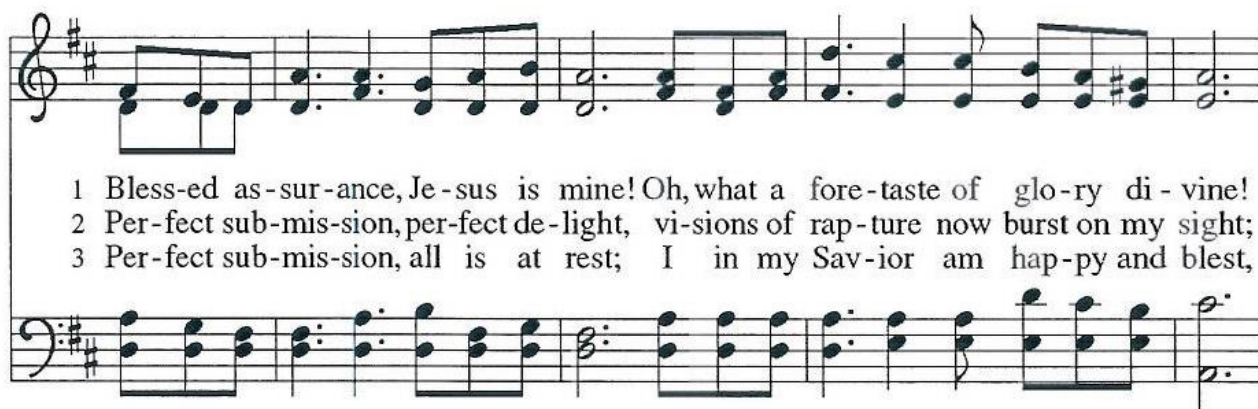
Invitation to the Meal

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.

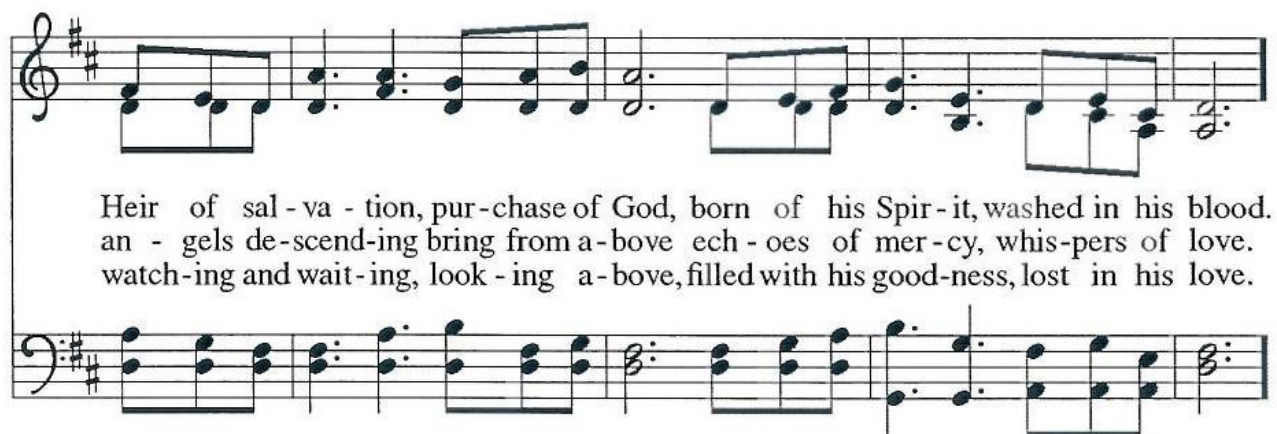
Communion Songs/Hymns “Blessed Assurance”

“Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil”

Blessed Assurance




1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
 2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
 3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

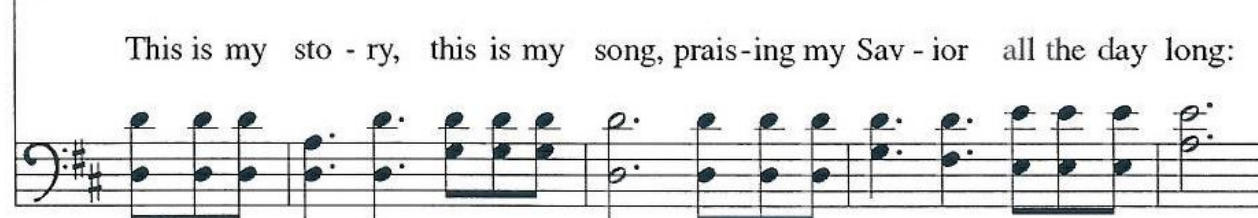


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
 an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
 watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:




this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.



Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil'. It consists of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are written below the notes. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final repeat of the first line.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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(Please Stand)

Blessing after Communion

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

THE SENDING

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

(Please Be Seated)

Purpose Sightings

Worship Leader: There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

MILESTONES! "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

The congregation will sing before Milestones

It's time for milestones, a time of sharing milestones in our community. If you have a big, small, 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. After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!"

(Please Stand)

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely for soprano and bass voices. It is in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a focus on the lyrics. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line corresponds to the second line. The bass line provides a steady accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;

Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Text: Ken Medema, b. 1943

Music: CHILDREN PRAYING: Ken Medema

Blessing

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

All: Amen

Sending Song "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

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

We Are Marching in the Light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



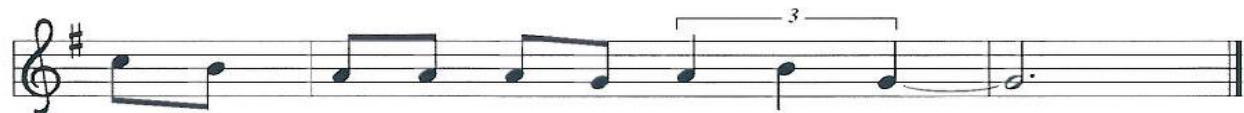
Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib.:

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984

Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional

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Go in peace – serve the Lord!

Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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