

Mission, Ministry and Resistance

Fifth Sunday After Epiphany

February 9, 2020 Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

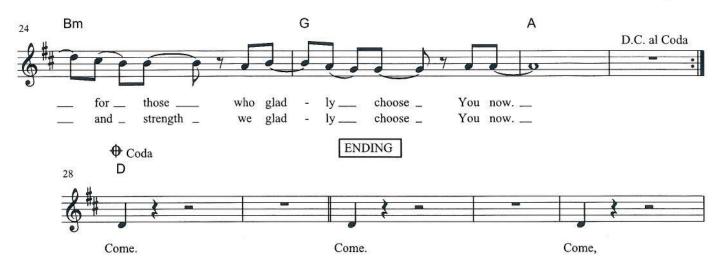
Gathering Songs "Come, Now is the Time to Worship" & "Forever"

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

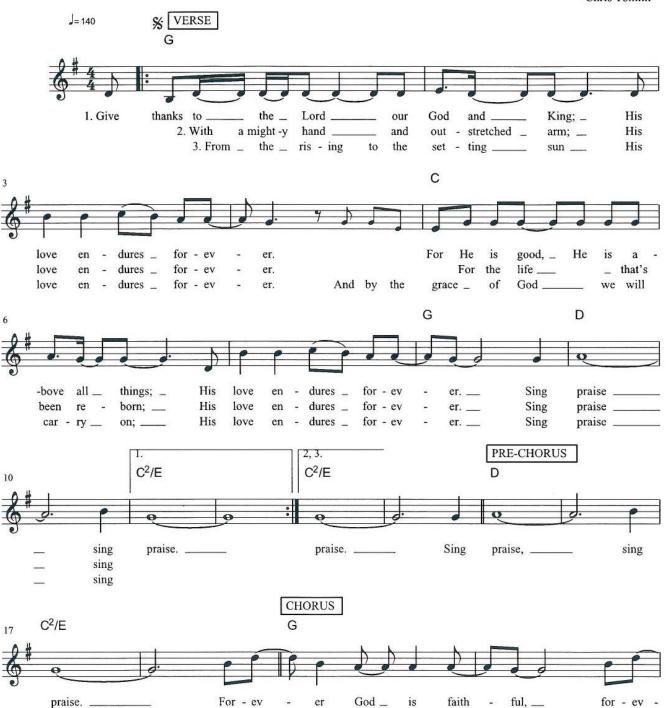
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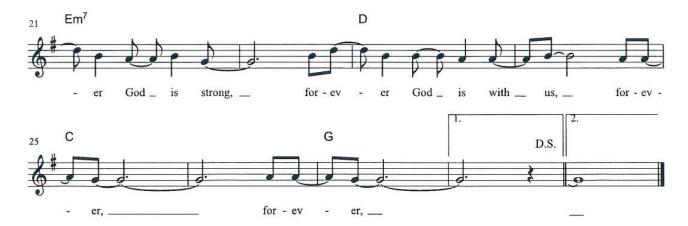
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Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Clipboards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger, You created us and the world good. You created people in your image. Help us to see the miracle of your love and presence in strangers and friends. Amen.

Meet Someone New

Worship Leader: As followers of Jesus we believe that there are no strangers — only friends we have yet to meet! Now is an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet new ones! Feel free to move about and say hi to someone you don't know very well or at all — or remain where you are, if you prefer.

"Forever" 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 infinite giving and receiving Triune God – God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. God is with you!

And also with you.

Let us confess that God is God and we are not. Silence for reflection. Dear faithful God,

We have not loved you with all of our hearts.

We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

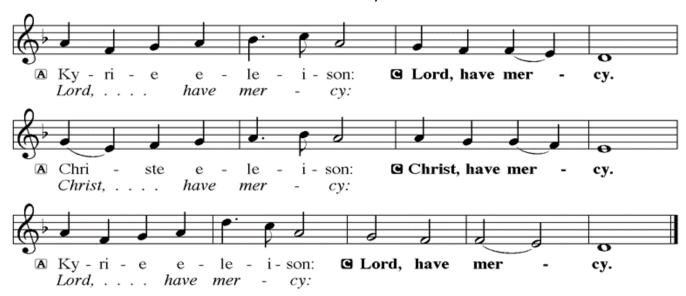
We deny your goodness, your presence, your light in others and ourselves.

We pretend that love is weak and that the little things don't matter. We are sure that someone else knows better or will take care of it. We don't treat creation as good but as something to use and abuse. We destroy your created beauty out of ignorance and greed. We act as if we are not responsible. We fail to respond to your call to do justice. We seek our own comfort. We live like your teaching doesn't matter compared to what the world teaches us. We are certain that we can save ourselves.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We believe in a God who is good and who created us good. Jesus Christ, the light of the world, is the one who makes us new, reminds us of our goodness from God. Children of God, you are loved, you are forgiven, today and every day. Let us rejoice in this good news! **Amen!**

KYRIE ELEISON – "Lord, Have Mercy"







Prayer of the Day

O Lord,

our savior Jesus persisted in his mission, in the face of opposition, disbelief and danger. Encourage us by his example when we encounter roadblocks, and give us the same Spirit which strengthened him, in whose name we pray, amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Mark 6:1-29

ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: He left that place and came to his hometown, and his disciples followed

him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many

who heard him were astounded.

Side 1: They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that

has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here

with us?" And they took offense at him.

Side 2: Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in

their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house."

And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their

unbelief.

Narrator: Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve

and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear

sandals and not to put on two tunics.

Side 1: He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you

leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a

testimony against them."

Narrator: So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out

many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known.

Side 2: Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

Narrator: For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him.

Side 1: But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

Side 2: When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."

Narrator: She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother.

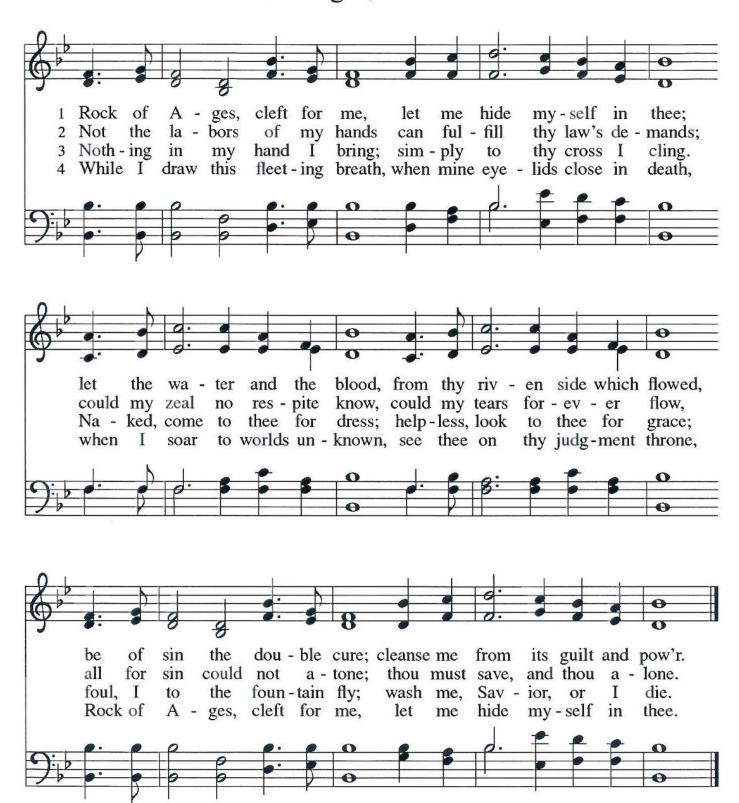
All: When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing story that is our story and God's story. The Word of God.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Hymn – "Rock of Ages"

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

Prayers of the People

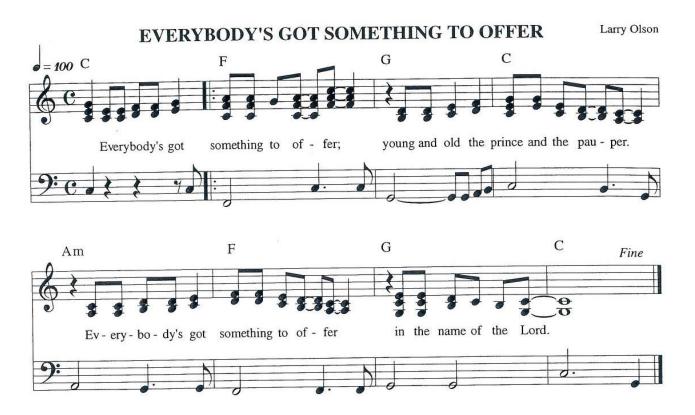
Reader: Lord, we are in need of your mercy.

All: hear our prayer

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.

Offering Song "Everybody's Got Something to Offer"



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

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

There is room for you at this table. So come, you that have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed;

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.

God so holy, full of grace, make the world a better place.

Give us the food we need for today.

Forgive us our wrongs when we go astray.

Help us always to do good, and love others, like we should.

God we love you; we are yours. Swing wide open heaven's doors.

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 "Let us Break Bread Together" & "All who are Thirsty"

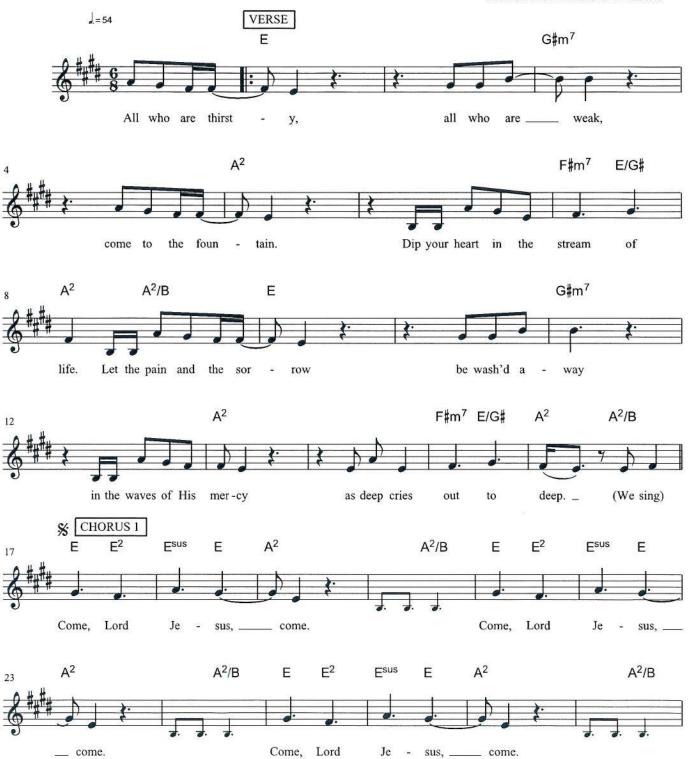
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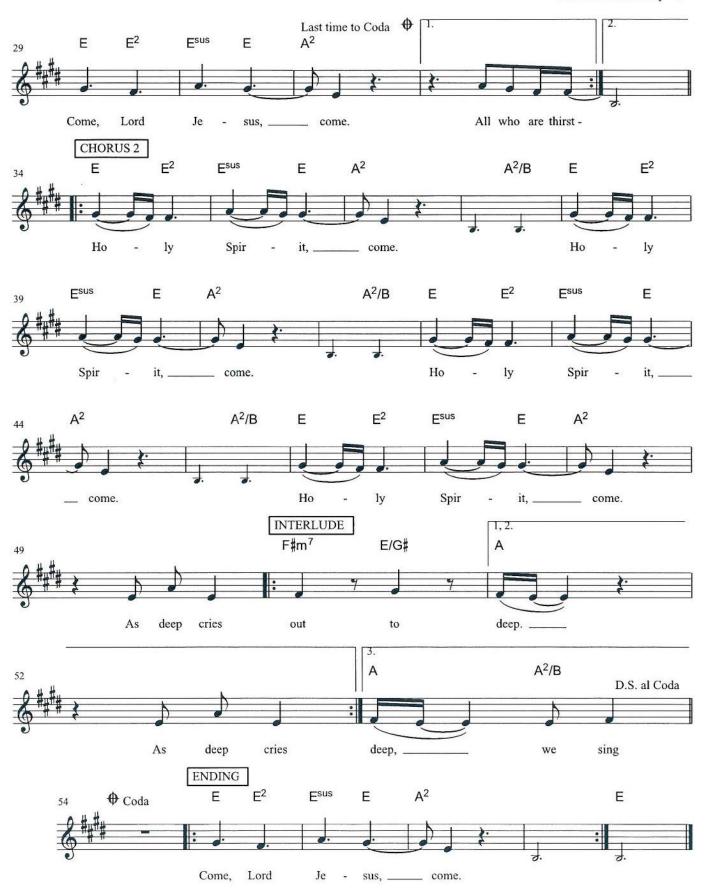
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All Who Are Thirsty

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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

Let us pray, My past, O Lord, I entrust to your mercy. My presence to your love. My future to your faithfulness. Thank you for this good gift of life. 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

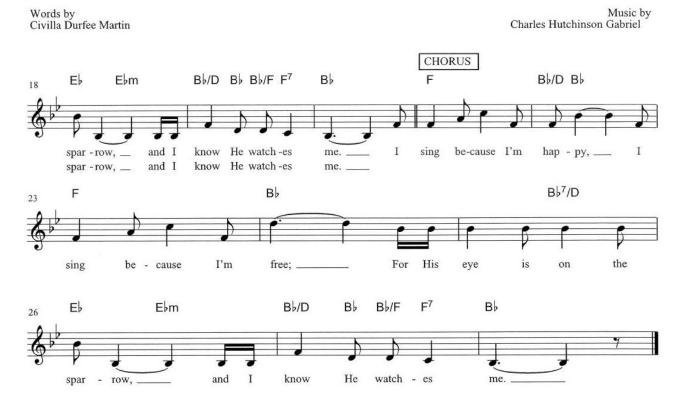
Worship Leader: There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

MILESTONES! "His Eye Is On The Sparrow"

The congregation will sing before Milestones – CHORUS 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.

His Eye Is On The Sparrow



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Final Blessing

May the light of Jesus show you the way; may the goodness of God be found every step of the way, and may God's Holy Spirit renew and inspire you. Remember, you are loved. Live in the promise of this never-ending love.

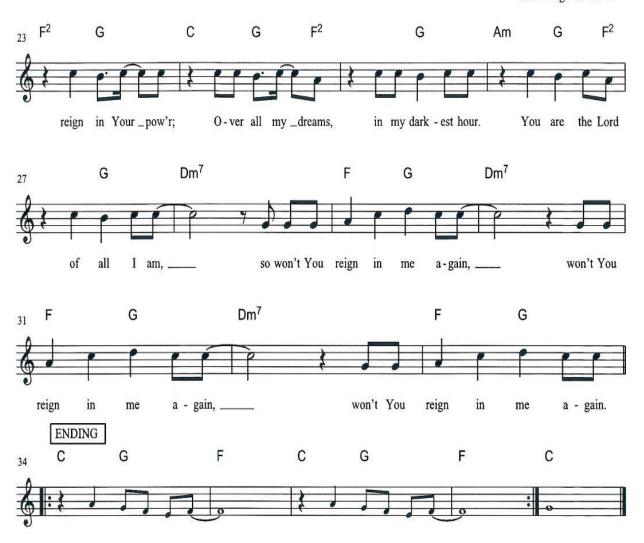
Sending Song "Lord Reign in Me"

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Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God Music to Send You Out

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