



Jesus Heals Legion

## 14th Sunday after Pentecost

September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Sunday Virtual Worship at 10:30am



### Call to Worship

One: Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

**All: For God loves us just as we are.**

One: Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

**All: For all of us are welcome here— scars and fears, depression and doubt, hope and joy, light and laughter.**

One: Don't hold back. Bring all of yourself,

**All: For God longs to be with us, so let us worship the God of love.**

Gathering Song – Above All & You Are Holy

# Above All

Words and Music by  
Lenny LeBlanc and Paul Baloche

♩ = 62

## VERSE 1

A E/D D E<sup>SUS</sup> E A A/C#



1. A - bove all — pow - ers, a-bove all — kings, a-bove all —

3 E/D D E<sup>SUS</sup> E A A/G# F#m Amaj<sup>7</sup>/E



na - ture and all — cre-a - ted things; A-bove all wis-dom — and all — the ways — of man,

6 D A/C# Bm<sup>7</sup> D/A E/G# A A/C#



You were here — be-fore — the world — be-gan. — 2. A - bove all —

## VERSE 2

9 E/D D E<sup>SUS</sup> E A A/C# E/D D E<sup>SUS</sup> E



king - doms, a-bove all — thrones, a-bove all — won - ders the world — has ev - er known;

12 A A/G# F#m Amaj<sup>7</sup>/E D A/C#



A-bove all wealth and treas - ures of — the earth, —

## CHORUS

15 Bm<sup>7</sup> D/A C#<sup>sus</sup>/G# C# A Bm<sup>7</sup>



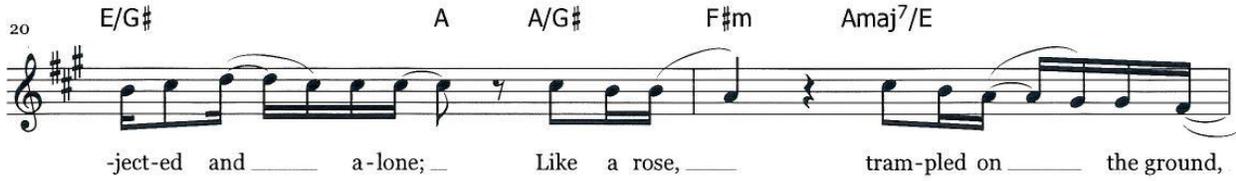
there's no way — to meas - ure what — You're worth. — Cru - ci-fied, —

18 E/G# A Bm7



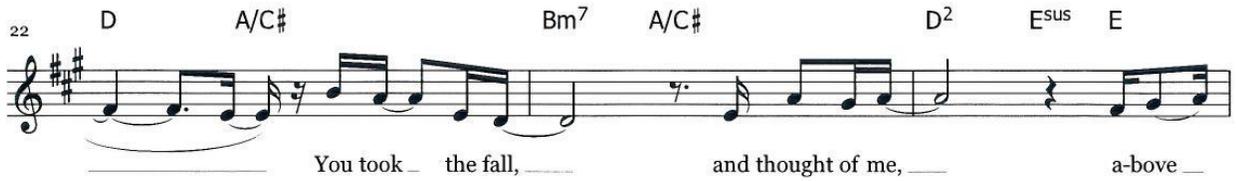
laid be - hind the stone; You lived to die, re -

20 E/G# A A/G# F#m Amaj7/E



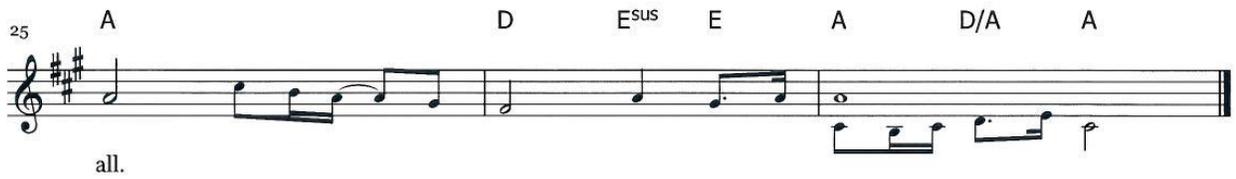
-ject-ed and a-lone; Like a rose, tram-pled on the ground,

22 D A/C# Bm7 A/C# D2 E<sup>sus</sup> E



You took the fall, and thought of me, a-bove

25 A D E<sup>sus</sup> E A D/A A



all.

# You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace)

Words and Music by  
Marc Imboden and Tammi Rhoton

$\text{♩} = 108$  VERSE

Men:  $D^5$   $G^2$

You are ho - ly. — You are might - y. —

Women:

You are ho - ly. — You are

4  $Em$   $A^{sus}$

You are wor - thy, — wor - thy — of praise.

might - y. — You are wor - thy, — wor - thy — of

8  $A$   $D^5$   $G^2$

I will fol - low. — I will lis - ten. —

praise. I will fol - low. — I will

You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace) - 2

12 Em A D A D

I will love You, all of my days.  
lis - ten. I will love You, all of my

CHORUS 1 & 2 (sung together)

16 G<sup>2</sup>(#4) G<sup>2</sup> A A<sup>sus</sup>

I will sing to and wor - ship the  
days. You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings, You are

19 A/B Bm<sup>7</sup> D/F# G<sup>2</sup>(#4) G<sup>2</sup>

King who is wor - thy. And I will love and a -  
might - y God, Lord of ev - 'ry - thing. You're Em - man - u - el, You're the

22 A A<sup>sus</sup> A/B Bm<sup>7</sup> D/F#

-dore Him, and I will bow down be - fore Him. And I will  
Great I Am, You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb. You're the

You Are Holy (Prince Of Peace) - 3

25 G<sup>2</sup>(#4) G<sup>2</sup> A A<sup>sus</sup> A/B Bm<sup>7</sup>

sing — to — and wor - ship — the King — who — is  
Liv - ing — God, — You're my sav - ing — grace. — You will reign for - ev - er; You are

28 D/F# G<sup>2</sup>(#4) G<sup>2</sup> A A<sup>sus</sup>

wor - thy. And I will love — and — a - dore — Him, — And I will  
An - cient — of Days. You are Al - pha O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning — and — End. You're my

31 A/B Bm<sup>7</sup> E<sup>7sus</sup> E<sup>7</sup>

bow — down — be - fore — Him. You're my  
Sav - ior; Mes - si - ah, Re - deem - er — and — Friend. You're my

33 G<sup>2</sup> A<sup>sus</sup> D<sup>5</sup>

1. INSTRUMENTAL

Prince of — Peace, and I will live my — life for You.

36 G<sup>5</sup> A<sup>sus</sup> A A<sup>sus</sup>

Men:

You are live my — life for

40 D<sup>5</sup>

You. You're my

ENDING

42 G<sup>2</sup> A<sup>sus</sup> D<sup>5</sup>

Prince of \_\_\_ Peace, and I will live my \_\_\_ life for You.

Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Holy Spirit of God,

**You blow into our lives and send us in directions we never would have gone on our own. Send us into the lives of people we don't know, people we would call 'stranger' and reveal yourself right there to us. We are no longer strangers to each other – you make us brother and sister. Amen.**

Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you here. We gather in the name of God the eternal Creator – Jesus Christ, God's only Son and the Holy Spirit – who is with you always... **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

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

*Silence for prayer and contemplation.*

Faithful and Merciful God, you know us. You know our lives. Clean up our hearts and minds. By your Holy Spirit, make us new.

**All: Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*(Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

**God we confess—we are loose ends. You give us the gift of wisdom and we seek our answers in all the wrong places.**

**You give us the gift of community, and we waste that gift unraveling relationships to build individual identities.**

**You give us the gift of time, and we spend it seeking our own interests.**

**Forgive us for our frayed ends and self-centered hearts.**

**Give us the wisdom we need to seek you when life falls apart.**

**Unravel the sin in us and replace it with love. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore 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.**

## Prayer of the Day

God of love,

**We admit that there are things we sweep under the rug— shame, self-doubt, mental health struggles, and our own insecurities. We know that is not what you want for us. Your love is for the healthy and the sick parts of everyone. In Jesus, there is no stigma, fear, or bias.**

**Help us to love and live in the same way, free from stigma, fear and bias. Forgive us when we hate ourselves or distance ourselves from others, simply for being human. You long for better, and we long for you. Gratefully we pray, Amen.**

## THE STORY

**Narrator:** Our story and God’s story continues with a reading from Mark 5:1-20

**Narrator:** Jesus and the disciples arrived at the other side of the lake, in the region of the Gerasenes. When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain.

**Congregation:** **Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him. Day and night he wandered among the burial caves and in the hills, howling and cutting himself with sharp stones. When Jesus was still some distance away, the man saw him, ran to meet him, and bowed low before him. With a shriek, he screamed, “Why are you interfering with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? In the name of God, I beg you, don’t torture me!” For Jesus had already said to the spirit, “Come out of the man, you evil spirit.”**

**Narrator:** Then Jesus demanded, “What is your name?” And he replied, “My name is Legion, because there are many of us inside this man.” Then the evil spirits begged him again and again not to send them to some distant place. There happened to be a large herd of pigs feeding on the hillside nearby. “Send us into those pigs,” the spirits begged. “Let us enter them.”

**Congregation:** **So Jesus gave them permission. The evil spirits came out of the man and entered the pigs, and the entire herd of about 2,000 pigs plunged down the steep hillside into the lake and drowned in the water. The herdsmen fled to the nearby town and the surrounding countryside, spreading the news as they ran. People rushed out to see what had happened. A crowd soon gathered around Jesus, and they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons. He was sitting there fully clothed and perfectly sane, and they were all afraid. Then those who had seen what happened told the others about the demon-possessed man and the pigs. And the crowd began pleading with Jesus to go away and leave them alone. As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him.**

**Narrator:** But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.” So the man started off to visit the Ten Towns<sup>[c]</sup> of that region and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone was amazed at what he told them

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

**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Hymn – Amazing Grace

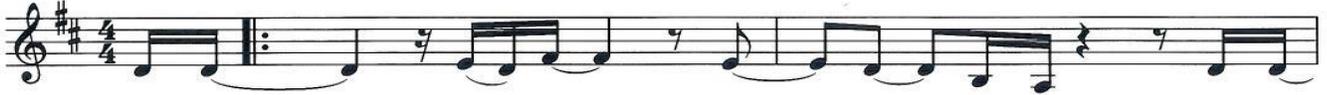
# Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Words and Music by  
John Newton, Chris Tomlin  
and Louie Giglio

♩ = 60

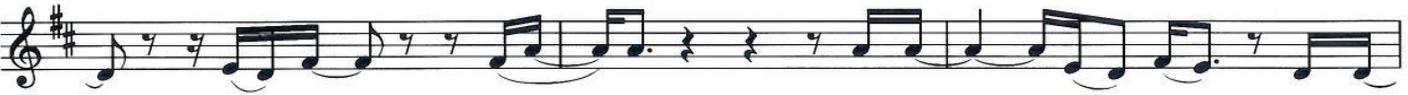
## VERSE 1 & 2

D G/D D



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved  
(2.) grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace.

3 A/D D D/F#



a wretch like me. I once was lost, but now  
my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that grace

6 G D 1. A/D D



I'm found, was blind but now I see. 2. 'Twas  
ap - pear, the hour

9 2. A/D D D/F# G **CHORUS**



I first be - lieved. My chains are gone. I've been set

12 D/F# G/B D/A D/F#



free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a

15 G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup>



flood His mer - cy rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.

VERSE 3

18 D D G/D D

3. The Lord has prom-ised good to me, His word

21 A/D D D/F#

my hope se-cures. He will my shield and por-

24 G D A/D D D/F#

- tion be, as long as life en-dures. My chains are

CHORUS

27 G D/F# G/B

gone. I've been set free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran -somed

30 D/A D/F# G D/F#

me. And like a flood His mer - cy rains, un-end - ing love,

33 Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> 1. D D/F# 2. D

a-maz - ing grace. My chains are

VERSE 4

36 G/D D G/D D

4. The earth shall soon dis-solve like snow, the sun

39 A/D D D/F#

for - bear to shine. But God, who called me here.

42 G D A/D D

be-low, will be for - ev - er mine, will be

45 A/D D

for - ev - er mine. You are

47 A/D D

for - ev - er mine.

## 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](http://riverofhopehutchinson.org) and follow the directions to "give online".

## **Prayers of the People**

As we gather our hearts for prayer,

Each petition will end with the words: *Lord in your mercy.*

You will respond: ***Hear our prayers.***

***Amazing Grace (Gracious God, give us eyes to see you in every person we meet – those who look like us, and those who do not. Those who worship like us and those who do not. Those who think like us and those who do not. Give us your eyes of compassion to see all people with eyes of love. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

- ***God, you have claimed each person hearing these prayers today as your beloved child. Remind us that no one is outside of your boundaries. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

- ***Be with all who suffer today, O God, from physical illnesses, mental illnesses and addictions. Use us to bring hope and healing into their world. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

- ***Be with all who grieve any loss right now, Lord. Loss of a loved one, loss of a job, loss of a relationship – may you give them glimpses of new life in the midst of their grief.***

***Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer***

## *The Lord's Prayer*

Divine Source of Love and Life, Holy is your unspeakable name.

May your Way of Love resound through earth, heaven in our midst.

All we need to live and thrive we receive from you, Creator; forgive us when we turn away, as we forgive each other.

Keep us on the path of Wisdom, away from wicked tyranny; Spirit ever breathe through us, empower us with hope.

From you, through you and in you, are all things, now and always; to you be all honor and praise. Amen.

## **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Have some water handy. With water on your finger tip,  
make a sign of the cross on the forehead of each family member.*

**We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

**Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.**

**Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.**

**At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.**

**By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

**We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.**

**Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

**To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## **THE SENDING**

**Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?**

**We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.**

### *Purpose Sightings*

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

### *MILESTONES!*

*Please share Milestones in the comment section to celebrate together.*

### Final Blessing

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sending Song – Do Lord! Psalm 27



DO, LORD! : PSALM 27

Adapted by J. Y. from Ps. 27, Eph. 3:21

Traditional  
Arr. by John Ylvisaker

G Refrain

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem - ber me!

C G

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem - ber me!

B7 Em A7

Do, Lord, O do, Lord, O do re-mem - ber me! Look a -

G/D D7 G

way be - yond — the blue. —

*Coda "C"* ↑

*Fine*

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G Verses

1. You're my light and my sal - va - tion, I won't be a - - fraid!  
 2. Though a host en - camp a - gainst me, I will nev - er fear!  
 3. You will hide me in Your shel - ter in the day of strife;  
 4. Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther and to God the Son;

C G

You're the strong - hold of my life, by You all things were made.  
 E - ven though a war sur - rounds me, You are al - ways near.  
 You'll con - ceal me in Your tent or set me on the height.  
 Glo - ry be to God the Spir - it, ev - er Three in One.

B7

Foes at - tack me, has - sle me, but I will nev - er  
 One thing I have asked of You that I will seek for  
 Now my head is lift - ed up a - bove the storms of  
 As it was in the be - gin - ning, till our race is

Em A7 G/D D7 G

fade, For I move in the strength of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 sure Is to live in the house of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 night, So I'll sing to the name of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_  
 won We can live in the light of the Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

D.C.

Go in peace – Serve the Lord! Thanks be to God