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Gathering

Gathering Songs – Make Me A Servant

Make Me A Servant

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F Dm⁷ Gm⁷ C⁷ Gm⁷ B \flat /C C⁷

Make me a ser - vant, hum - ble and meek. Lord, let me lift up

7 B \flat /F F F²_{sus} F A Dm Dm/C G²/B B \flat m⁶

those who are weak. And may the prayer of my heart al - ways be:

13 F/A Gm⁷ F/A Gm⁷

Make me a ser - vant, make me a ser - vant,

17 F/C C⁷_{sus} F²

make me a ser - vant to - day. _____

Welcome

*Wherever you are on your journey of faith,
we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.*

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Let us pray: **Gracious God, help us to see your image revealed in all of creation, especially in those whom we call stranger. Guide us as we seek to join you in journeying alongside all in need. Amen.**

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together

Time with Kids

Song: Welcome, Child of God



Welcome, Child of God

Rain - drops, o - ceans, lakes, and riv - ers; wel - come, child of God.

Moth - ers, fa - thers, broth - ers, sis - ters; wel - come, child of God.

When the world feels wide a - round you, when the dark of night sur-rounds you,

we are here to tend and guide you. Wel - come, child of God.

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.**

YOUR RIVER O GOD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

Refrain



Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -
live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it
flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry
time and place.

Verse



Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the
Come and hear all who fear, you are
As we grow may we know waves of
mys - ter - y. Ev' - ry heart,
not a - lone. Come and see,
hope sur - round. As we live

to Refrain



from the start, light for all to see.
be set free, rest here in your home.
may we give love that has no bounds.

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Prayer of the Day

O God, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

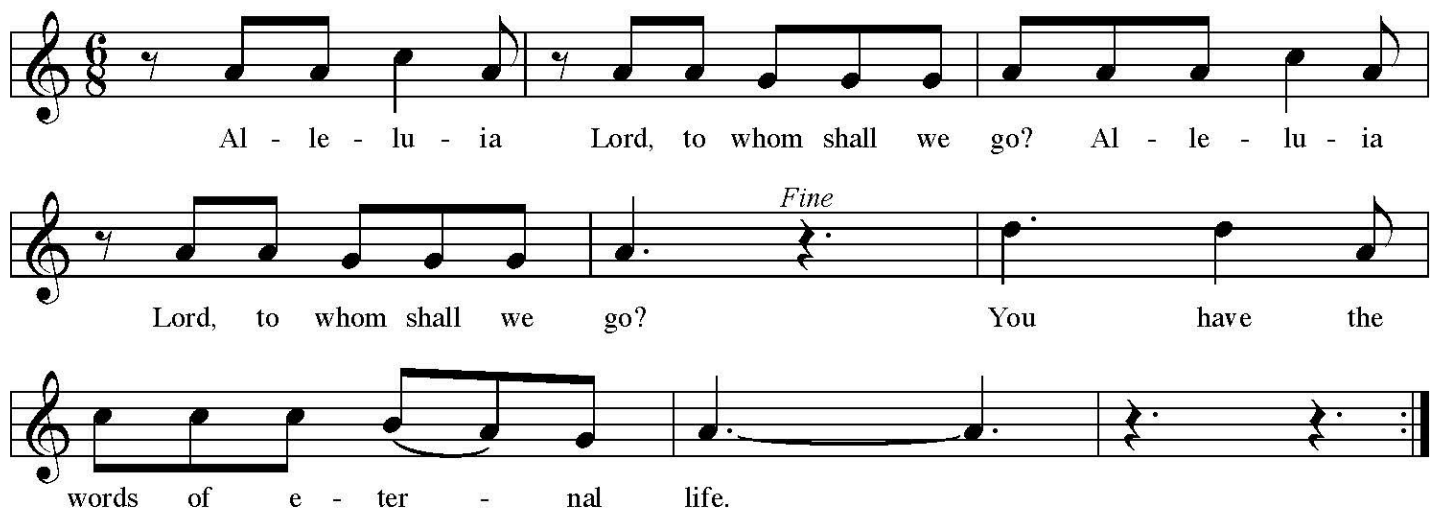
Amen.

The Story

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from the Gospel of Mark
Chapter 9: 30-37

ALLELUIA

Jeff Kjellberg



Al - le - lu - ia Lord, to whom shall we go? Al - le - lu - ia

Lord, to whom shall we go? *Fine* You have the

words of e - ter - nal life.

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(Narrator): *Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.*

(Narrator): *[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them,*

(Side 1): “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.”

(Narrator): But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them,

(Side 2): “What were you arguing about on the way?”

(Narrator): But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them,

(Side 1): “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

(Narrator): Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,

(Side 2): “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

(Narrator): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

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. Who presents these children to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism?

Sponsors and parents reply: **We do.**

As you bring Eliza and Franklin to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with them among God's faithful people,

bring them to the word of God and the holy supper,

teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953

Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928

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place in their hands the holy scriptures,
and nurture them in faith and prayer,
so that Eliza and Franklin 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 Eliza and Franklin grow in the Christian faith and life?

We do.

People of God, do you promise to support Eliza and Franklin and pray for them in their 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?

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

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

We do.

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 be 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, 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.

The assembly may be seated.

BAPTISM

Eliza Vanderstoep King / Franklin Vanderstoep King, I baptize you 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 daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain Eliza and Franklin 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.

Eliza Vanderstoep King / Franklin Vanderstoep King, 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.

The ministers and the baptismal group face the assembly. A representative of the congregation leads the assembly in the welcome.

Let us welcome Nova.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the purpose we share: we go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. 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.

Prayers for the World

Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*Each petition will close with the words: God of Life
And you are invited to respond: **Hear our prayer***

Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope.

Offering Music: Everyone is a Child of God

EVERYONE IS A CHILD OF GOD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (indicated by two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of five staves of music. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a repeat sign with first and second endings, and a double bar line with a repeat sign. The lyrics are: We are wait - ing, we are watch - ing, we are hop - ing to see You are good - ness, you are mer - cy, you are deep mys - ter-y. in the dis - tance, in the dark - ness a light that sets us free. To see ev'-ryone, In the si - lence you have spo - ken a love that sets us free. ev'-ry - one is a child of God. See ev'-ry-one, ev'-ry - one, is a child, a beau-ti-ful child of God. Set us free. Set us free to see ev'-ry-one, D.S. al Fine

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The Feast

Setting the Table

As we prepare our tables with gifts of bread, wine/juice, the children lead us as we pray together: **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.**

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

On the night in which he was betrayed...

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread and

forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.

Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power,

and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

This is not my table or River of Hope's table, but rather this is Christ's table and all are welcome. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.

"This is the body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you."

Communion Song: O Master Let Me Walk With Thee

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with you in low - ly
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,
 3 Teach me your pa - tience; share with me a clos - er,
 4 In hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice true; tell me your se - cret;
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith
 fu - ture's broad - 'ning way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,
 you can give; with you, O Mas - ter, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1836-1918, alt.
 Music: MARYTON, H. Percy Smith, 1825-1898

Blessing and Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! – Be Thou My Vision*It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life*

Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,† be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: Jesu, Jesu

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.

Text: Tom Colvin, 1925–2000, alt.

Music: CHEREPONI, Ghanaian folk tune, adapt. Tom Colvin

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Music to Send You Out

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