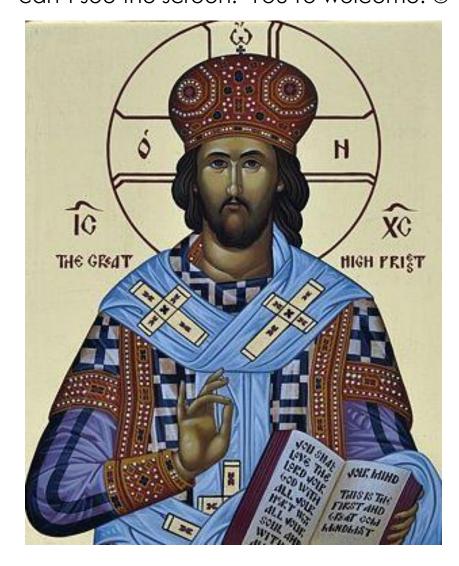
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9th Sunday after Pentecost

August 11, 2019 Sunday Worship at 10:30am



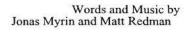
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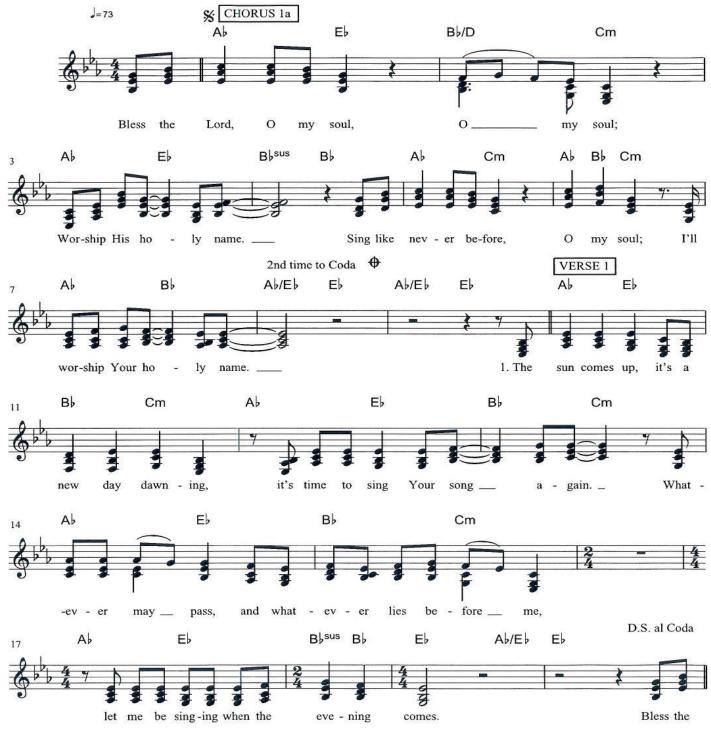
GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs – "10,000 Reasons" "Hallelujah"

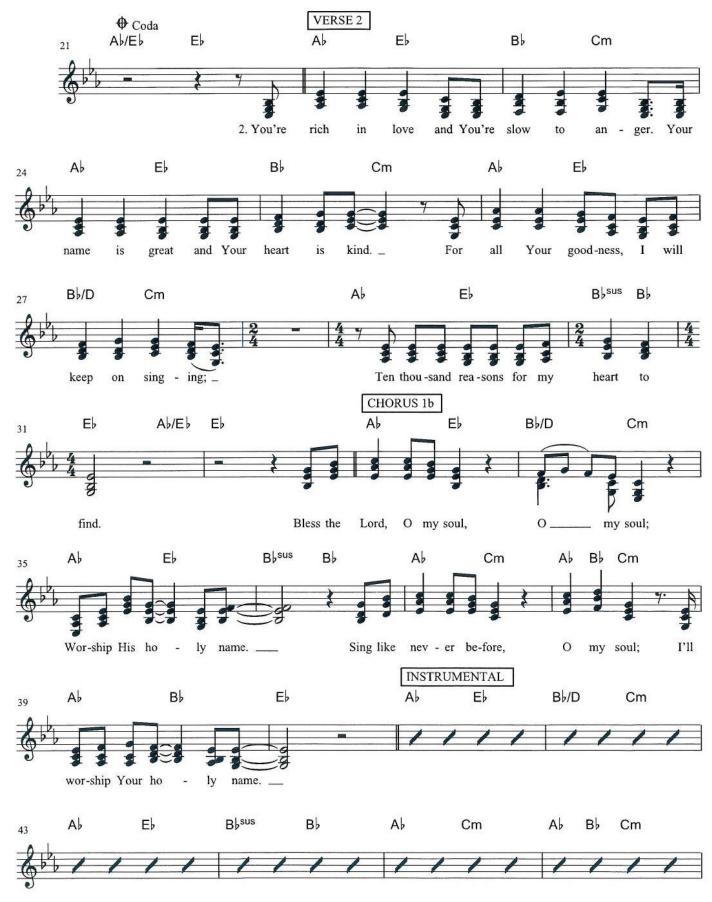
10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)





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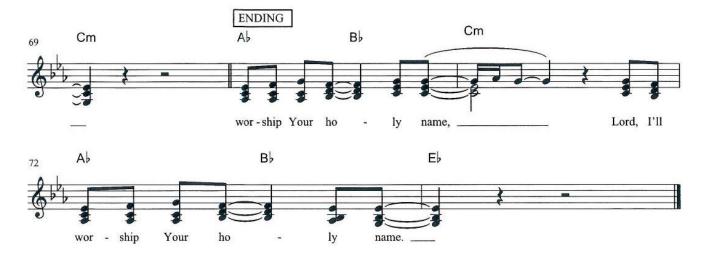
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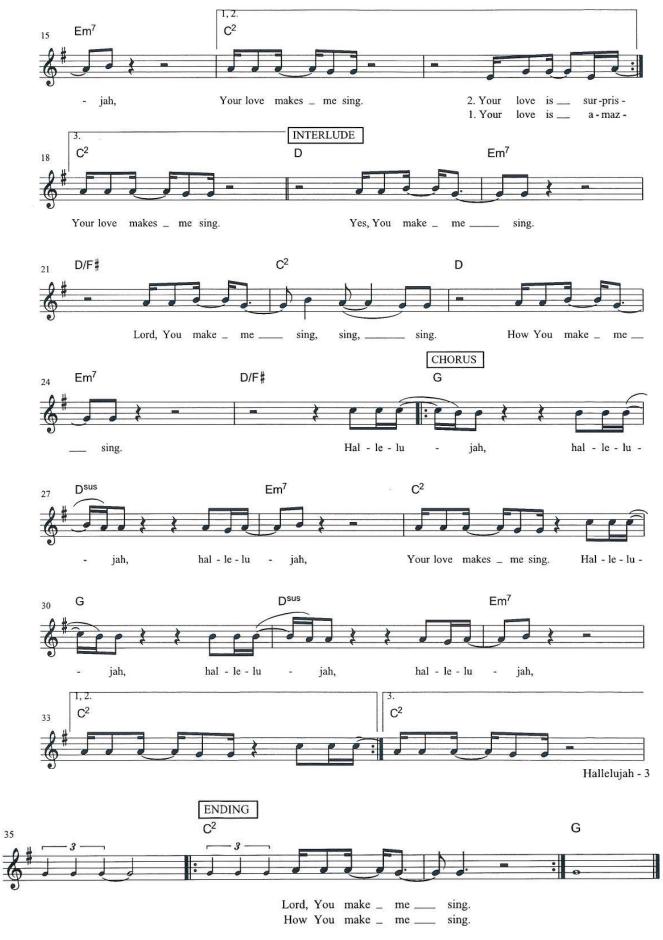
Hallelujah

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Hallelujah - 2



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

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

(Please Stand) No Longer Strangers Prayer

Holy Spirit of God,

Your stirring of our hearts and our lives is unsettling and disruptive. Transform our lives through seeing Jesus Christ in the lives of people we do not know and do not like. Change us, Holy Spirit, through the lives of other people. 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.

"Hallelujah" to bring people back together.

(Still Standing) Confession and Forgiveness

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **Amen.**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Jesus Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins. In the name of the Father, the Son + and of the Holy Spirit. May almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **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.

<mark>(Still Standing)</mark>

Song "Kyrie"



Prayer of the Day

Trustworthy God,

You are good to your word, and generations have witnessed your blessings. Make us bold to believe your promises, even when we may not see their fulfillment within our lifetimes. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Hebrews 11:1-16 (12:1-2)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

All: Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.

Narrator: By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

All: By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks.

Narrator: By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God."

All: And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

Narrator: By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

All: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.

Narrator: By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

All: For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

Narrator: By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

All: Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

Narrator: All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

All: If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

Narrator: But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

All: Praise to you O Christ.

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Women: When Jesus entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." And he said to him, "I will come and cure him."

Men: The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it."

All: When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one[<u>a</u>] in Israel have I found such faith.

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord. **Response: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song After Sermon "Oceans"

Worship Leader: As we sing, write your prayers on the small purple piece of paper given to you. Paper prayers will be collected during the song. The prayers will then be prayed out loud, anonymously.

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Words and Music by Matt Crocker, Joel Houston and Salomon Ligthelm



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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: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

All: Whom shall I fear?

When the 2 pray-ers are done with petitions, the worship leader concludes the prayers... **Worship Leader:** Gracious and merciful God, we trust you with these prayers just as we trust you with our lives. Hear them and continue speaking to us every day. We are in need of your grace, the grace we only know through Jesus Christ. **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.

You may remain seated as the offering is collected. At the end of the offering, kids please meet at the back to help Pastor Janine set the table.

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

Song "Sing to the Lord of Harvest" (verse 3)

Sing to the Lord of Harvest



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.

<mark>(Stay Standing)</mark>

Words of Institution 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.

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 (Written by Parker J. Palmer)

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.

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, We pray that your good will be done, Let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, Give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us, From each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence Beyond the evil of our days — Come swiftly Mother, Father, come. For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy: Forever your name is All in One. Amen. (Please be Seafed) 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.

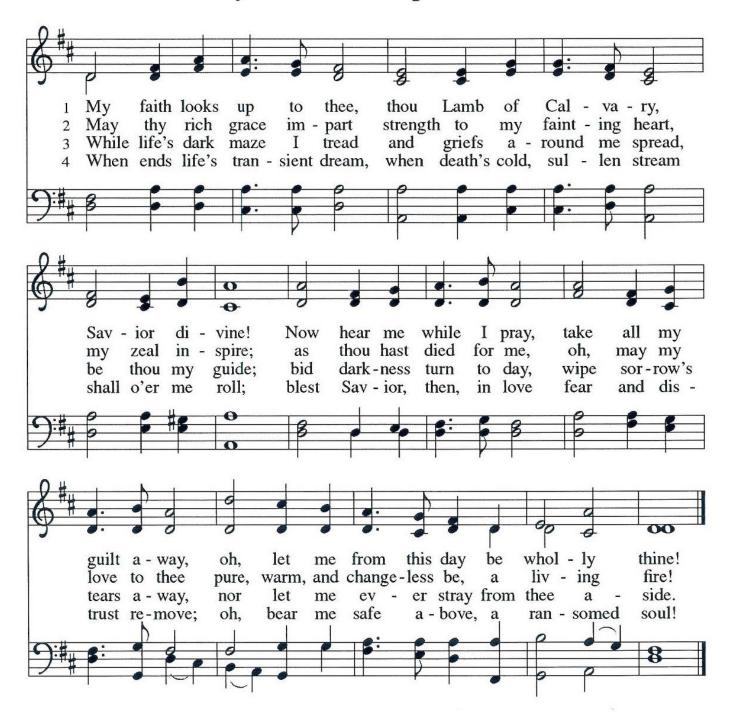
Communion Songs/Hymns "For All the Saints "My Faith Look Up to Thee"

For All the Saints



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My Faith Looks Up to Thee



Text: Ray Palmer, 1808–1887 Music: OLIVET, Lowell Mason, 1792–1872

(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

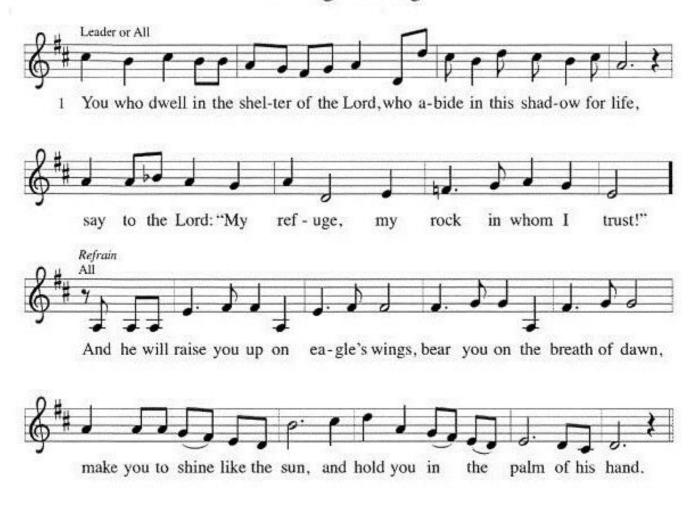
Worship Leader: Don't forget to grab your copy of The Current on your way home today. There are lots of opportunities to live into our purpose listed in The Current. *And*, one of the most important things included in these pages are the invitation to pray and to read scripture during the week.

MILESTONES! "On Eagles Wings" The congregation will sing before Milestones – (verse 1 & chorus)

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!"

On Eagle's Wings



<mark>(Please Stand)</mark>

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 "I Walk By Faith" (Kids are welcome to come up and play an instrument)

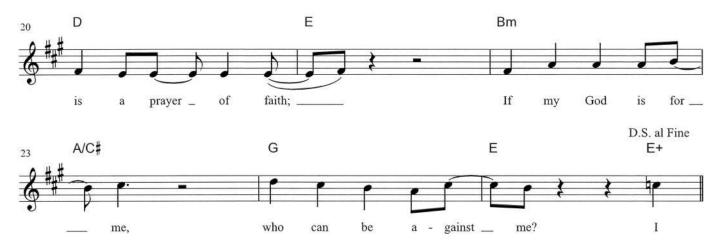
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I Walk By Faith - 2



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

Music to Send You Out

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