



1st Sunday
of
Advent

December 1, 2019
Sunday Worship at 10:30am



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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs – “Messiah” & “Love Come Down”

MESSIAH

Larry Olson

$\text{♩} = 110$

Someone's shouting from the des-ert. Someone's shouting from the sea.
 Someone's shouting from the cit-y. I am young,— I am cold.
 Someone's shouting I am brok-en. Someone's shouting make me whole.

Someone's shouting from the mountain. Someone's shouting from the val-ley. Mes-
 Someone's shouting from the country. I am lone-ly, I am old.
 Someone's shouting come and change me. Someone's shouting save my soul.

si ah, come and be our King.

Mes - si ah, come and be our

King.

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Love Come Down

Words and Music by
Todd Fields, Casey Darnell
and Heath Balltzglier

♩ = 118

CHORUS 1a

N.C.



I will sing for - ev - er of Your love come down. With my hands to heav-en, shout Your



prais - es loud. I was lost in dark-ness when You pulled me out. I will sing for - ev - er of Your

INSTRUMENTAL

B♭

F

C

Dm



love come down.




1. I
(2. Now)
(3. Well)

VERSE



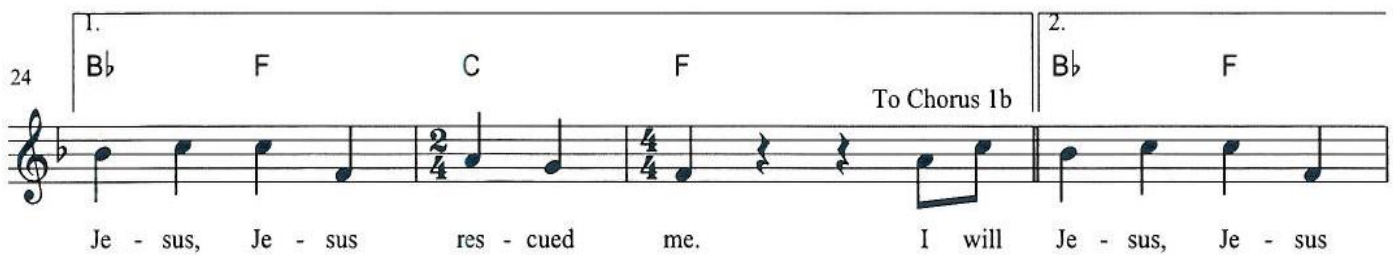
once was blind, I could not see; Chains of sin had shack - led me. But
grace so sweet, it floods my soul, and hope e - ter - nal won't let go. My
there's a home be - yond the sky, a song we'll sing for all of time. The

20 F C Dm B \flat F C F



God in heav - en heard my plea: Je - sus, Je - sus res - cued me.
debt e - rased at Cal - va - ry, Je - sus, Je - sus res - cued me.
grave is emp - ty; I am free. Je - sus, Je - sus res - cued me.

24 1. B \flat F C F 2. B \flat F



Je - sus, Je - sus res - cued me. I will Je - sus, Je - sus

Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, River Source, Connection Cards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of the Stranger, **We wait for you to come among us and yet, you tell us you are already here. You are here in hunger of a stranger, the handshake of a new friend and the hug of a loved one. Give us eyes to see you in the face of every person we meet. May we greet all people, friend and stranger, as we would greet you. Amen.**

Meet Someone New

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.

"Love Come Down" to bring people back together.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Reader One: We yearn and we hope. We wait for God to fully realize God's promises.

Reader Two: So, too, did the prophet Jeremiah yearn and hope for Messiah to come.

Reader One: We light this candle as a sign of the hope that others may know that we are watching and waiting, staying awake for God's sign yet to come.

Reader Two: And we see this light for what it is—a glimmer of light in a dark world yearning for the promise.

The first candle of Advent is lit as the congregation sings one verse of Christ Be Our Light.

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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Greeting

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe that God meets you exactly where you are. We gather in the name of that Triune God – the parent who rouses us from slumber, the shepherd who gently feeds us and the deliverer who sets us free is with you all.

And also with you.

Confession and Forgiveness

If we claim that we're free of sin, we're only fooling ourselves. A claim like that is errant nonsense. On the other hand, if we admit our sins—make a clean breast of them—he won't let us down; he'll be true to himself. He'll forgive our sins and purge us of all wrongdoing.

Let us confess to ourselves and to one another that God is God and we are not.

Silence for reflection.

As we wait and watch for the promised day of salvation,

we open our hearts to you, O God. Search us and know us. Reveal all that we keep inside. To you, O God, we confess our sins, known and unknown. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of justice and peace. Make us reflections of the radiant love of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Announcement of Forgiveness

Beloved children of the Most High, you are gathered before the righteous judge who has mercy on all. Splash exuberantly in the waters of baptism, where sin is washed away in the river of life. Dwell peacefully in the loving arms of the one who nurtures all creation.

Go forth boldly in the assurance that your sins are forgiven in the name of the one who is coming and is already here, ✝ Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God,

You can be trusted to remember and fulfill your promises. We wait with hopeful anticipation for our savior, eager to spread the light of your coming kingdom. In Jesus' name, amen.

"The Magnificat"

The Magnificat

Luke 1: 46-55

All:

1.3. My soul pro - claims your
2. You have cast the might - y

great-ness, O God, and my spir - it re-joic - es in
down from their thrones, and up lift - ed the hum - ble of

you, heart, You have looked with love on your
You have filled the hun - gry with

ser-vant here, and blessed me all my life through.
won-drous things, and left the wealth-y no part.

Great and might - y are you, O Ho - ly One,
Great and might - y are you, O Faith-ful One,

strong is your kind - ness ev - er - more.
strong is your jus - tice strong your love,

How you fa - vor the weak and low - ly one,
As you prom-ised to Sar-ah and A - bra - ham,

hum - bling the proud of heart.
kind - ness for - ev - er - more.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Jeremiah 33:14-18. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Side 1: In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

Side 2: In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety.

ALL: And this is the name by which it will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

Narrator: For thus says the Lord: David shall never lack a man to sit on the throne of the house of Israel, and the Levitical priests shall never lack a man in my presence to offer burnt offerings, to make grain offerings, and to make sacrifices for all time.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Please stand

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark. (Mark 8:27-29)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Pastor: Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

All: And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

Pastor: The Gospel of our Lord.

Response: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Song After Sermon "Drawn to the Light"

Drawn to the Light



1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the

heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -

lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the

light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a

sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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Praying Song "Let My Prayer Rise Up" and Prayers of the People

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.

Let My Prayer Rise Up

All

Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be - fore you, the
lift-ing up of my hands as an of - fer-ing to you.

Leader or Group One

O God, I call to you, come to me now; oh, hear my

All or Group Two

O God, I call to you, come to me

voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise up like

now; oh, hear my voice when I cry to you. Let my prayer rise

in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my

of - fer-ing to you. Keep watch with - in me, God;

hands as an of - fer-ing to you. Keep

deep in my heart may the light of your love be burn - ing

watch with - in me, God; deep in my heart may the light of your

bright. Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be -

love be burn - ing bright. Let my prayer rise up like

fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to

in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an

you. All praise to the God of all— Cre - a - tor of

of-fer-ing to you. All praise to the

life; all praise be to Christ and the Spir - it of love.

God of all— Cre - a - tor of life; all praise be to Christ and the

Let my prayer rise up like in-cense be - fore you, the

Spir-it of love. Let my prayer rise up like in - cense be -

lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

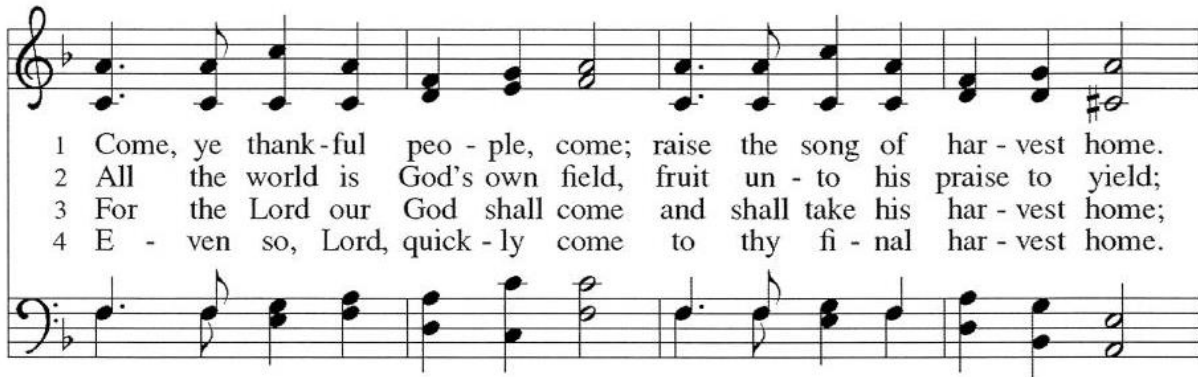
fore you, the lift-ing up of my hands as an of-fer-ing to you.

Offering

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Offering Song "Come Ye Thankful People Come" (verse 1 only)

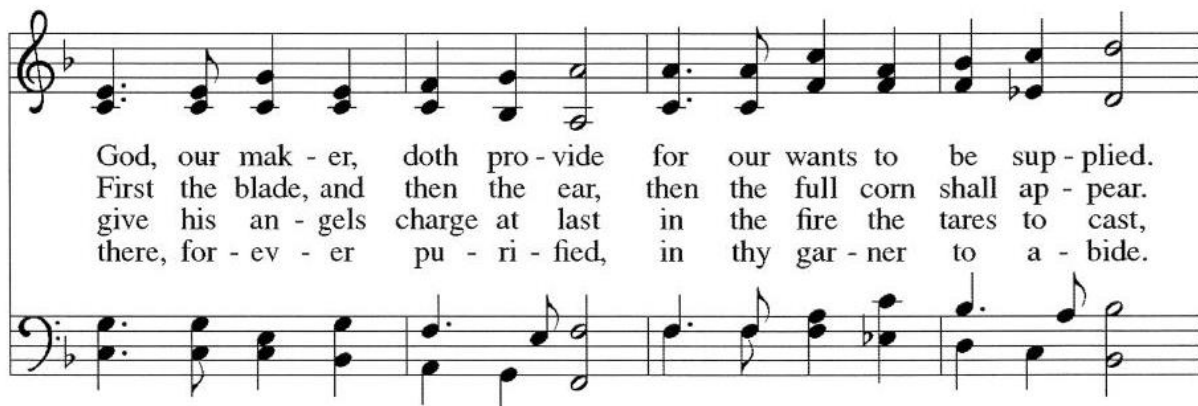
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



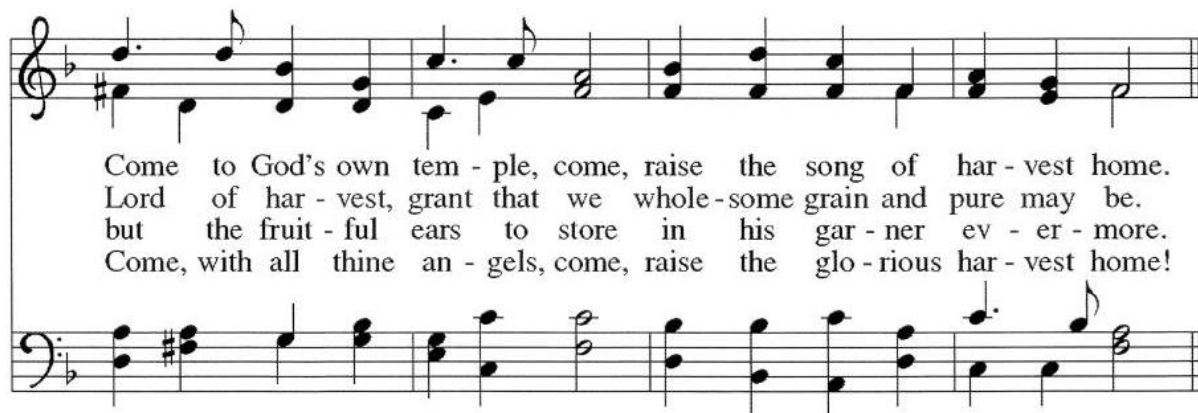
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All be safe - ly gath - ered in ere the win - ter storms be - gin.
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.
 from his field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;
 Gath - er then thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.
 give his an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,
 there, for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy gar - ner to a - bide.



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 Come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

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 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;

Come. There is room for you.

It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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."

Again, after supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant in my blood, shed for the forgiveness of sins for all people. 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.

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; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. 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 "Love Lifted Me" & "Here is Bread"

Love Lifted Me

Words by
James Rowe

Music by
Howard E. Smith

VERSE

A \flat

E \flat 7



1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, far from the peace - ful shore, ver - y deep - ly
2. All my heart to Him I give, ev - er to Him I'll cling, in His bless - ed
3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves; He will lift you

6

A \flat



stained with - in, sink - ing to rise no more; But the Mas - ter of the sea
pres - ence live, ev - er His prais - es sing; Love so might - y and so true
by His love out of the an - gry waves; He's the Mas - ter of the sea,

11

D \flat

A \flat

A \flat maj7/C

A \flat /E \flat E \flat 7



heard my de - spair - ing cry, from the wa - ters lift - ed me now safe am
mer - its my soul's best songs; Faith - ful lov - ing serv - ice, too, to Him be -
bil - lows His will o - bey; He your Sav - ior wants to be, be saved to -

CHORUS

16

A \flat

A \flat

E \flat 7

A \flat

D \flat

B \flat m

D \flat



I. Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me! ____ When noth - ing
-longs.
-day.

22

A \flat

A \flat /C

1.

B \flat 7

E \flat

E \flat 7

2.

A \flat /E \flat

E \flat 7

A \flat



else could help, Love lift - ed me! ____ Love lift - ed me!

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Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

VERSE

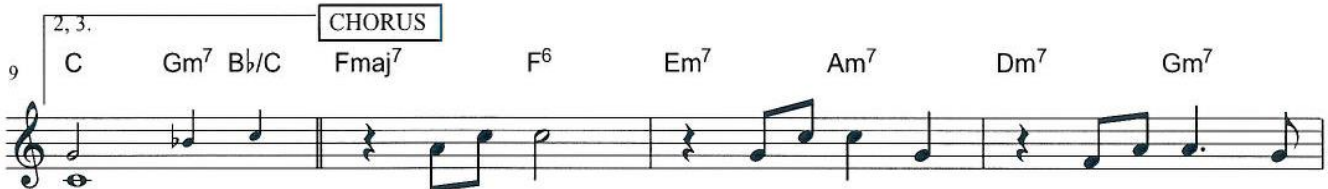
C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B



1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us.
2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us.
3. Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with us, He is with us.



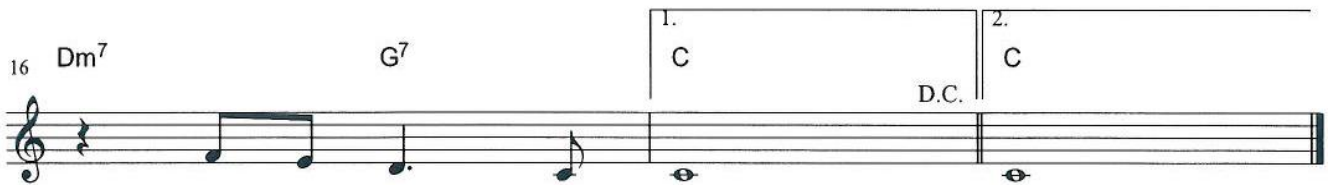
Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus
We'll pro-claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci -



here. In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup there's
fied.



life for - ev - er. In this mo - ment, by the Spir - it,



Christ is with us here. here.

(Please Stand)

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, **in response to your promise of faithfulness and life, we offer our lives. In response to your promise of love, we offer our love. In response to all of your promises, we offer our gifts. 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

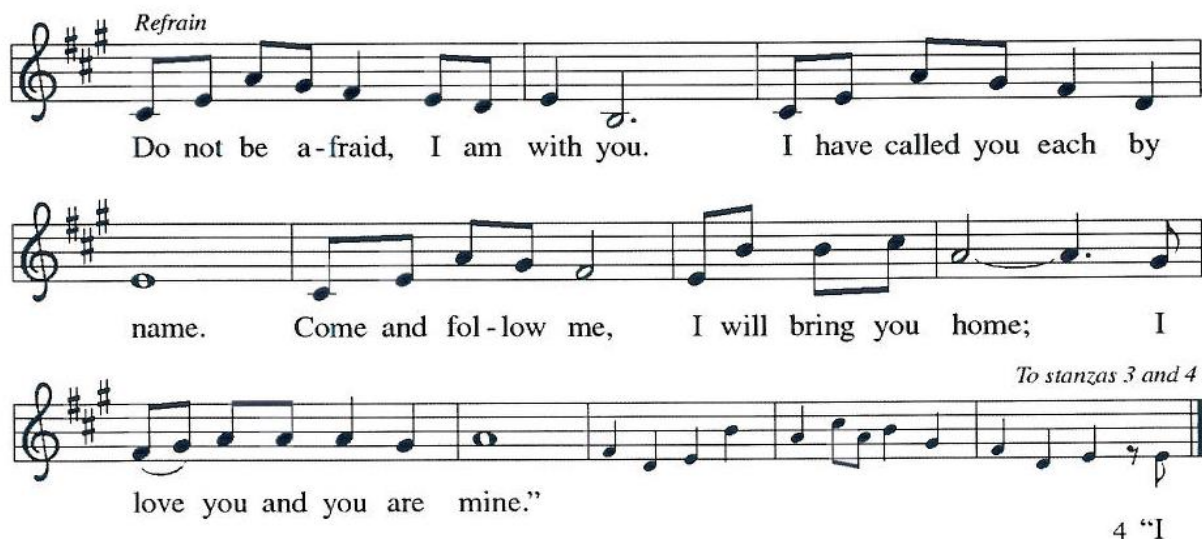
[Pic on power point] Don't forget to grab your copy of the Weekly River News on your way home today. There are lots of opportunities to live into our purpose listed in the Weekly. *And*, one of the most important things included in these pages are the invitation to pray and to read scripture during the week.

MILESTONES! "You Are Mine" (*The congregation will sing – refrain only*).

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!"

You Are Mine

Refrain



Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by
name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I
love you and you are mine."

To stanzas 3 and 4

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Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas

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Final Blessing

Let us bless our God: **praise and thanks to you.**

May God, Creator bless us and keep us, may Christ be ever light for our lives, may the Spirit of Love be our guide and path, for all of our days. Amen.

Sending Song “Bethlehem Highway” (Kids are invited to come up & play an instrument)

BETHLEHEM HIGHWAY

David Lee Brown
James Hersch

$\text{♩} = 110$

G C G C D G

There is hope on Bethlehem high-way for the ones who will journey there. And the

hope is the child in a man-ger bringing us love be-yond compare. It's a lifeline for the need-
Let the angels go be-fore

y. It's— sight— to those who can't see. It's a free-dom for the faith-
us. Let the dark-ness be-come— light. Now the Sav-ior lives a-mong

G Am7 D \emptyset D G

ful in a Child of proph-e-cy. There is com-pare.
us. Now— truth has come to life.

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

Music to Send You Out

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