



Isaiah of the Exile

2nd Sunday of Advent

December 8, 2019
Sunday Worship at 10:30am



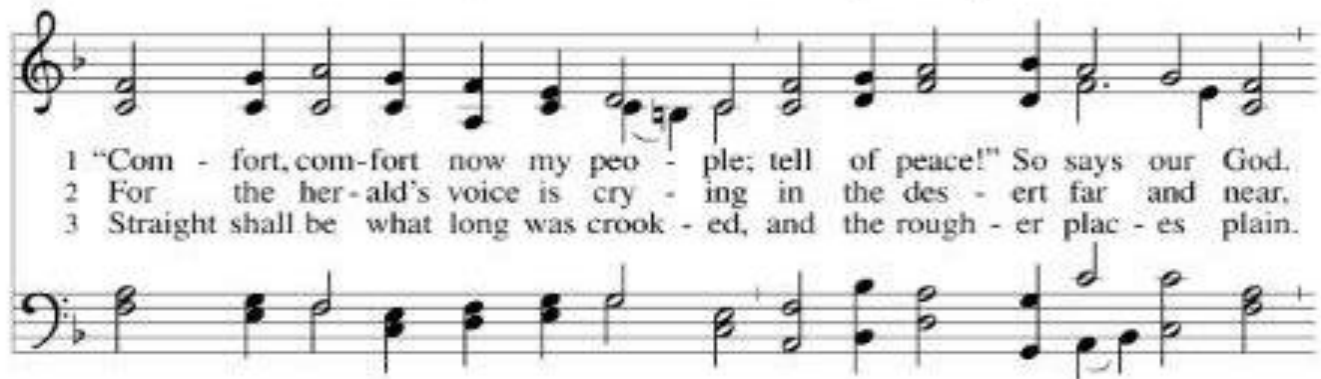
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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs – “Comfort, Comfort, Now My People”
“Ancient Of Days”

Comfort, Comfort Now My People




1 "Com - fort, com-fort now my peo - ple; tell of peace!" So says our God,
 2 For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near,
 3 Straight shall be what long was crook - ed, and the rough - er plac - es plain.



Com-fort those who sit in dark - ness mourn-ing un - der sor - row's load,
 call - ing us to true re - pen - tance, since the reign of God is here.
 Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits God's ho - ly reign.



To God's peo - ple now pro-claim that God's par - don waits for them!
 Oh, that warn - ing cry o - bey! Now pre - pare for God a way.
 For the glo - ry of the Lord now on earth is shed a - broad,



Tell them that their war is o - ver; God will reign in peace for-ev - er.
 Val - leys, rise to greet the Sav - ior; hills, bow down in hum-ble fa - vor.
 and all flesh shall see the to - ken that God's word is nev - er bro - ken.

Text: Johann G. Olearius, 1635–1711; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: FREU DICH SEHR, *Trente quatre psaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

Ancient Of Days

Words and Music by
Gary Sadler and Jamie Harvill

♩ = 87

VERSE

C Dm/C C Dm/C C G/B



Bless-ing _ and hon - or, glo - ry _ and pow - er be un-to _ the An-cient of Days; _

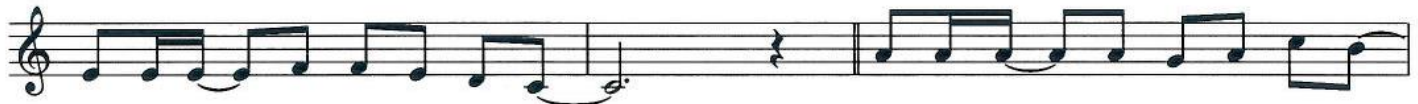
4 Am G/B C Dm/C C Dm/C C



From ev - 'ry na - tion, all of _ cre - a - tion

CHORUS

7 Am⁷ G/B C F Dm⁷



bow be-fore _ the An-cient of Days. _ Ev - 'ry tongue _ in heav - en and earth _

10 G C/E F Dm⁷ G C/E Em⁷



_ shall de-clare _ Your glo - ry, ev - 'ry knee _ shall bow at Your throne _ in wor - ship;

13 F Dm⁷ G C/E F Dm⁷



You will be _ ex - alt - ed, O God, _ and Your king - dom _ shall not pass a - way, _

Last time to Coda

16 G F/G 1. C C^{sus} C C^{sus} 2. C C^{sus} C C^{sus}



_ O An-cient of Days. _ Your

BRIDGE

21 C B \flat /C F/C Gm/C B \flat /C

king - dom _ shall reign o - ver all the earth, sing un - to _ the An - cient _ of _

24 C⁵ C

Days; For none can _ com - pare to _ Your match - less worth,

27 B \flat /C F/C Gm/C B \flat /C C C/E D.S. al Coda

sing un - to _ the An - cient _ of _ Days

⊕ Coda

29 C

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

Welcome, River Source, Clipboards

(Please Stand) 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 the 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

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.*

"Ancient of Days" to bring people back together.

Lighting of the Advent Candles

Pastor: A voice cries out – a voice in the wilderness, but also voices from the cities, suburbs and towns.

Worship Leader: The cries come as a yearning for peace. The dramatic and prophetic change was so needed, then and today, too.

Pastor: We light first the candle of hope, trusting that hope for a savior remains.

Worship Leader: We light the second, believing that God's son might usher in a new order where God's love will breathe new life into each of our lives.

Two candles of Advent are lit as the congregation sings verse five 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,

The world as we know it turns upside down in light of your redemption. Encourage us by the promise that all wrongs will eventually be made right in your eternal kingdom, for which we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Choir Anthem

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Isaiah 40:1-11.

Narrator: Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out:

Side 1: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

Side 2: the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken."

Narrator: A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!"

Side 1: See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him;

Side 2: his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

ALL: He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

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 1:1-4, 7-8)

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Side 1: The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

Side 2: "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

Side 1: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

Side 2: John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

All: And this was his message: "After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. I baptize you with^[e] water, but he will baptize you with^[f] the Holy Spirit."

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

Sermon

Song After Sermon "Who Am I"

Who Am I

Words and Music by
Mark Hall

$\text{♩} = 66$

VERSE

$A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ Fm^7

1. Who am I, _____ that the Lord of all _____ the earth _____ would
(2. Who am I,) _____ that the eyes that see _____ my sin _____ would

4 $E\flat$ $D\flat^2$ $E\flat/D\flat$ $D\flat$

care to know _____ my name, _____ would care to feel _____ my hurt? _____
look on me _____ with love _____ and watch me rise _____ a-gain? _____

8 $A\flat$ $E\flat/G$ Fm^7

Who am I, _____ that the Bright and Morn - ing Star _____ would
Who am I, _____ that the voice that calmed _____ the sea _____ would

12 $E\flat$ $D\flat^2$ $E\flat/D\flat$

choose to light _____ the way _____ for my ev - er wan - d'ring heart? -
call out through _____ the rain _____ and calm the storm _____ in me? -

PRE-CHORUS 1a

15 $D\flat$ $A\flat/C$ $D\flat$ $E\flat^{sus}$

Not be - cause of who _____ I am, _____ but be -

19 Fm^7 $E\flat/G$ Fm^7 $E\flat/G$

-cause of what _____ You've done, _____ Not be - cause of what _____ I've done, _____ but be -

23 D \flat E \flat D \flat /E \flat A \flat E \flat /G

CHORUS

-cause of who _ You are. _ I am a flow - er quick - ly fad -

27 Fm⁷ E \flat D \flat

- ing, here to - day and gone _ to - mor - - row; _ A

30 E \flat D \flat E \flat A \flat

wave tossed _ in the o - - cean, a va - por in _ the _ wind. _ Still You

34 E \flat /G Fm⁷ E \flat

hear me when _ I'm call - - ing. Lord, You catch me when _ I'm fall -

37 D \flat E \flat D \flat

- ing. _ And You've told me who _ I am: _ I am Yours, -

Last time to Coda \oplus 1.

INSTRUMENTAL 1

41 A \flat D \flat ² Fm⁷ E \flat

I am Yours. _

45 A \flat D \flat Fm⁷ E \flat ^{sus}

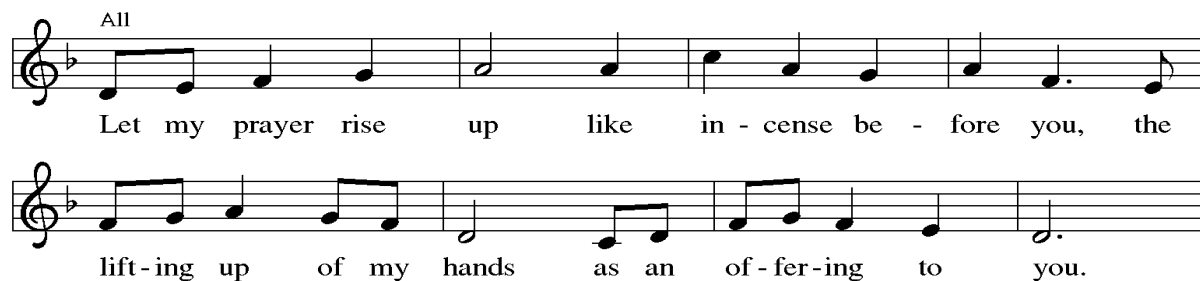
2. Who am _

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



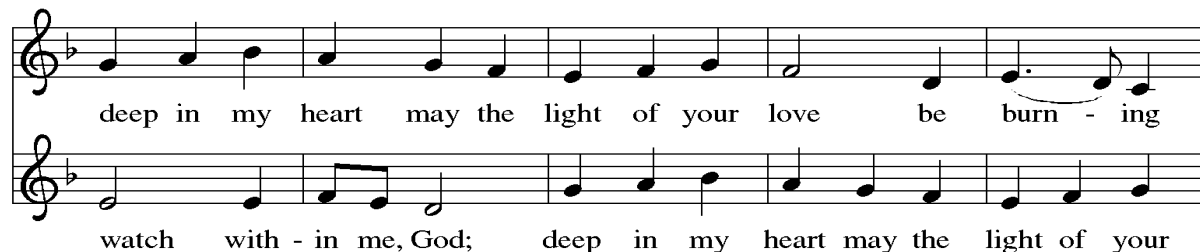
up like in - cense be - fore you, the lift-ing up of my




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

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.*


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

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

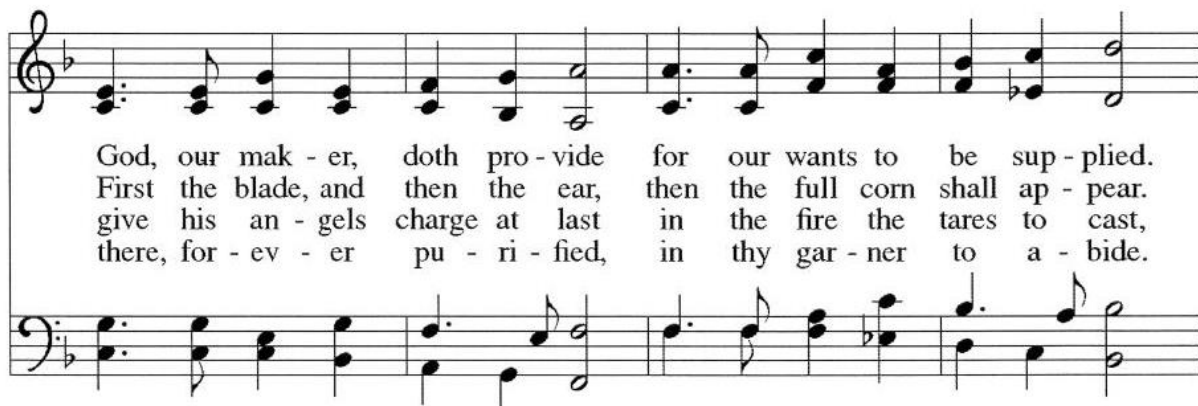
Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



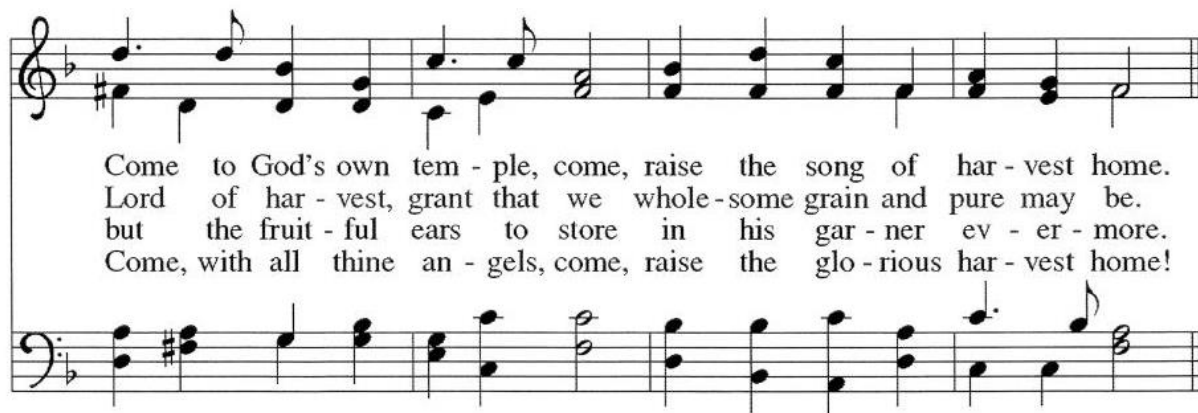
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit un - to his praise to yield;
 3 For the Lord our God shall come and shall take his har - vest home;
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



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 who 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 "I Wonder as I Wander" & "Here is Bread"

I Wonder As I Wander

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The musical score is written for guitar and voice. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. Chords are indicated above the treble staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

System 1:

Chords: Gm, Cm, Gm⁷, D⁷

Lyrics:
 1 I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how
 2 When Mar - y birthed . . . Je - sus, all in a cow's stall, came
 3 If Je - sus had . . . want - ed for an - y wee thing, a
 4 I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky, how

System 2:

Chords: Gm, Cm, D⁷, Gm, Gm, Cm

Lyrics:
 Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for poor ord'-n'ry peo - ple like
 wise men and farm - ers and shep - herds and all, and high from the heav - ens a
 star in the sky or a bird on the wing, or all of God's an - gels in
 Je - sus the Sav - ior did come for to die for poor ord'-n'ry peo - ple like

System 3:

Chords: Gm⁷, G⁷, Gm, Cm⁹, Gm, Cm

Lyrics:
 you and like I. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.
 star's light did fall; the prom - ise of the a - ges it then did re - call.
 heav'n for to sing, he sure - ly could have had it, 'cause he was the king.
 you and like I. I won - der as I wan - der, out un - der the sky.

System 4:

Chords: Gm, Cm, Gm, Cm

Text: Appalachian carol, collected by John Jacob Niles, 1892-1980
 Music: Appalachian folk tune, adapt. John Jacob Niles, 1892-1980
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I WONDER
 12 11 11 12

Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

VERSE

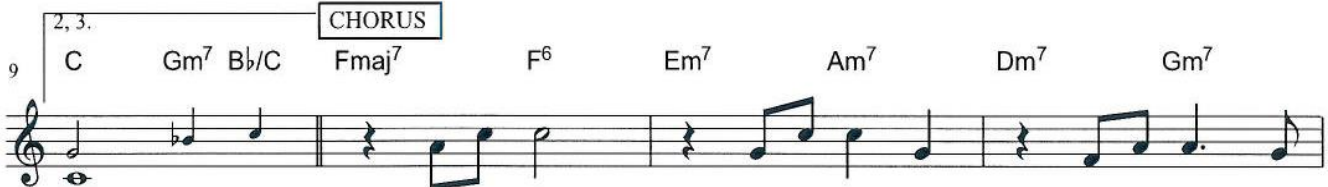
C G/B Am E⁷ F/A C/G G F/A Am G/B



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.



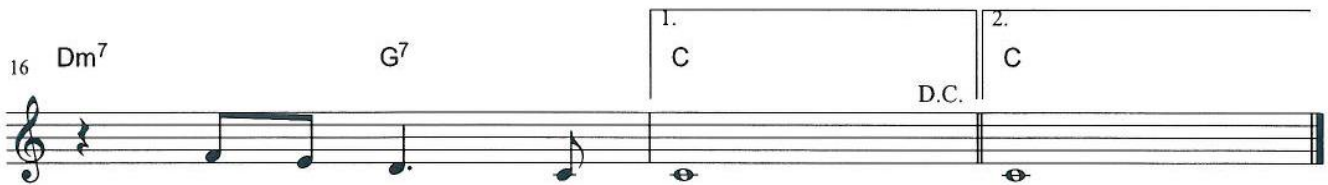
Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here.
Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus
We'll pro-claim, 'til He comes, Je - sus cru - ci -



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

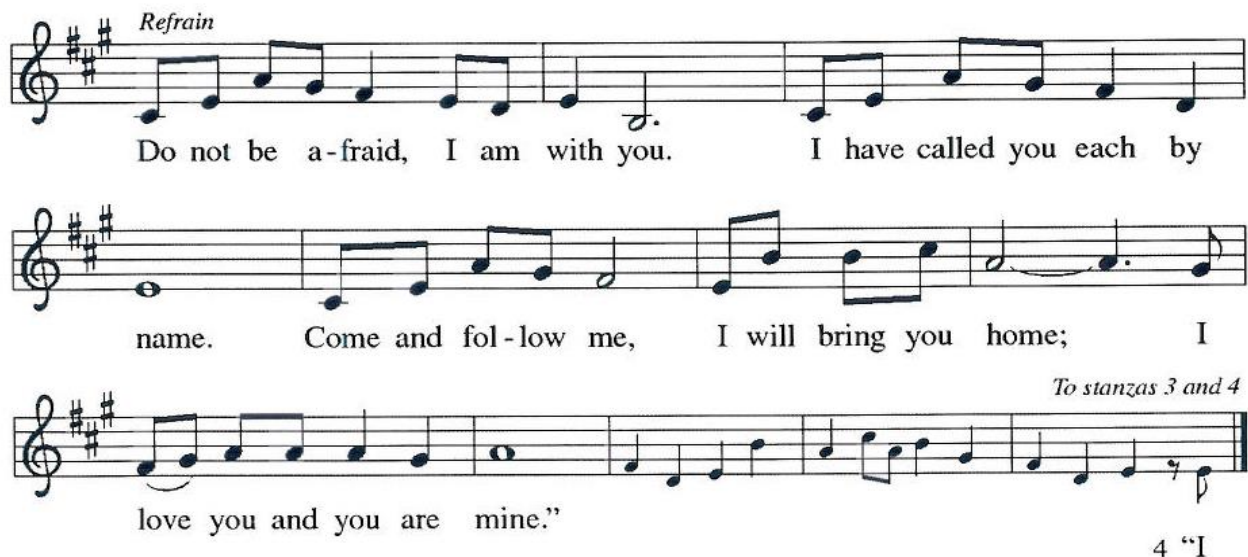
Worship Leader: There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

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

4 “I

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: YOU ARE MINE, David Haas

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Final Blessing

Final Blessing

Leader: *All:*



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

Presider:



May God, Cre - a - tor bless us and keep us, may



Christ be ev - er light for our lives, may the



Spir - it of Love be our guide and path, for



all of our days. _____

All:



A - men.

Text and Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950; © 1990, GIA Publications, Inc.

Sending Song "Soon and Very Soon" (Kids are invited to come up & play an instrument)

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon
 2 No more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King,
 3 No more dy - in' there,
 4 Soon and ver - y soon



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 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon

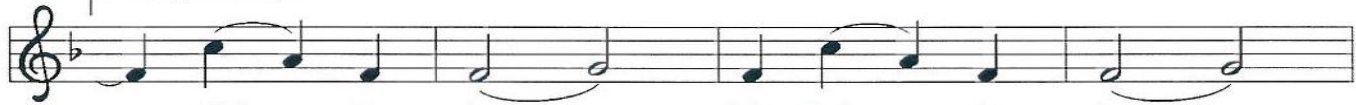


soon and ver - y soon
 no more cry - in' there, we are goin' to see the King.
 no more dy - in' there,
 soon and ver - y soon



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!

Coda after stanza 4



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah.

Text: Andraé Crouch, b. 1945

Music: VERY SOON, Andraé Crouch

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

Music to Send You Out

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