

# Sixth Sunday in Lent **Palm Sunday**

April 5th, 2020 Sunday Virtual Worship at 10:30am



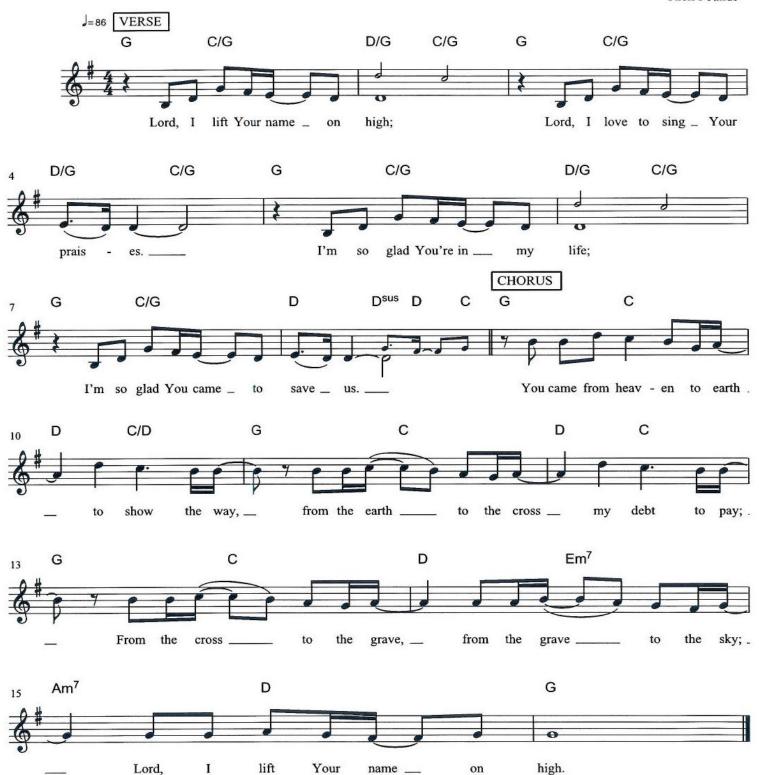
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Gathering
Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Song-Lord I Lift Your Name On High

# Lord I Lift Your Name On High

Words and Music by Rick Founds



#### Introduce the Theme with Kids

#### Welcome, RiverSource and Keyboards

#### No Longer Strangers Prayer

Jesus, our teacher, you saw the image of God in all those you met along the lake side, in the vineyards, and on the road. Give us eyes to see your face in all the people we meet. Equip us to meet them right where they are at in their journey. Amen

#### **Meet Someone New**

In this time of social isolation and quarantine we continue to need to have social contact. We can do that through old fashioned cards and letters – consider sending one to a nursing home near you as a way to meet someone new.

## 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**

We are God's people, sheep of the Spirit's fold, lambs of Christ's flock, sinners of God's redeeming.

Amen.

Let us come together in a time of confession before God, who already knows our hearts and welcomes our humility.

Silence for reflection.

#### Loving God,

Our thoughts, our words, and our deeds are an open book to you. You have seen where we fall short. You know where we have strayed as individuals and as your church. In your mercy, forgive us and guide us into right ways of being — Ways of welcome, paths of mercy, habits of grace — so that we may live renewed in the joy of our salvation, prepared, equipped, and ready to meet Christ in our neighbors and in your creation.

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

God's ways are not our ways and God's thoughts are not our thoughts. Before we were made, God brought creation out of nothing and peace out of chaos. In this same love, God unyokes you from sin and binds you to a new life and new living in Jesus Christ. Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of God!

#### Amen!

#### Prayer of the Day

O Lord, you give us the king we need. May we follow where he leads, even when it is not where we want to go. For the sake of Jesus we pray, amen.

## THE STORY

**Narrator:** Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Mark 11:1-11

**Narrator:** When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it.

**Side 1:** If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?' just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' "They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?"

**Side 2:** They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

All: "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Narrator: Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

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

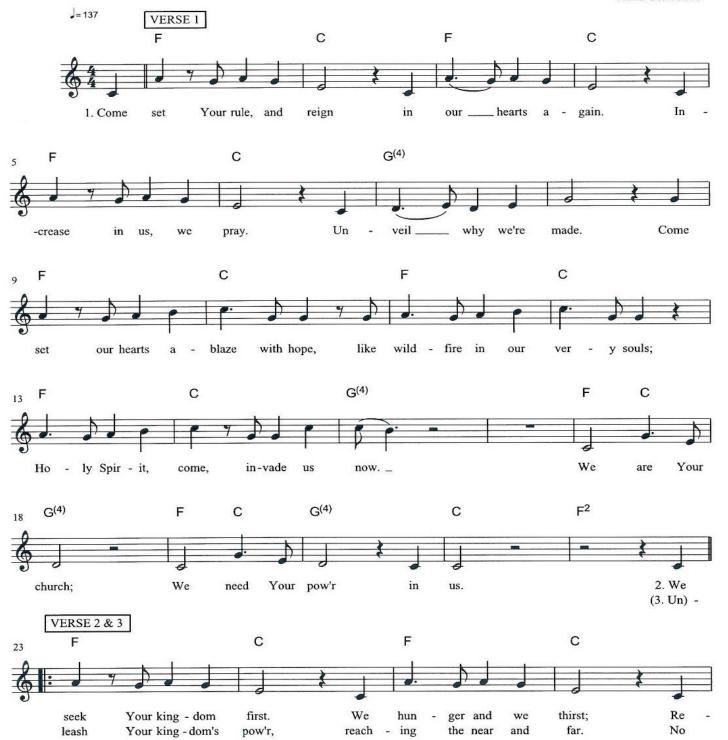
ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn - Build Your Kingdom Here

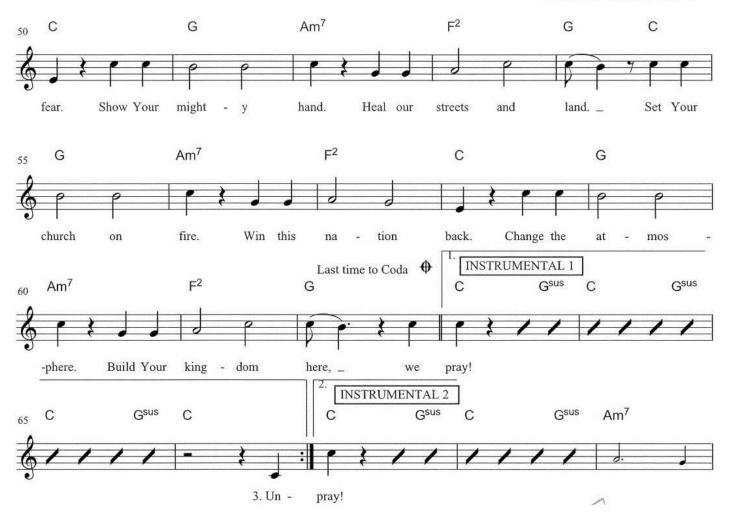
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## **Prayers of the People**

As we continue to focus on Love Without Limits, let us focus our prayers on these three areas:

The people I struggle to love...

Where do I need love, and where do others need love...

Who taught me to love... and then will be prayed out loud, anonymously.

Reader: Hear us O God, All: Your mercy is great.

#### 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, <u>riverofhopehutchinson.org</u> and follow the directions to "give online".

## 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

This table is open for all to receive the grace, mercy and love that comes to us in this bread and wine:

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the Easter feast, that, renewed in the gift of our baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace.

As we gather in this place, we remember, that 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

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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. 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.

## 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, God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may demonstrate your transforming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of 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

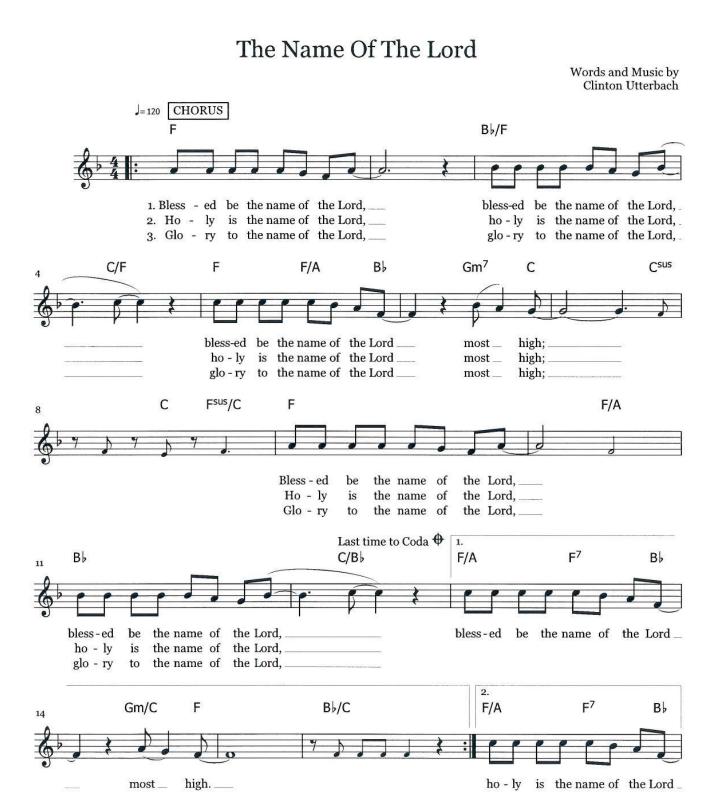
There are many opportunities to serve God and our neighbor – this is the time to lift those up!

#### MILESTONES!

#### **Final Blessing**

May the God of love fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

## Sending Song – The Name of The Lord (Blessed Be)





Go in peace – Jesus is with you! Thanks be to God

Music to Send you out