

Peter Sinks in the Water

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 14th, 2020 Sunday Virtual Worship at 10:30am



Call to Worship

Pastor: God, you are a God of invitation. **All: You invited Abraham to follow you.**

Pastor: You invited the disciples to drop their nets.

All: You invited the children to draw near.
Pastor: You invited Peter to walk on water.
All: You invited the tax collector to dinner.

Pastor: You invited the Samaritan woman into eternal life.

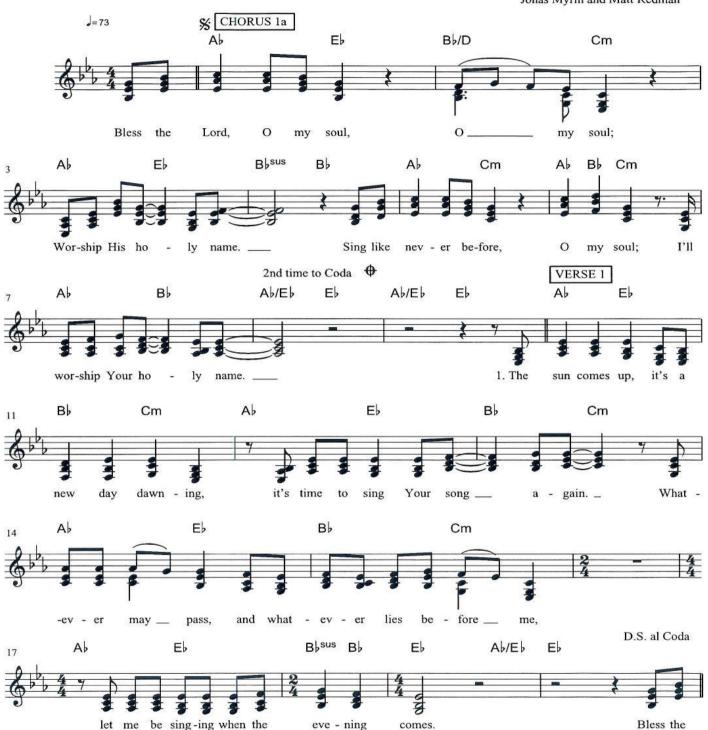
All: Just the same, you invite us to live lives of faith.

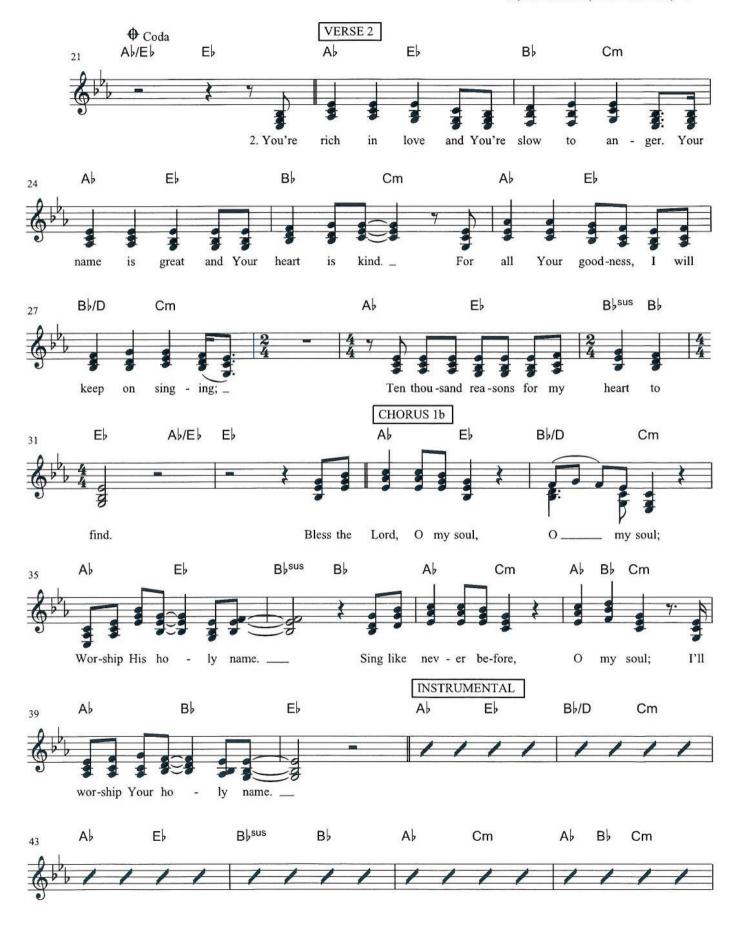
Pastor: Give us the strength to say yes. All: Let us worship good and holy God.

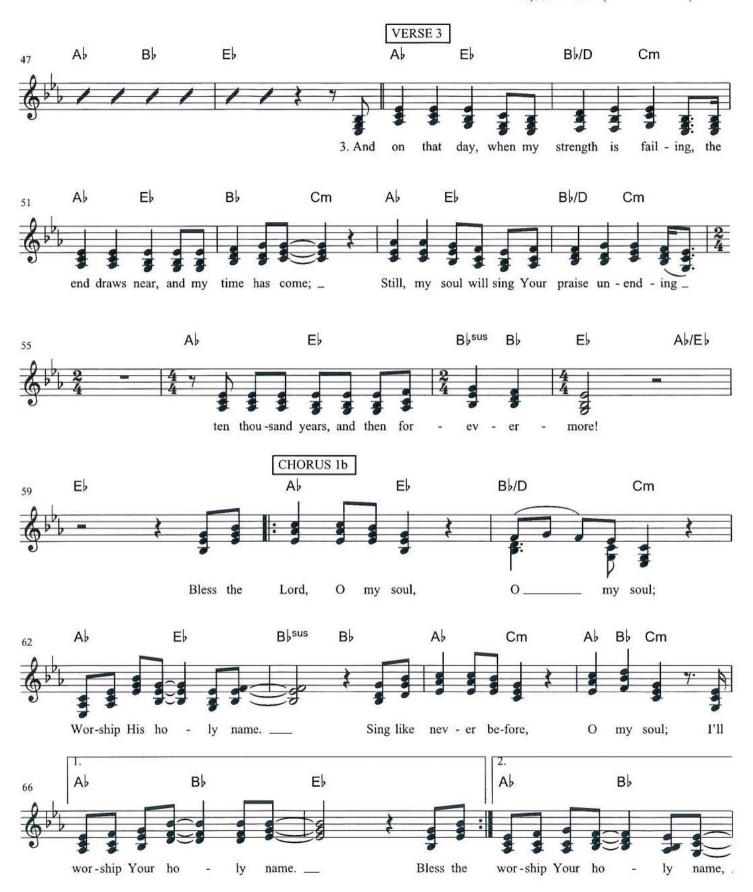
Gathering Song – 10,000 Reasons

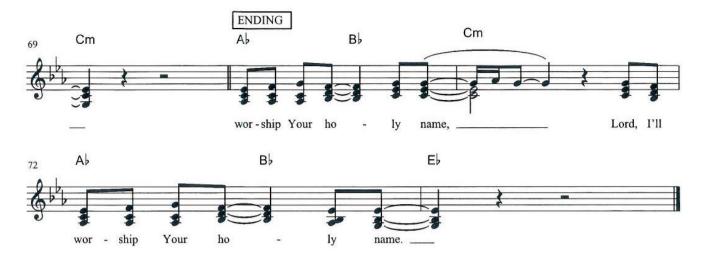
10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Words and Music by Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman









Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome, RiverSource and Keyboards

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Holy Spirit of God,

You blow into our lives and send us in directions we never would have gone on our own. Send us into the lives of people we don't know, people we would call 'stranger' and reveal yourself right there to us. We are no longer strangers to each other – you make us brother and sister. Amen.

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

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

Silence for prayer and contemplation.

Faithful and Merciful God, you know us. You know our lives. Clean up our hearts and minds. By your Holy Spirit, make us new.

All: Amen.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sin, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

God we confess—we are loose ends. You give us the gift of community, and we weave walls of exclusion and isolation.

You give us the gift of a new day, and we spend more time unraveling justice than sewing seeds of peace and unity.

You give us the gift of holy surprises and unimaginable beauty, and we shut off our hearts and our blindfolded eyes.

Forgive us for our frayed ends and self-centered hearts.

Unravel the sin in us and replace it with love. Gratefully we pray, Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer of the Day

God of the wind and the sea.

You invite us to be brave, but we are more familiar with fear.

You invite us to trust you, but we'd rather trust wind and gravity.

You invite us to believe in ourselves, but we have never been good at that.

You invite us to move—to change and take a risk—

But we stay planted where we are, afraid of the ways growth might hurt.

Give us your strength so that we might follow wherever you lead. Amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from Matthew 14:22-33

Narrator: Immediately he (Jesus) made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

Congregation: When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear.

Narrator: But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water."

Congregation: He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn - Oceans

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

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







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".

Prayers of the People

Each petition will end with the words: Lord in your mercy.

You will respond: Hear our prayers.

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

As we are gathered into one body by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us gather at the table, prepared and given for you by Christ. Taste of God's goodness and mercy.

When we come to this table, we bring all of ourselves.

We bring joy and hope, dreams and prayers, grief and doubt, memories and heartache.

God meets us here. God hears our cries and sees our scars.

With open hearts and authenticity, we gather at the table of Christ.

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

Divine Source of Love and Life, Holy is your unspeakable name. May your Way of Love resound through earth, heaven in our midst. All we need to live and thrive we receive from you, Creator; forgive us when we turn away, as we forgive each other.

Keep us on the path of Wisdom, away from wicked tyranny; Spirit ever breathe through us, empower us with hope.

From you, through you and in you, are all things, now and always; to you be all honor and praise. 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, Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

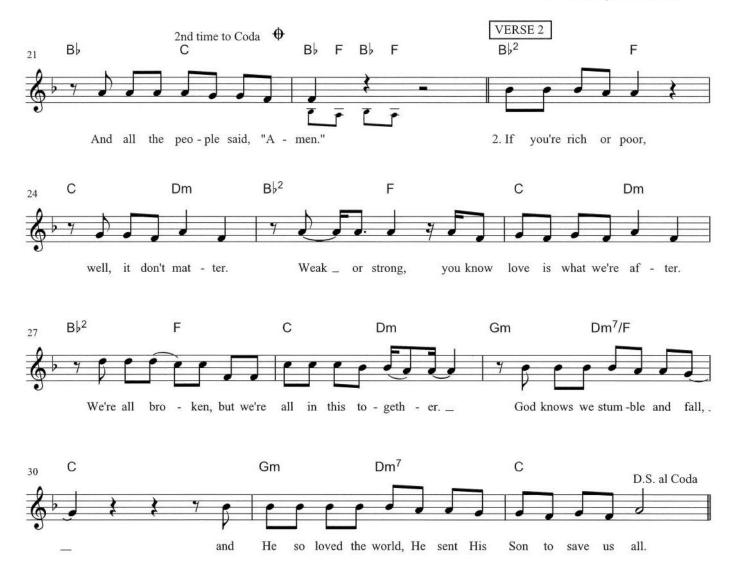
May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sending Song – All The People Said Amen

All The People Said Amen

Words and Music by Matt Maher, Trevor Morgan and Paul Moak





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