



Sarah Laughs Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7th, 2020
Sunday Virtual Worship at 10:30am



Call to Worship

One: In worship,

All: May we be as welcoming as Sarah and Abraham, who were quick to serve the stranger.

One: In faith,

All: May we proclaim that nothing is too big for God.

One: In moments of holy surprise,

All: May we laugh with deep abiding joy.

One: For God is in the holy surprise.

All: God is in the winding path.

One: And God is in our presence today.

All: Let us worship Holy God.

Gathering Song – Let Justice Roll like a River &
All The People Said Amen

Let Justice Roll like a River

Refrain



Let jus - tice roll like a riv - er, and wash - all op -



pres - sion a - way. Come, O God, and take us,



move and shake us; come now, and make us a - new,



that we might live just - ly like you.



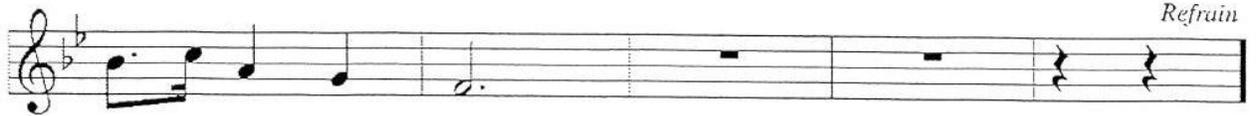
1 "Take from me your ho - ly feasts, all your



of - f'rings and your mu - sic. Let jus - tice



flow like wa - ters, and in - teg - ri - ty like an



ev - er - flow - ing stream."

All The People Said Amen

Words and Music by
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♩=96

VERSE 1

B \flat ² F C B \flat ² F C B \flat ² F



1. You are not a-lone

6 C Dm B \flat ² F C Dm



if you are lone - ly. When you feel a - fright, you're not the on - ly.

9 B \flat ² F C Dm Gm Dm⁷



We are all the same, in need of mer - cy, — to be for - giv - en and be

12 C Gm Dm⁷ C



free. It's all you got to lean on, but thank God, it's all you need. —

§ CHORUS

15 F C F B \flat F



And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." Whoa. — And all the peo - ple said, "A -

18 C⁽⁴⁾ B \flat F A Dm



-men." Give thanks to the Lord, — for His love — nev - er ends. —

21 $B\flat$ C $B\flat$ F $B\flat$ F $B\flat^2$ F VERSE 2

2nd time to Coda \oplus

And all the peo - ple said, "A - men." 2. If you're rich or poor,

24 C Dm $B\flat^2$ F C Dm

well, it don't mat - ter. Weak _ or strong, you know love is what we're af - ter.

27 $B\flat^2$ F C Dm Gm Dm^7/F

We're all bro - ken, but we're all in this to - geth - er. _ God knows we stum - ble and fall, .

30 C Gm Dm^7 C $D.S. al Coda$

_ and He so loved the world, He sent His Son to save us all.

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 unexpected joy and answered prayers, **we know that sometimes things feel too good to be true, while at other times we wonder if you hear us at all.**

When life unravels for the worst—remind us that you walk with us in the trouble.

When life unravels for the best, filling our days with holy surprise— may we shout praises to you for this unexpected joy. Give us eyes to see you in our midst when life unravels, and with every breath that turns into a laugh, draw us closer to you.

Amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7

Narrator: The LORD appeared again to Abraham near the oak grove belonging to Mamre. One day Abraham was sitting at the entrance to his tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up and noticed three men standing nearby.

Congregation: **When he saw them, he ran to meet them and welcomed them, bowing low to the ground. "My lord," he said, "if it pleases you, stop here for a while. 4 Rest in the shade of this tree while water is brought to wash your feet. 5 And since you've honored your servant with this visit, let me prepare some food to refresh you before you continue on your journey."**

Narrator: "All right," they said. "Do as you have said." So Abraham ran back to the tent and said to Sarah, "Hurry! Get three large measures of your best flour, knead it into dough, and bake some bread." Then Abraham ran out to the herd and chose a tender calf and gave it to his servant, who quickly prepared it. When the food was ready, Abraham took some yogurt and milk and the roasted meat, and he served it to the men. As they ate, Abraham waited on them in the shade of the trees.

Congregation: **"Where is Sarah, your wife?" the visitors asked. "She's inside the tent," Abraham replied. Then one of them said, "I will return to you about this time next year, and your wife, Sarah, will have a son!" Sarah was listening to this conversation from the tent. Abraham and Sarah were both very old by this time, and Sarah was long past the age of having children. So she laughed silently to herself and said, "How could a worn-out woman like me enjoy such pleasure, especially when my master—my husband—is also so old?"**

Narrator: The LORD kept his word and did for Sarah exactly what he had promised. She became pregnant, and she gave birth to a son for Abraham in his old age. This happened at just the time God had said it would. And Abraham named their son Isaac.

Congregation: **Eight days after Isaac was born, Abraham circumcised him as God had commanded. Abraham was 100 years old when Isaac was born. And Sarah declared, "God has brought me laughter. All who hear about this will laugh with me. Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse a baby? Yet I have given Abraham a son in his old age!"**

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

Sermon

Hymn – Build Your Kingdom Here

Build Your Kingdom Here

Words and Music by
Rend Collective

♩ = 137

VERSE 1

F C F C



1. Come set Your rule, and reign in our hearts a - gain. In -

5 F C G⁽⁴⁾



-crease in us, we pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come

9 F C F C



set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like wild - fire in our ver - y souls;

13 F C G⁽⁴⁾ F C



Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now. We are Your

18 G⁽⁴⁾ F C G⁽⁴⁾ C F²



church; We need Your pow'r in us. 2. We
(3. Un) -

VERSE 2 & 3

23 F C F C



seek Your king - dom first. We hun - ger and we thirst; Re -
leash Your king - dom's pow'r, reach - ing the near and far. No

27 F C G^{sus}

-fuse to waste our lives, for You're our joy and prize. To
force of hell can stop Your beau - ty, chang - ing hearts. You

31 F C F C

see the cap - tives' hearts re - leased; The hurt, the sick, the poor at peace.
made us for much more than this; A - wake the king - dom seed in us.

35 F C G^{sus} F C

We lay down our lives for heav - en's cause. — We are Your
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ. — We are Your

40 G⁽⁴⁾ F C G⁽⁴⁾ C F²

church; We pray, re - vive this earth.
church; We are the hope on earth.

45 C F² G CHORUS Am⁷ F²

Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness

50 C G Am⁷ F² G C

fear. Show Your might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. _ Set Your

55 G Am⁷ F² C G

church on fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos -

60 Am⁷ F² G Last time to Coda ⊕

1. INSTRUMENTAL 1 C G^{sus} C G^{sus}

-phere. Build Your king - dom here, _ we pray!

65 C G^{sus} C 2. INSTRUMENTAL 2 C G^{sus} C G^{sus} Am⁷

3. Un - pray!

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff. It consists of three systems of music. The first system (measures 50-54) has chords C, G, Am7, F2, G, C. The second system (measures 55-59) has chords G, Am7, F2, C, G. The third system (measures 60-64) has chords Am7, F2, G, and then a Coda section with chords C, Gsus, C, Gsus. There are two instrumental sections: 'INSTRUMENTAL 1' (measures 60-61) and 'INSTRUMENTAL 2' (measures 62-64). The lyrics are: 'fear. Show Your might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. _ Set Your church on fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - -phere. Build Your king - dom here, _ we pray! 3. Un - pray!'.

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 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.

Communion Songs/Hymns – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

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Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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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 – My Life Is In You

My Life Is In You

Words and Music by
Daniel Gardner

♩ = 160

CHORUS

C/D G D/G G D/G G D/G Em D/E Em

My life is in You, Lord, my strength is in

Last time to Coda ☩

4 D/E Em D/E C D/C C D/C C G/D

You, Lord, my hope is in You, Lord, in You, it's in

VERSE

8 1, 3. D C/D 2. D C D/C C D/C G/B

You; My You. I will praise You with all of my life,

13 G G/B C D/C C D/C G/B

I will praise You with all of my strength;

17 G G/B D A^{7sus}/E D/F# G E B^{7sus}/F# E/G#

With all of my life, with all of my

21 Am Am/G F Am⁷/E D^{sus} D C/D D.S. al Coda

strength. All of my hope is in You. My

26 Coda ENDING D C/D G

You, in You.

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

Music to Send you out

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