



Moses' Mother Gives
When our plans for our children unravel

13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 23rd, 2020
Sunday Virtual Worship at 10:30am



Call to Worship

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: **We dream of children who know love and churches with open doors.
We dream of rest and sunny days.**

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: **We dream of peace without walls, and equality for all people.**

One: When you dream, what do you dream of?

All: **We dream of milk and honey, food on tables, and an end to suffering.**

One: Come to this place of worship where God's dream for the world becomes our dream for the world.

Gathering Song – Love the Lord & You Never Let Go

Love The Lord

Words and Music by
Lincoln Brewster

♩ = 97

VERSE 1 & 2

F

C

Dm⁷

F/A



1. Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
2. I will serve _ the Lord with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .

3

B^b2(no3)

C

F

C B^b2(no3)



— and with all — your strength; —
— and with all — my strength; —

5

F

C

Dm⁷

F/A



Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
I will serve _ the Lord with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .

CHORUS 1 & 2

7

B^b2(no3)

C

F

F/B^b



— and with all _ your strength. With all _ your heart, — with all _ your soul, .
— and with all _ my strength; With all _ my heart, — with all _ my soul, .

10

C

B^b2/D

C/E



— with all _ your mind, — with all _ your strength; —
— with all _ my mind, — with all _ my strength; —

13 F C Dm⁷ F/A

Love the Lord, _ your God, with all _ your heart, with all _ your soul, _ with all _ your mind, .
 I will serve _ the Lord, with all _ my heart, with all _ my soul, _ with all _ my mind, .

15 B^b2(no3) C F C B^b2(no3) F C

— and with all _ your strength. —
 — and with all _ my strength. —

You Never Let Go

Words and Music by
Matt Redman and Beth Redman

♩ = 76

VERSE

A



1. E-ven though I walk through the val-ley of the shad - ow _ of death, Your
(2.) light that is com-ing for the heart _ that holds on, a

3

D²/F#



per - fect love is cast - ing out fear, and e - ven when I'm
glo - rious light be - yond all com - pare, and there will be an

5

A



caught in the mid - dle of the storms of this life, I
end to these trou-bles, but un - til that day comes, we'll

7

D²/F#

PRE-CHORUS

F#m⁷ E



won't turn back, I know You are near.
live to know You here on the earth.

And I will fear no e -

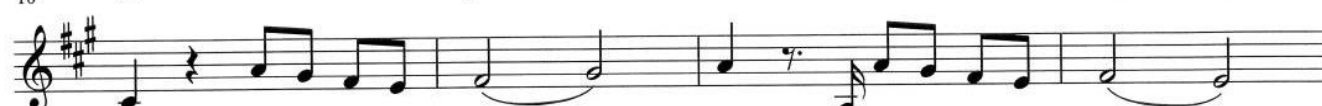
10

A

F#m⁷ E

A

F#m⁷ E



-vil, for my God is with ____ me, and if my God is with ____

14

A

E

D²



me, whom then shall I ____ fear? Whom then shall I ____ fear?

You Never Let Go - 2

CHORUS

17 A

Oh no, You nev - er let go, through the calm and through the storm. _

19 F#m7 E^{sus} Last time to Coda

Oh no, You nev - er let go in ev - 'ry high and ev - 'ry low. _ Oh no, You nev - er let go,

22 1. D² A E^{sus} D²

Lord, You nev - er let go of _ me. _ 2. And I can see a

25 2. D²

Lord, You nev - er let go of _ me. _ You

26 A E^{sus} D² D.S. al Coda

keep on run - nin' and You nev - er let go. _ Sing - in'

28 Coda D² A

Lord, You nev - er let go of _ me. _

Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome

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 wisdom and we seek our answers in all the wrong places.

You give us the gift of community, and we waste that gift unraveling relationships to build individual identities.

You give us the gift of time, and we spend it seeking our own interests.

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

Give us the wisdom we need to seek you when life falls apart.

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 love,

As we gather together with our dreams for the world, align them with your dream for the world. As we gather together in worship in this new way, may we be strengthened in the knowledge that there is nothing on heaven or on earth strong enough to unravel God's dreams for world. Use us as your hands and feet to bring this dream to reality.

Amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from Exodus 1:22, second reading from Exodus 2:1-10

Narrator: Then Pharaoh gave this order to all his people: "Throw every newborn Hebrew boy into the Nile River. But you may let the girls live." About this time, a man and woman from the tribe of Levi got married. The woman became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She saw that he was a special baby and kept him hidden for three months.

Congregation: But when she could no longer hide him, she got a basket made of papyrus reeds and waterproofed it with tar and pitch. She put the baby in the basket and laid it among the reeds along the bank of the Nile River. The baby's sister then stood at a distance, watching to see what would happen to him. Soon Pharaoh's daughter came down to bathe in the river, and her attendants walked along the riverbank. When the princess saw the basket among the reeds, she sent her maid to get it for her. When the princess opened it, she saw the baby. The little boy was crying, and she felt sorry for him. "This must be one of the Hebrew children," she said.

Narrator: Then the baby's sister approached the princess. "Should I go and find one of the Hebrew women to nurse the baby for you?" she asked. "Yes, do!" the princess replied. So the girl went and called the baby's mother.

Congregation: "Take this baby and nurse him for me," the princess told the baby's mother. "I will pay you for your help." So the woman took her baby home and nursed him. Later, when the boy was older, his mother brought him back to Pharaoh's daughter, who adopted him as her own son. The princess named him Moses, for she explained, "I lifted him out of the water."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn – Who You Say I Am

Who You Say I Am

(as published by Hillsong Music)

Words and Music by
Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

♩ = 58

VERSE

A⁵

F#m

E

A⁵

1. Who am I that the high - est King would wel - come me.
2. Free at last, He has ran - somed me, His grace runs deep.

5

F#m

E

D

I was lost but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His
While I was a slave to sin, Je - sus died for me. Yes, He

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CHORUS

9

F#m

E

D

A

E

love for me. Who the Son sets free, oh is free in -
died for me. (In my) Fa - ther's house there's a place for

14

6th time to Coda Φ 2. 2, 4, 5.

F#m E D A

-deed. I'm a child of God, yes I am. In my
me. I'm a child of God, yes I am.

D.S.

20

3. BRIDGE

F#m E/G# A

I am cho - sen, not for - sak - en. I am who You say I am.

24

D F#m E/G# A

You are for me, not a - gainst me. I am who You say I am.

28

1. D 2. D TAG 1a

F#m E/G# D

I am I am who You say I am. Who the

D.S. al Coda

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

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.

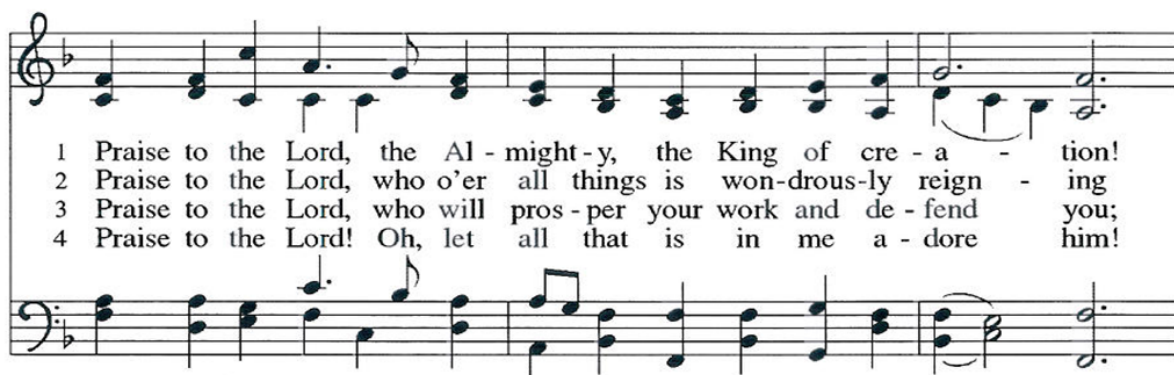
From you, through you and in you, are all things, now and always; to you be all honor and praise. Amen.

Invitation to the Meal

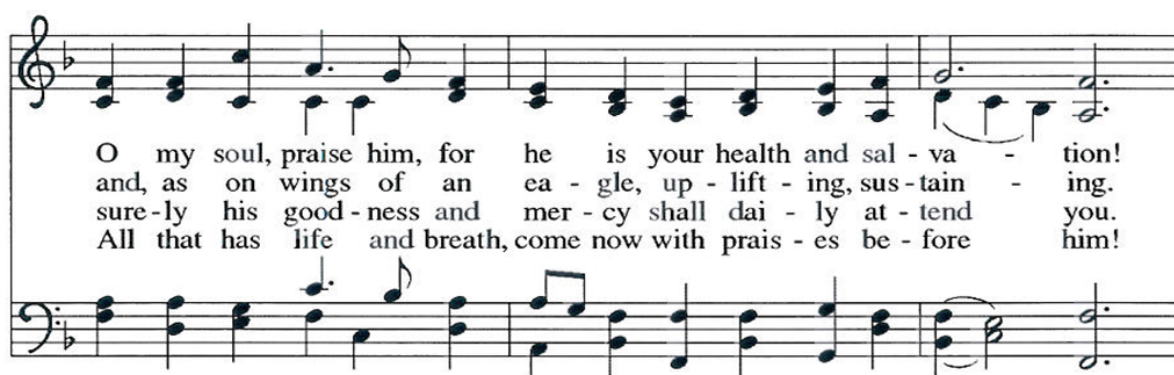
You are welcome to this meal. It is free and it is for you. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you.

Communion Songs/Hymns – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

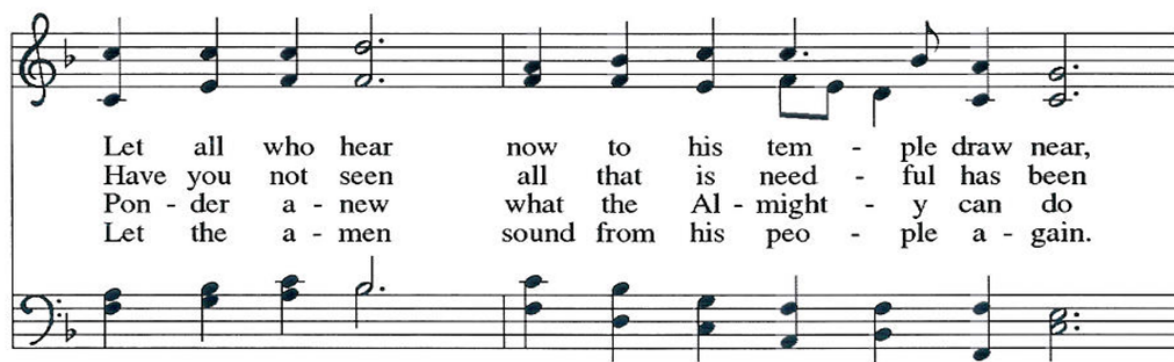
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty



1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won-drous-ly reign - ing
 3 Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de - fend you;
 4 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me a - dore him!



O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and sal - va - tion!
 and, as on wings of an ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.
 sure-ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.
 All that has life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore him!



Let all who hear now to his tem - ple draw near,
 Have you not seen all that is need - ful has been
 Pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y can do
 Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain.



join - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sent by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?
 if with his love he be - friend you.
 Glad - ly for - ev - er a - dore him!

Text: Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.
 Music: LOBE DEN HERREN, *Erneuerten Gesangbuch*, Part II, Stralsund, 1665

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 – Psalm 25

Psalm 25

Author Unknown

To you, oh Lord I lift up my soul,

In you I trust, oh Lord.

To you, oh Lord I lift up my soul,

In you I trust, oh Lord.

You're higher than the mountains,

deeper than the sea.

Wider than the ocean

is your love for me.

You're with me on the mountain

and the valley below.

You are right here beside me everywhere that I go.

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

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