

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost  
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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

## **Gathering**

Gathering Songs – O Living Bread from Heaven & I am the Bread of Life

## O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, how well you feed your guest!  
 2 My Sav - ior, you have led me with - in your ho - liest place,  
 3 You gave me all I want - ed; this food can death de - stroy.  
 4 Oh, grant me then, well - strength - ened with heav'n - ly food, while here

The gifts that you have giv - en have filled my heart with rest.  
 and here your - self have fed me with trea - sures of your grace;  
 And you have free - ly grant - ed the cup of end - less joy.  
 my course on earth is length - ened, to serve you, free from fear;

O won - drous food of bless - ing! O cup that heals our woes!  
 for you have free - ly giv - en what earth could nev - er buy,  
 My Lord, I do not mer - it the fa - vor you have shown,  
 and bring me home to praise you where none can peace de - stroy,


My heart, this gift pos - sess - ing, in thank - ful song o'er - flows!  
 the bread of life from heav - en, that now I shall not die.  
 and all my soul and spir - it bow down be - fore your throne.  
 where I will ev - er raise you glad songs in end - less joy.

# I Am the Bread of Life

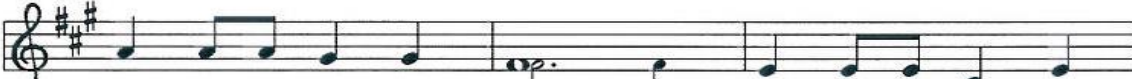
Leader or All



1 "I am the Bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that . . . I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less . . . you . . . eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion, . . .  
 5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve that . . .



come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you  
 flesh of the Son of the Man . . . and . . .  
 I . . . am the life. . . If you be -  
 you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .



lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat . . . of this bread, and you shall . . live for -  
 drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his  
 lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . though you  
 Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .



me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to . . . the . . . world. . .

Refrain  
All



"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,




and I will raise you up on the last day."





## Welcome

*Wherever you are on your journey of faith,  
we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.*

## No Longer Strangers Prayer

Let us pray: **Gracious God, help us to see your image revealed in all of creation, especially in those whom we call stranger. Guide us as we seek to join you in journeying alongside all in need. Amen.**

## Greet Someone New

*Music to Bring Us Back Together*

## Time with Kids

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess that God is God and we are not.  
*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Risen Lord,

**C: We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.**

P: Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

# MERCY ON THIS FALLEN WORLD

Larry Olson  
Hans Peterson

**Refrain**



Have mer - cy on this fal - len world. Have mercy on us. Have



mer-cy on this fal-len world, mer - cy Lord have mercy on us.

**Verse**



For all of the days that have fal - len a - part, have mer - cy.  
For all who have fears that come with the night, have mer - cy.



For ev - e - ry life, for ev - e - ry heart, have mer - cy.  
For all those who need to be held in the light, have mer - cy.



For all those who hun - ger and strug-gle each day, have mer - cy.  
For all of cre - a - tion through fam - ine or feast, have mer - cy.



For all of the times that we turn a - way.  
For all of the world to live in your peace.

to Refrain

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Beloved people of God:  
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,  
you are fed and nourished.  
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,  
there is always more than enough.  
Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life,  
you are shown God's mercy:  
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.  
**Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

## The Story

**Narrator:** Our story and God's story continues with a reading from the Gospel of John 6:51-58

[Jesus said,] 51 "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

52 The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" 53 So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. 54 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; 55 for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. 56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. 57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. 58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

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


## Sermon

## Hymn: Bread of Life

**BREAD OF LIFE**


Larry Olson  
Karol Baer

*Refrain*




Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and feed our souls.

*3rd time to Bridge  
Last time Fine*




Bread of Life, Bread of Life, come and make us whole.

*Verse*




We are hun-gry for your mer - cy, hun-gry for your peace.  
We are hun-gry for your pres - ence, man-na from a - bove.




We are hun-gry for your jus - tice, hun-gry to be free.  
Bread of Life for all cre - a - tion fill us with your love.

*to Refrain*

*Bridge*



Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, source of all we need.



Liv - ing Bread from heav - en, help us to be - lieve.

*to Refrain*

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## Prayers for the World

*Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

*Each petition will close with the words: God of Life*

And you are invited to respond: **Hear our prayer**

## Offering

Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope.

Offering Music: Let us Talents and Tongues Employ

## Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ



1 Let us tal - ents and tongues em - ploy, reach - ing out with a shout of joy:  
2 Christ is a - ble to make us one, at the ta - ble he sets the tone,  
3 Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear - ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.  
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.  
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im - man - u - el) ev - 'ry - where!

### *Refrain*



Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

Text: Fred Kaan, b. 1929

Music: LINSTED, Jamaican folk tune; adapt. Doreen Potter, 1925–1980

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# The Feast

## Setting the Table

*As we prepare our tables with gifts of bread, wine/juice, the children lead us as we pray together: **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.***

## Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

On the night in which he was betrayed...

## 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 and  
forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power,  
and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to the Meal

*This is not my table or River of Hope's table, but rather this is Christ's table and all are welcome. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.*

*"This is the body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you."*

## Communion Song: Special Music

## Blessing and Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through 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

**MILESTONES! – Precious Lord, Take My Hand**

*It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.*

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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1 Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
 2 When my way grows . . drear, pre-cious Lord, lin - ger near,  
 3 When the dark - ness ap - pears and the night draws . . . near,

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.  
 when my life is . . . al - most . . . gone,  
 and the day is . . . past and . . . gone,

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light,  
 hear my cry, hear my call, hold my hand lest I fall.  
 at the riv - er I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand.

take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.  
 Take my hand, pre - cious Lord, lead me home.

## Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, † be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song: Walk by Faith

### I Walk By Faith

Words and Music by  
Chris Falson

♩ = 128

CHORUS

A G<sup>2</sup>

I walk by faith, each step by

4 D

faith; To live by faith, I put my

7 A 1, 3. 2, 4. Fine

trust in — You. I

VERSE

10 Bm A/C# D

Ev - ry step — I take — is a step — of faith;

13 E Bm A/C# D

— No wea - pon formed a - gainst — me shall pros - per.

17 E Bm A/C#

And ev - ry prayer — I make —

# I Walk By Faith - 2

20 D E Bm

is a prayer \_ of faith; \_\_\_\_\_ If my God is for \_

23 A/C# G E D.S. al Fine E+

\_ me, who can be a - gainst \_ me? I

## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Music to Send You Out

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