

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

Gathering

Gathering Songs – What a Friend we have In Jesus & Bread of Life

What a Friend We Have in Jesus



1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
2 Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou - ble an - y - where?
3 Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of care?



What a priv - i - lege to car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged— take it to the Lord in prayer.
Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge— take it to the Lord in prayer.



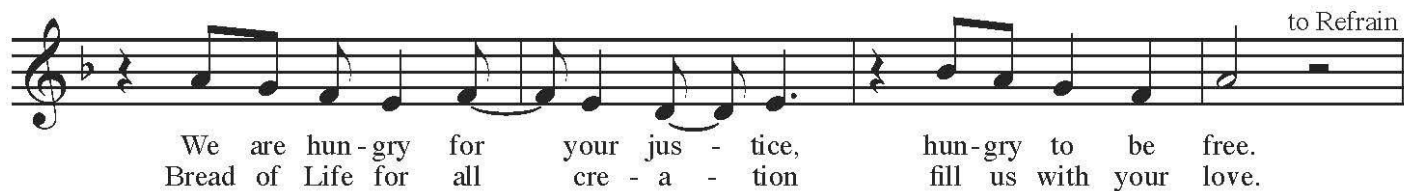
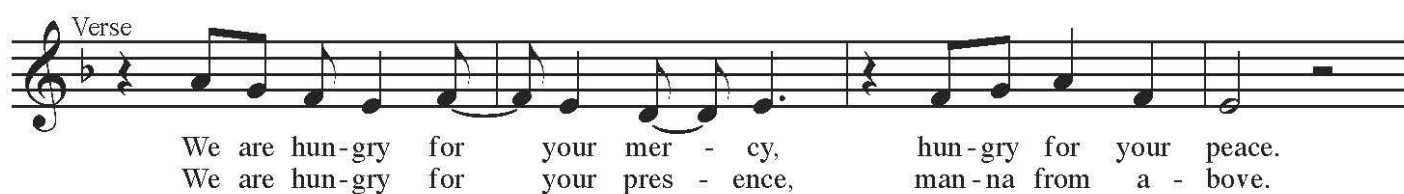
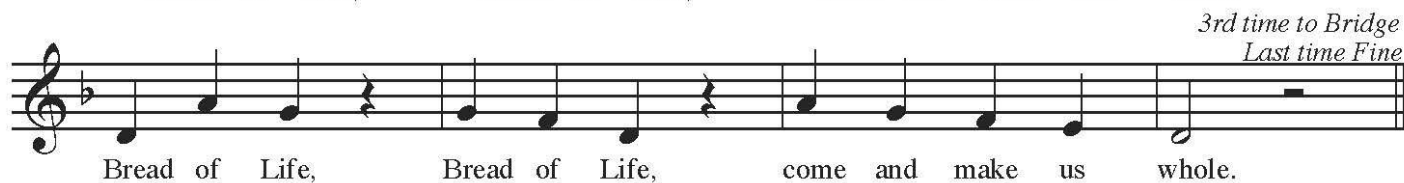
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit; oh, what need - less pain we bear—
Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
Do your friends de - spise, for - sake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



all be - cause we do not car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer!
Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness— take it to the Lord in prayer.
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a so - lace there.

BREAD OF LIFE

Larry Olson
Karol Baer



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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. **Gracious God, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread that gives life to the world. Give us this bread always, that he may live in us and we in him, and that, strengthened by this food, we may live as his body in the world, 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 6:35, 41-51

Narrator: 6:35 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. 6:41 Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said,

Side 1: "I am the bread that came down from heaven."

Narrator: They were saying,

Side 2: "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?"

Narrator: Jesus answered them,

Side 1: "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets,

Side 2: 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life.

Side 1: I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

All: Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn: The Welcome Table

WELCOME TABLE

Hans Peterson
Nelson Morlock



Gath-er 'round the wel-come ta - ble. There is room, there's e - nough.

Bring your bro - ken, life un - sta - ble. Come and feast in God's love.

Come you wound-ed, here is heal - ing. Come you
Come you emp - ty, here is plen - ty. Come you
Here's a ban - quet, leave your weap - ons. Christ is

out - cast, find your right - ful place. Come you guilt - y,
anx - ious, you were meant to thrive. Come you wea - ry,
ris - ing in your neigh - bor's face. Here's your fam - ily,

here's a prom - ise: for bro - ken liv - ing there's a - maz - ing grace.
find your rest. & The tomb is emp - ty, God is loose! A - live!
all are hun - gry. God set the ta - ble, time to take your place.

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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: LINSTeAD, 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: Let Us Break Bread Together

Let Us Break Bread Together

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;
3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;

The first system of the musical score features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are for three parts: 1 (soprano), 2 (alto), and 3 (bass). The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final measure containing a whole note chord.

let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.
let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment from the first system. The lyrics are for three parts: let us (soprano), let us (alto), and let us (bass). The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final measure containing a whole note chord.

Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing

The third system is the beginning of the refrain. It features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are for a single part: When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing. The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final measure containing a whole note chord.

sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

The fourth system continues the refrain. It features a treble and bass staff in B-flat major. The melody is in the treble staff, and the accompaniment is in the bass staff. The lyrics are for a single part: sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me. The music consists of a series of chords and single notes, with a final measure containing a whole note chord.

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, \dagger be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: Go In Peace

GO IN PEACE

Jeff Kjellberg

Em7 G D C Em7
(Go in peace and serve the Lord.) Go in peace

G D C Em7 G
and serve the Lord. (Let your life shine out

D C Em7 G D
in the world.) Let your life shine out in the world.

C Am7 D
(Christ is call-ing you to fol - low him.)

Am7 D Am7
Christ is call-ing you to fol - low him. (Make your

D B7
lives a liv - ing sac - ri - fice.) Sac - ri - fice!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Music to Send You Out

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