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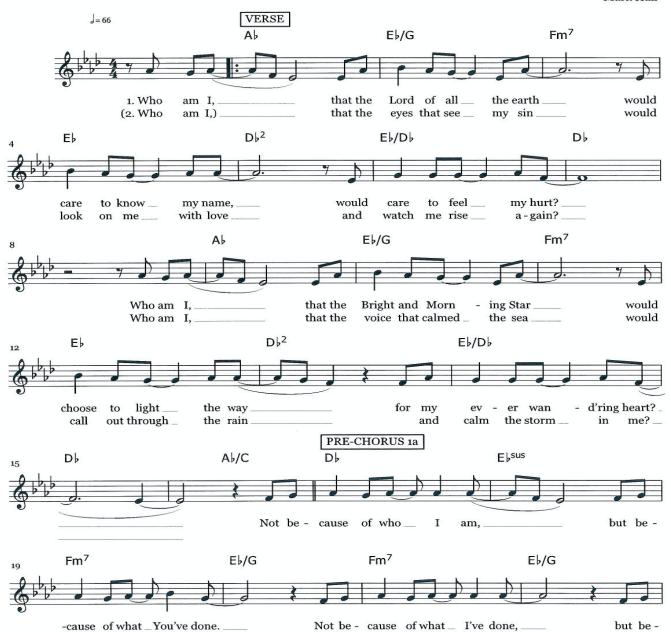
www.riverofhopehutchinson.org Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

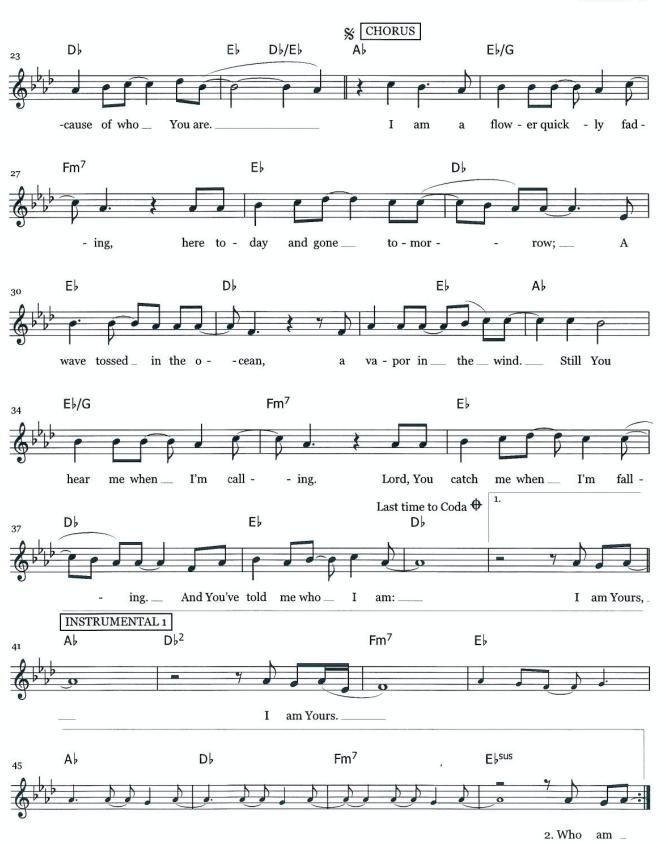
Gathering Songs – "Who Am I" and "Where Justice Rolls Down"

Who Am I

Words and Music by Mark Hall



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Where Justice Rolls Down

Words and Music by Bob Stromberg, Rick Carlson and Michael Pearce Donley







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: God our comforter:

like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in + Christ Jesus, God makes you whole.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sin.

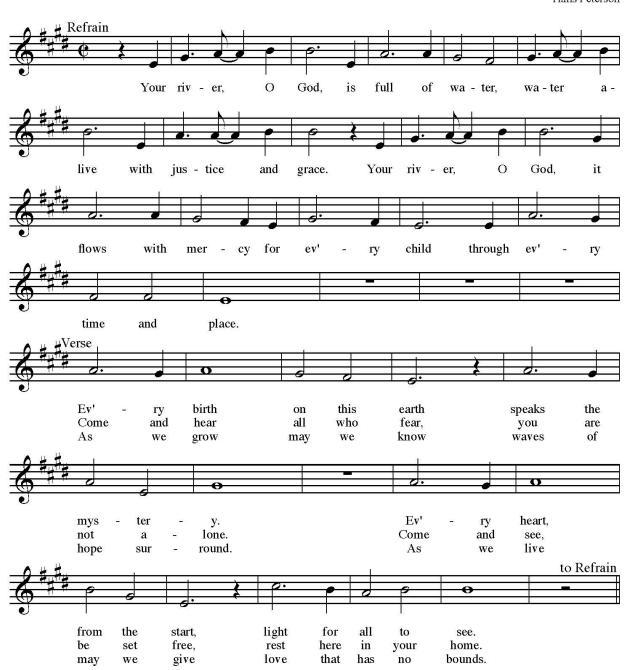
Amen.

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**.

YOUR RIVER O GOD

Larry Olson Hans Peterson



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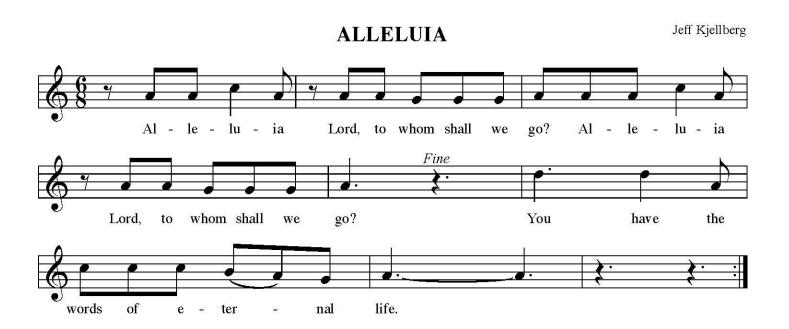
Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together, Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

The Story

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues with a reading from the Gospel of Mark chapter 9 verses 38-50.



©1997 Jeff Kjellberg Administered by Dakota Road Music. All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission. (Reader): John said to [Jesus,]

(Side 1): "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

But Jesus said,

(Side 2): "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us.

(Reader): For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched."

(ALL): "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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

Sermon

Hymn: Everyone is a Child of God



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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: Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



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Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928
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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 (SUNG)

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: O Jesus, I Have Promised

O Jesus, I Have Promised



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! – Be Thou My Vision

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.

Be Thou My Vision



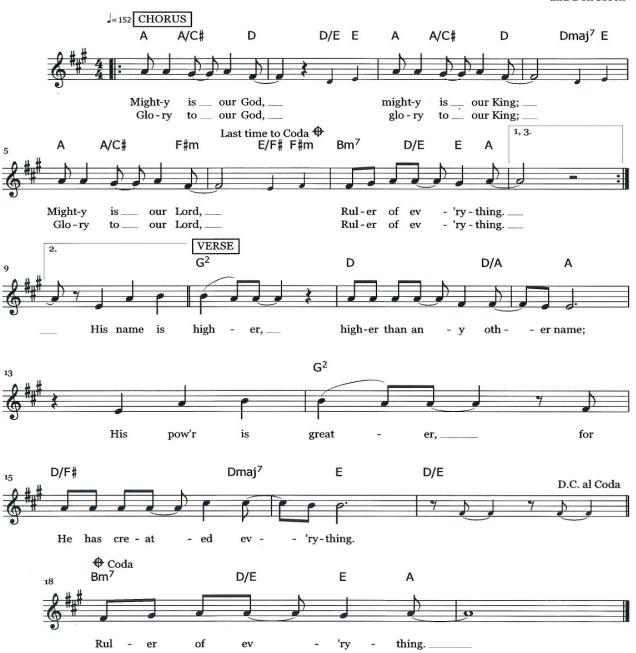
Blessing

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

Sending Song: Mighty is our God

Mighty Is Our God

Words and Music by Eugene Greco, Gerrit Gustafson and Don Moen



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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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