Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost October 10, 2021



The Last shall be First



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Gathering Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Songs "Shout to the Lord" & "Canticle of the Turning"

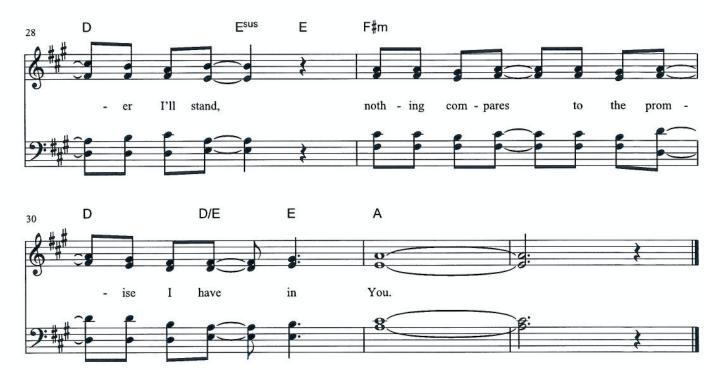
Shout To The Lord

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech

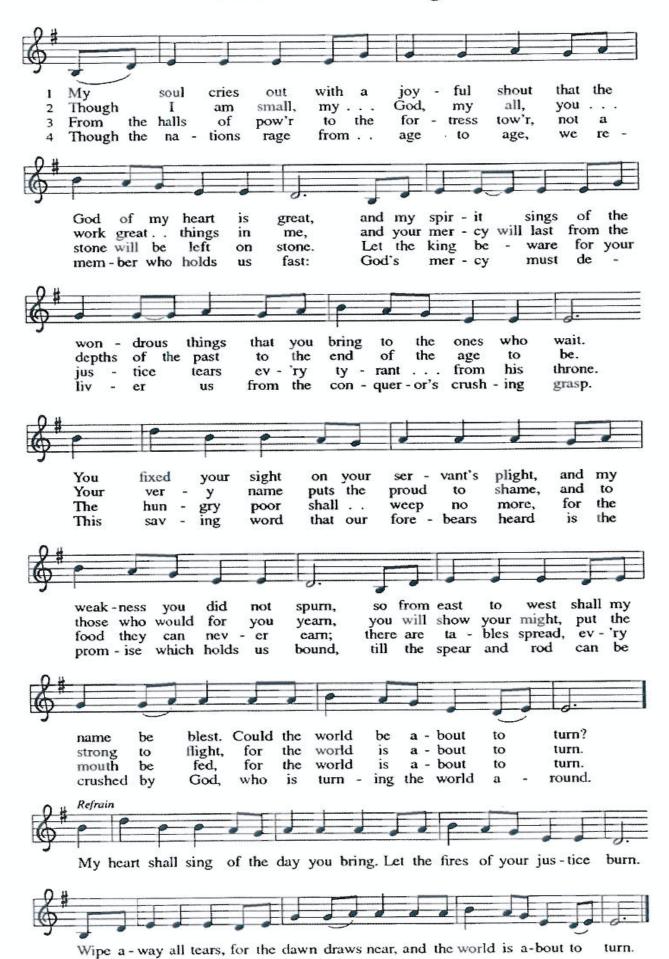


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Canticle of the Turning





No Longer Strangers Prayer (Mike)

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 (Mike) {Remind people you can gather prayers during this time}

Music to Bring Us Back Together



Confession and Forgiveness (Paul)

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

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.

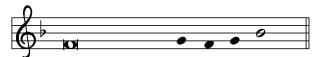
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sin.

Amen.

Greeting (Paul)

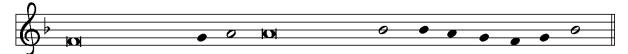
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

KYRIE - "Lord, Have Mercy"



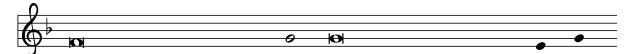
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal-vation, let us pray to the Lord.



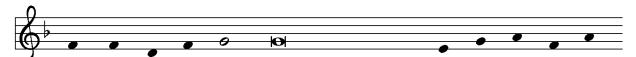


For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of



God, and for the uni-ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



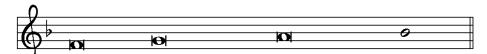


For this ho - ly house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and



praise, let us pray to the Lord.





Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gracious Lord.







Prayer of the Day (Paul)

(Leader): Let us pray together, Almighty and ever-living God,

increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE STORY

Narrator: Please stand as our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Mark 10: 17-31.

Narrator: As he went out into the street, a man came running up, greeted him with great reverence, and asked, "Good Teacher, what must I do to get eternal life?"

Side 1; Jesus said, "Why are you calling me good? No one is good, only God. You know the commandments: Don't murder, don't commit adultery, don't steal, don't lie, don't cheat, honor your father and mother."

Side 2: He said, "Teacher, I have—from my youth—kept them all!" Jesus looked him hard in the eye—and loved him! He said, "There's one thing left: Go sell whatever you own and give it to the poor. All your wealth will then be heavenly wealth. And come follow me."

Narrator: The man's face clouded over. This was the last thing he expected to hear, and he walked off with a heavy heart. He was holding on tight to a lot of things, and not about to let go. Looking at his disciples, Jesus said, "Do you have any idea how difficult it is for people who 'have it all' to enter God's kingdom?"

Side 1: The disciples couldn't believe what they were hearing, but Jesus kept on: "You can't imagine how difficult. I'd say it's easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye than for the rich to get into God's kingdom."

Side 2: That set the disciples back on their heels. "Then who has any chance at all?" they asked. Jesus was blunt: "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off by yourself. Every chance in the world if you let God do it." Peter tried another angle: "We left everything and followed you."

Narrator: Jesus said, "Mark my words, no one who sacrifices house, brothers, sisters, mother, father, children, land—whatever—because of me and the Message will lose out. They'll get it all back, but multiplied many times in homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children, and land—but also in troubles. And then the bonus of eternal life!

All: This is once again the Great Reversal: Many who are first will end up last, and the last first."

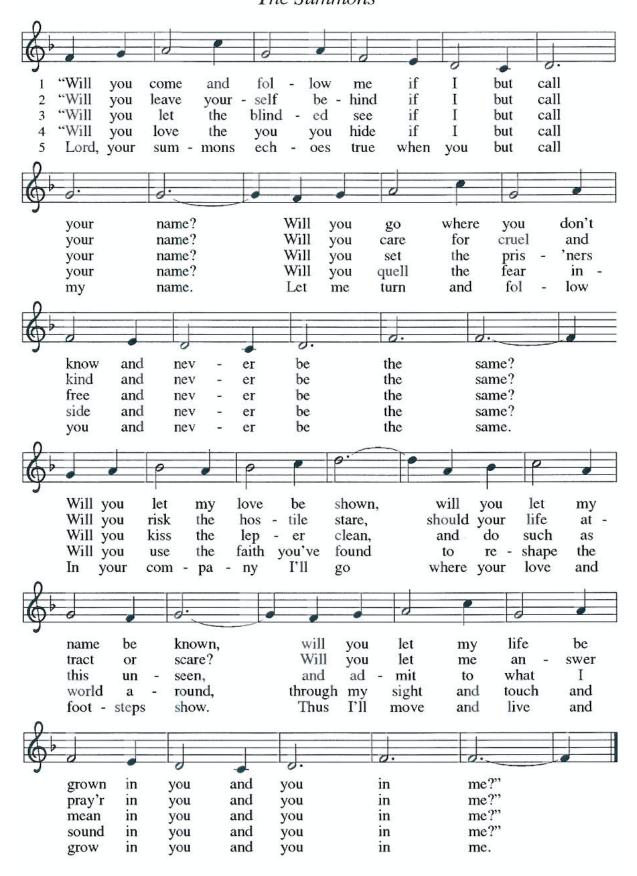
Narrator: Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

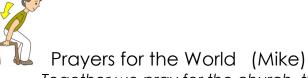




Will You Come and Follow Me The Summons



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949



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**

20th Sunday after Pentecost prayers (Mike)

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Uniting God, you call forth different gifts in those who follow you. Encourage us to welcome the diverse benefits and blessings of the whole church in teaching, preaching, prophecy, healing, and more. For the gift of Bishop Dee Pederson, installed yesterday here in Southwest MN. For the gift of the ministry of Pastor Paul Hadlund leading us today, for the gift of Vicar Hans soon to be ordained as pastor here at River of Hope. God of life, **hear our prayer**.

Empowering God, entering your kingdom may seem overwhelming especially given the temptations or distractions in this world. By your grace all things are possible. Open our hearts to offer compassion for those who are overlooked or forgotten to show compassion and love for their neighbors. God of life, **hear our prayer**.

Nurturing God, you bring forth crops from the soil and bounty from the trees. Increase the produce of the land and bless all who toil in fields and orchards. Provide for good working conditions and keep them safe. God of life, **hear our prayer**.

Sheltering God, in Jesus you travelled among us without a place to lay your head. Provide safe places to sleep and rest for those who have

no place to live. Sustain local ministries that offer food, clothing, and peace of mind like Common Cup, UCAP, (add others?)

God of life, hear our prayer.

Healing God, you offer life, comfort and renewal. We praise you for Terry's sister at home now after 42 days in the hospital. We praise you for the gift of the new life of Loraina and proud grandparents Brian and Jenny Tillman. We pray for healing and comfort for Jerry Fluck, for Sara Shorter, for Ron and Sue's son-in-law - Lee, (add other names here) for Phyllis daughter looking for a place to live, for all who grieve especially family and friends of Zella (add others who have died or grieving here) Comfort all who mourn Shine your grace on all your saints.

God of life, hear our prayer.

Renewing God, you bring life out of death. Help us part with those things that are no longer beneficial to us and open our hearts to see where new life is budding in this congregation. God of life, **hear our prayer**.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Offering (Mike)

Worship Leader: Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office.

Offering Song "Sing to the Lord of Harvest"

Sing to the Lord of Harvest



The Feast

Setting the Table (Mike) {help children bring up plate with bread, Chalice with wine, 2 globes of offering, napkins}

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 (Paul)

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.

Invitation to the Meal (Paul)

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.

As we gather in this place, 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." Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

The Lord's Prayer (Paul)

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.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.



Communion Song: "Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior



Blessing after Communion (Paul)
May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion (Paul)

Let us pray, God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us out in the power of your Holy Spirit, that we may demonstrate your transforming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

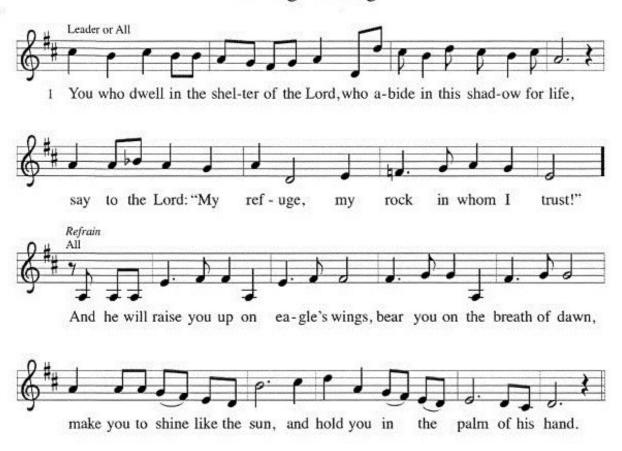
The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? (Mike) We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



MILESTONES! – "On Eagle's Wings" (Mike)
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.

On Eagle's Wings

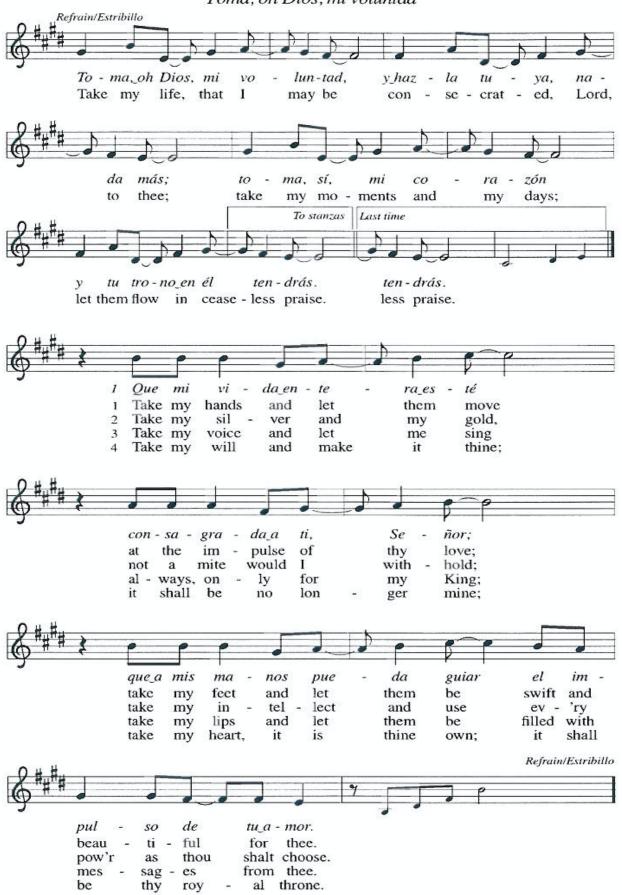




The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: "Take My Life, That I May Be"

Take My Life, That I May Be Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad



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(Paul) Go in peace – serve the Lord! Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out