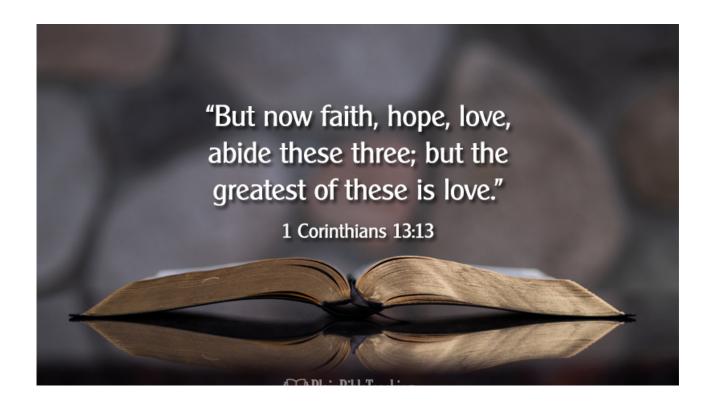


Fourth Sunday of Epiphany January 30, 2022



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Gathering
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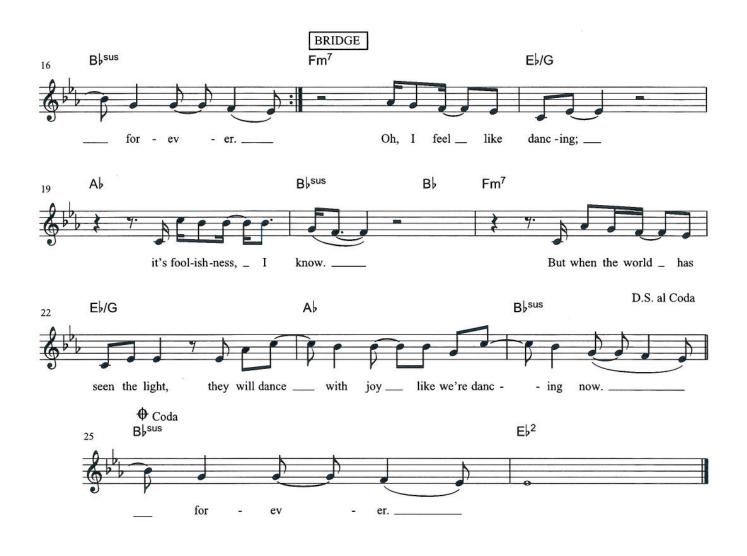
Gathering Songs – "I Could Sing of Your Love Forever"

I Could Sing Of Your Love Forever

Words and Music by Martin Smith



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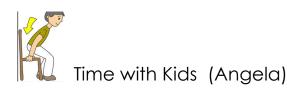
Welcome (Nan) {introduce Pastor Angela Denker}
Wherever you are on your journey of faith,

we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

No Longer Strangers Prayer (Nan)

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



Confession and Forgiveness (Angela)

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 (Angela)

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**.

Song - "Love Lifted Me"

Love Lifted Me

Words by James Rowe Music by Howard E. Smith



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Prayer of the Day

Amen.

(Nan): Let us pray,

(ALL): Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today, with two readings. First, a reading from 1 Corinthians 13: 1-13.

(Reader): If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

(Side 1): Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant or rude.

(Side 2): It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth.

(ALL): Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

(Reader): Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end.

(Side 1): When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways.

(Side 2): For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known.

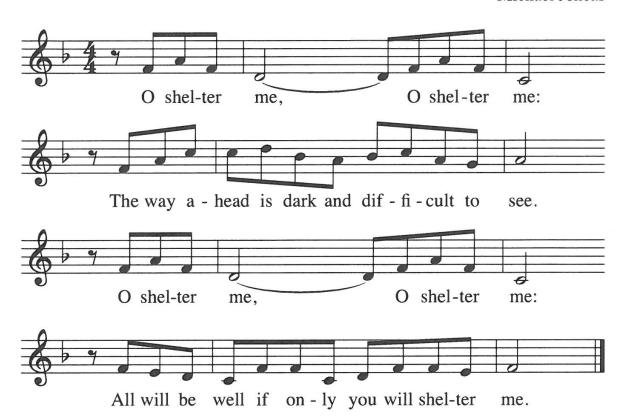
(ALL): And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

(Reader): Here ends the first reading.

Hymn – "Shelter Me"

SHELTER ME A Prayer-Song in the Time of the COVID-19 Pandemic

Michael Joncas



(Reader): You are invited to stand in body or spirit as our story and God's story continues today with a reading from Luke 4: 14-21. (ALL): Glory to you, O Lord.

(Reader): Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,]

(Side 1): "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

(Reader): All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said,

(Side 2): "Is not this Joseph's son?"

(Reader): He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb,

(Side 1): 'Doctor, cure yourself!'

(Reader): And you will say,

(Side 2): 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'"

(Reader): And he said,

(ALL): "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

(Reader): But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town

was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Angela Denker

Sermon Song: "Borning Cry"

Borning Cry



- 1 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.
- 2 "When you heard the won-der of the Word I was there to cheer you on;
- 3 "In the mid-dle a ges of your life, not too old, no lon ger young,



I re - joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold. you were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord, to whom you now be - long. I'll be there to guide you through the night, com-plete what I've be - gun.



I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; If you find some-one to share your time and you join your hearts as one, When the eve-ning gent-ly clos-es in and you shut your wea-ry eyes,



in a blaze of light you wan-dered off to find where de-mons dwell." I'll be there to make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun." I'll be there as I have al - ways been, with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

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Prayers for the World (Nan)

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

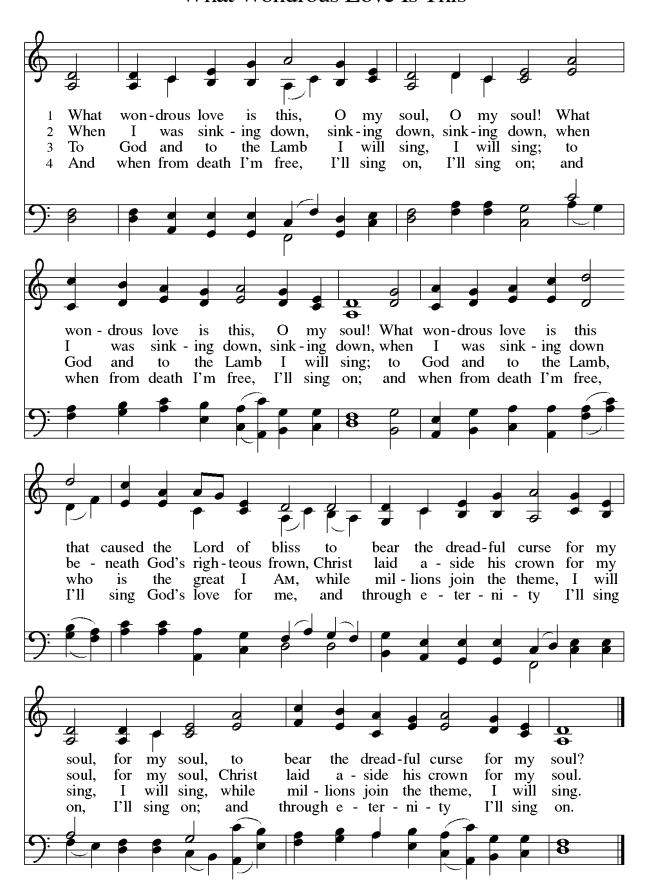
Each petition will close with the words: God of Life And you are invited to respond: **Hear our prayer**

Offering (Nan)

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 "What Wondrous Love is This"

What Wondrous Love Is This



The Feast

Setting the Table (Nan) {help children bring up Chalice with wine, 2 globes of offering,}

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 (Angela)

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 (Angela)

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 (Angela)

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.

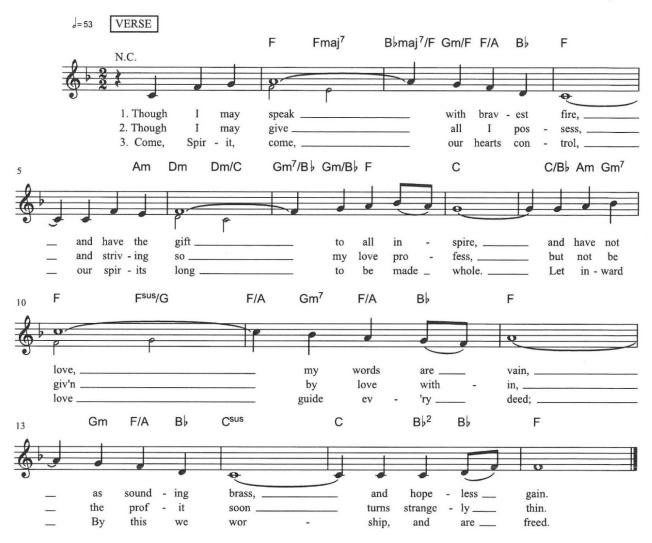
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever and forever. Amen.



Communion Song: "The Gift of Love"

The Gift Of Love

Words and Music by Hal H. Hopson



Blessing after Communion (Angela)

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his peace. **Amen.**

Prayer for Good Courage (Angela) Let us pray,

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Sending

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

Purpose Sightings (Nan) {Read slides so people online can hear}

MILESTONES! – "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" (Nan) 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.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



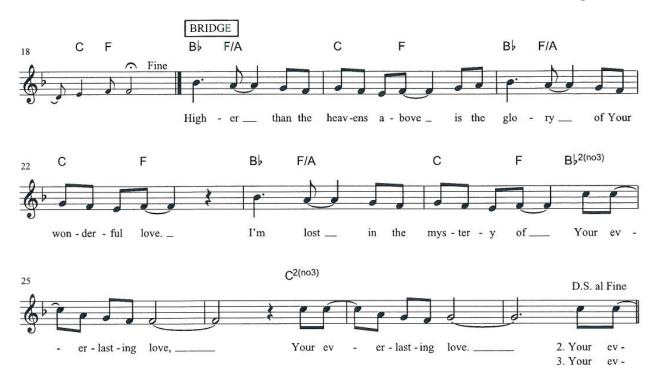
Final Blessing (Angela)
The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Song: "Your Everlasting Love"

Your Everlasting Love

Words and Music by Bill Batstone





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

Music to Send You Out

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