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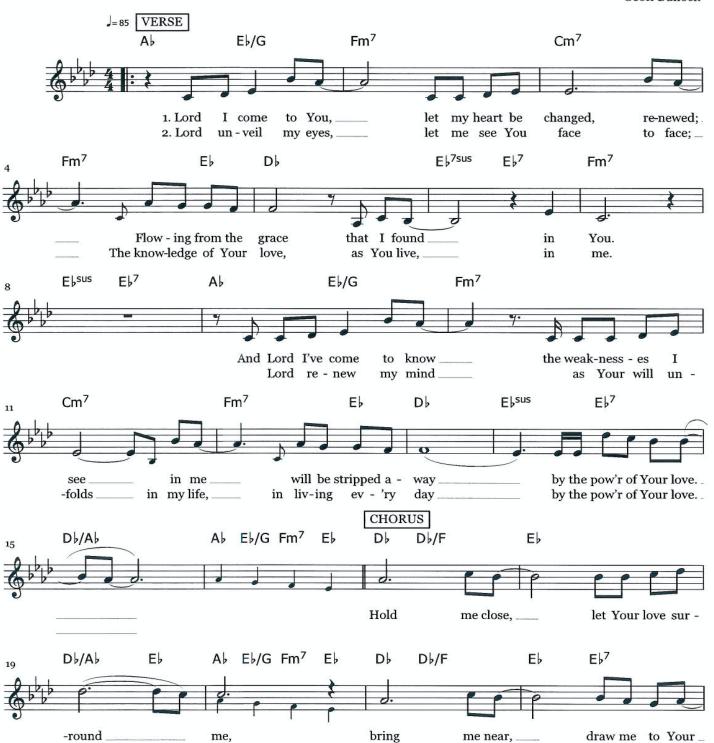


Gathering Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Song – "The Power of Your Love"

The Power Of Your Love

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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.

Psalm Singing Practice

No Longer Strangers Prayer

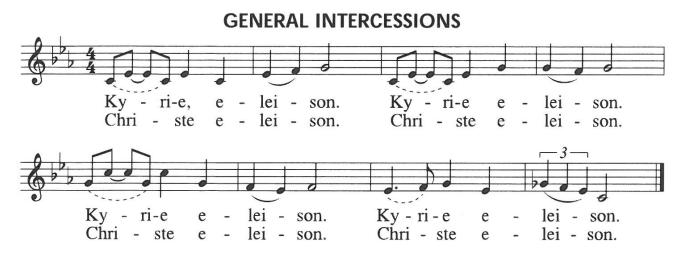
Dear Jesus, We are afraid of strangers and more often than not act to separate ourselves, creating "us" and "them." We forget that we too are strangers. You connect us to each other. Give us courage to see you in the stranger, because that is where you always are. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Children's Time

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**.



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Lenten Prayer

O God, who makes all things new, new stars, new dust, new life; take our hearts, every hardened edge and measured beat, and create something new.

We need your newness, God, the rough parts made smooth; the stagnant, stirred; the stuck, freed; the unkind, forgiven.

And then, by the power of your Spirit, to be turned toward Love again.

All: Amen.

Psalm 27 - Sung Responsively

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then I shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I I be afraid?

²When evildoers close in against me to de- | vour my flesh, they, my foes and my enemies, will stum- | ble and fall.

³Though an army encamp against me, my heart | will not fear. **Though war rise up against me, my trust will | not be shaken.**

⁴One thing I ask of the LORD; one I thing I seek;

that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life; to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to seek God | in the temple.

⁵For in the day of trouble God will | give me shelter, hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high up- | on a rock.

⁶Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies | who surround me.

Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary, sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music | to the LORD.

⁷Hear my voice, O LORD, | when | call; have mercy on me and | answer me.

*My heart speaks your message— | "Seek my face." Your face, O Lord, | I will seek.

⁹Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your ser- I vant in anger.

Cast me not away—you have been my helper; forsake me not, O God of | my salvation.

- ¹⁰Though my father and my moth- | er forsake me, the LORD will | take me in.
- 11Teach me your | way, O LORD; lead me on a level path, because of | my oppressors.
- ¹²Subject me not to the will | of my foes, for they rise up against me, false witnesses | breathing violence.
- in the land | of the living!
- 14Wait for the LORD | and be strong.

 Take heart and wait | for the LORD!

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Luke 13, verses 31-35.

BE STILL



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(Reader): At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to Jesus,

(Side 1): "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

(Reader): He said to them,

(Side 2): "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.

(Reader): Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say,

(ALL): 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

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

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day: "Lord of Light"



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

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 Talk – "Giving to God" (Katie Weisenberger)

The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we pray together:

O Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. All Praise to God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. 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.

Let us pray, God of all good gifts who gives freely to us,

You offer us new beginnings and guide us on our journey. Lead us to your table, nourish us with this heavenly food, and prepare us to carry your love to a hungry world, in the name of Christ our light. 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.

In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship the saints alive and the saints resurrected.

In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship the poor, marginalized, and rejected of this world.

In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship those known to us and those not known who need Jesus now.

In our sharing of bread today we include in companionship Jesus, our incarnated, broken and risen Lord. Amen.

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."

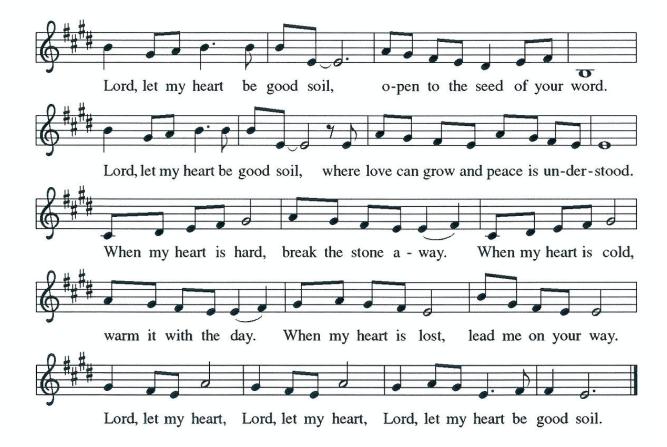
After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.
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: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

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Blessing after Communion

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

Prayer for Good Courage

Let us pray,

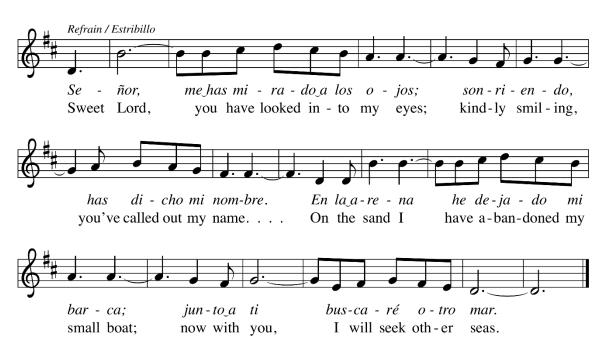
O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.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

The Sending

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

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" 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.



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Benediction for Lent

Leader: God be the love to search and keep me;

God, bet the prayer to move my voice;

God, be the strength to now uphold me

All: (sung) O Christ, surround me. O Christ, surround me.

Leader:

Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High

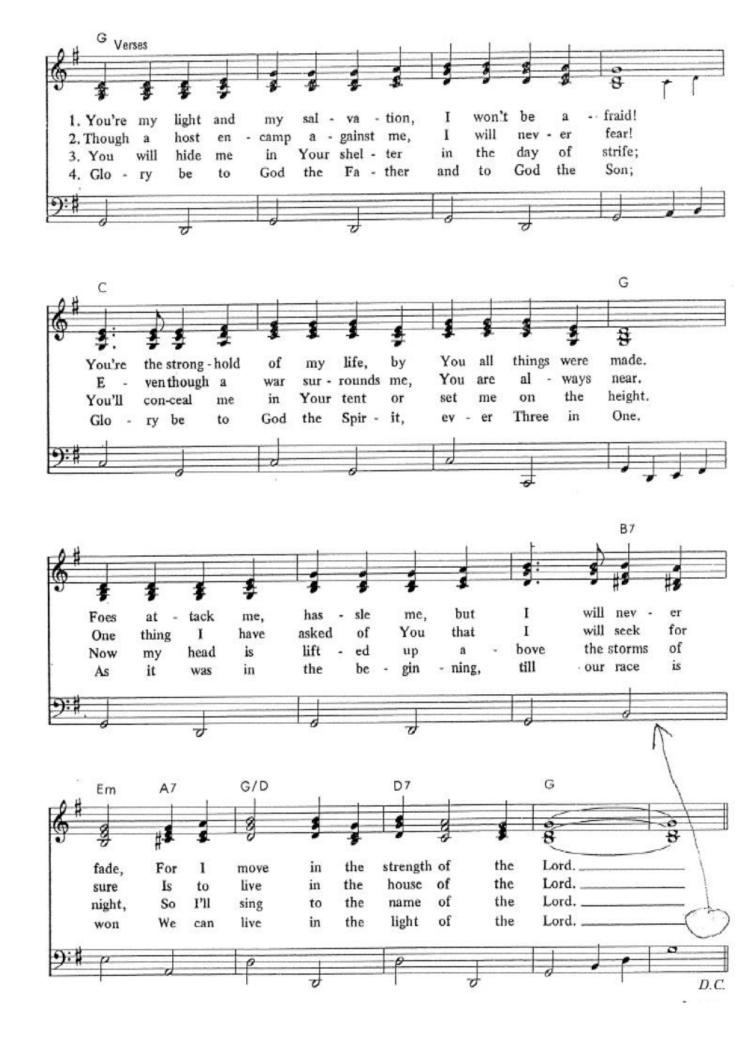
walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you. Amen.

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Sending Song: "Do Lord"





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

Music to Send You Out

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