

## 3rd Sunday of Lent March 20, 2022

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Gathering Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Song – "You Never Let Go"

#### You Never Let Go

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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

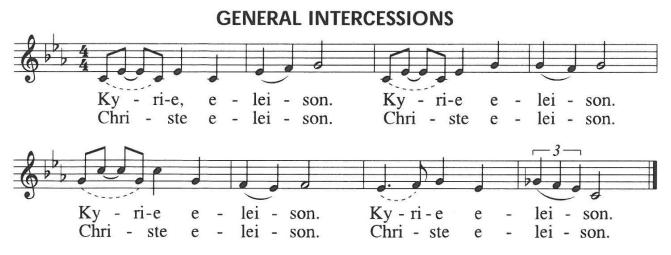
Dear Jesus, We are afraid of strangers and more often than not act to separate ourselves, creating "us" and "them." We forget that we too are strangers. You connect us to each other. Give us courage to see you in the stranger, because that is where you always are. Amen.

Greet Someone New Music to Bring Us Back Together

#### 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**.



Music: Dinah Reindorf, © 1987, arr. by John L. Bell

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.

~ by Pamela C. Hawkins, in *The Awkward Season: Prayers for Lent* (Nashville, TN: Upper Room Books, 2009), 30 Adapted. Posted on **Prayer** and **Creeds**, <u>https://prayersandcreeds.wordpress.com/</u>

### THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from Luke 13, verses 1-9.



© 2001 Dakota Road Music All Rights Reserved. Used by Permission. (Reader): Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied,

# (Side 1): "Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans?

# (Side 2): No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did.

(Reader): What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did." Jesus told this parable: "A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, 'Look, I've come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I've never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil's nutrients?' The gardener responded,

# (ALL): 'Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

(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: "Right by the Water"

Hans Peterson

**RIGHT BY THE WATER** With a gospel feel (swing 8th notes) Refrain C/E F G С Dm7 right by with You are the wa-ter roots that came a tree С C/E F G G from a small seed. Drink deep from the and daugh-ters. source, sons A7 G/B A/C# G7 С F C/E Dm7 Dm7 C/E F С 6 Bear fruit, reach for who you can be. Verse F С G7 Dm7 G Come all, and lost, lone ly, poor. Blest one are you; "I Christ side, stands be calls out your name: am with -The riv brings proph - et's dream: "Let jus - tice er a -Am/G G E Am F God's realm is All souls yours. hun gry you pain." in liv May ing wa you your ters stream." flow like a Love has come so С A7 Dm7 C/E F G С to Refrain

All will be fed. who weep will laugh in stead. you whole. for your make you May you find peace soul. all live. spir - ed joy ful ly give. may In we -

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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

**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" (Dale Brandsoy)

## 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."

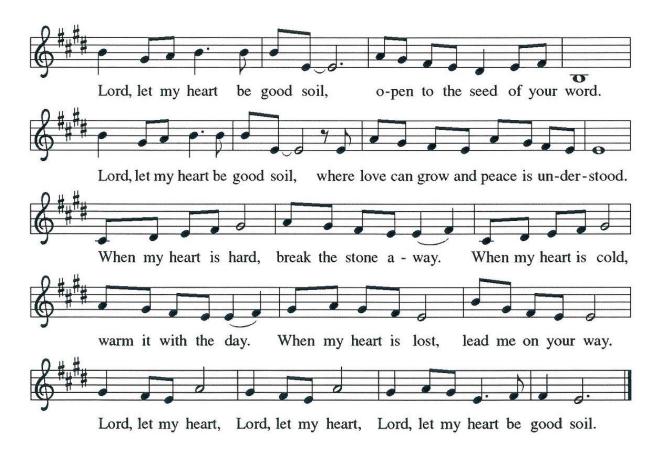
After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me." Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

#### 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 Songs: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil", "Just As I Am, without One Plea"

#### Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



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#### Just As I Am, without One Plea



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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,

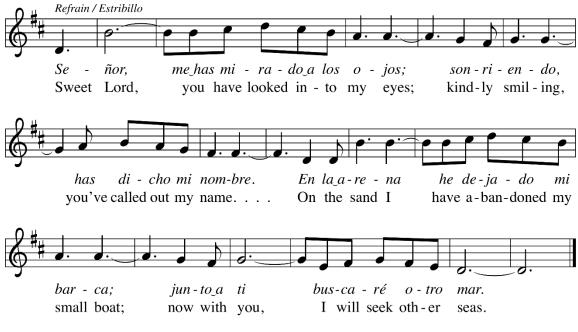
O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord.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

"O Christ Surround Me" by Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan ©2004 Worldmaking.net; benediction by Joanna Harader, and posted on her **Spacious Faith** blog. <u>http://spaciousfaith.com/</u>

Sending Song: "Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus"

Nobody Fills My Heart Like Jesus

Words and Music by Dennis Jernigan





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

#### Music to Send You Out

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