

# 6th Sunday of Easter May 22, 2022



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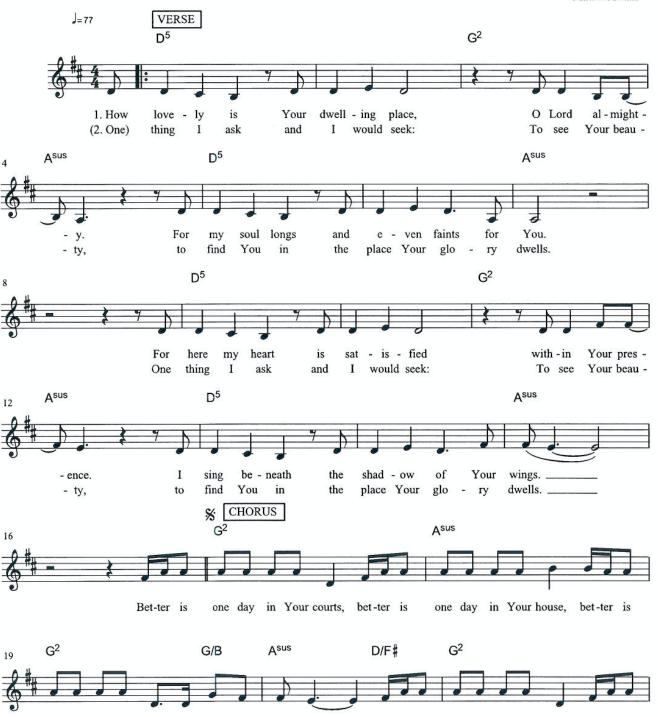
# **Gathering**

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

GATHERING SONG – "Vagabonds"

### Better Is One Day

Words and Music by Matt Redman



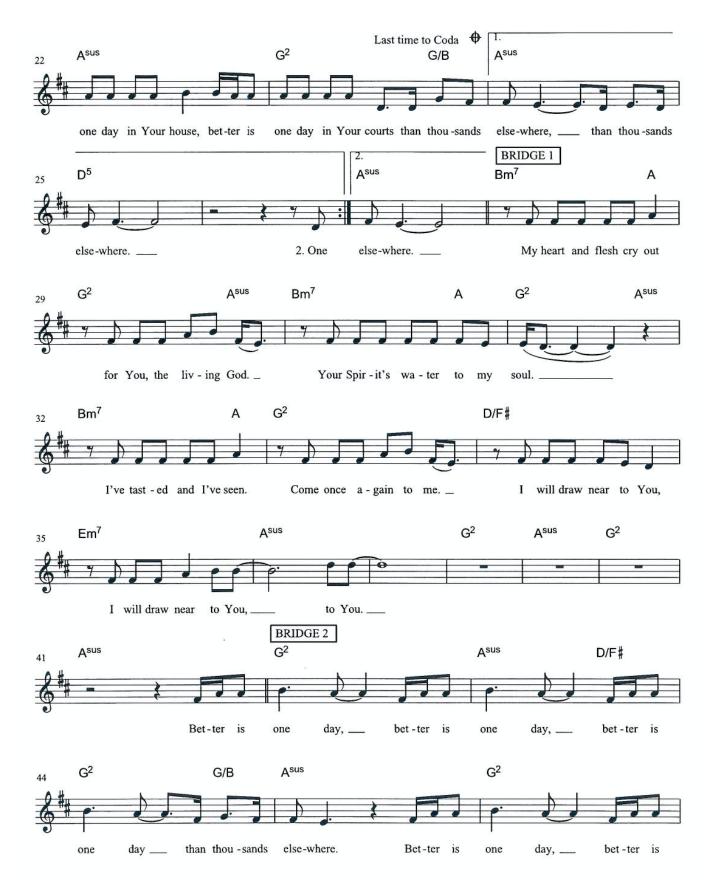
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#### Welcome

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Reader): Let us pray,

(ALL): My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please you does, in fact, please you.

And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.

I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire.

And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.

— Thomas Merton,

#### Children's Time

### **Senior Celebration –** (Hans: Introduce seniors on slides)

Those who made the shawls will present the shawls to the parents.

Parents and Mentors, please place the prayer shawl over your senior's shoulders with these words:

When you were little, we wrapped you in a blanket and our love. Today we do the same. Never forget who you are: a Child of God, a member of our family, a member of God's family, a member of River of Hope's family. May this blanket remind you that you belong to God and to the body of Christ.

Parents blessing of their child(ren): Make the sign of the cross on their foreheads and say: You are a beloved child of God.

Seniors: We thank God for your faithfulness and love. We thank you for giving us the gift of community, for introducing us to and raising us in a life of faith.

Seniors bless their parents: Make the sign of the cross on their foreheads and say: You are a beloved child of God.

Congregation: You belong to the body of Christ. You will always belong. You represented River of Hope during a canoe trip. And you represented our church during an Urban immersion experience. Remember this promise from God especially as you begin this new time in your life. You are a Child of God. We love you.

## The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of John, Chapter 14, verses 23-29.



(Reader): Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot),] "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

(ALL): Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.

(Reader): You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe."

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

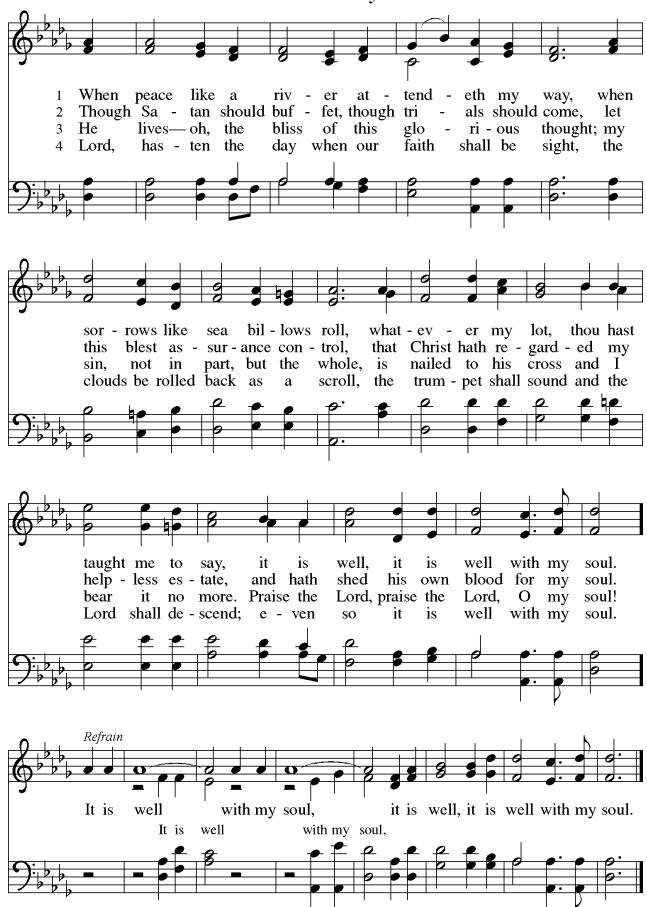
(ALL): Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** - Pastor Angela Denker

SONG OF THE DAY - "When Peace Like a River"

## When Peace, like a River

It Is Well with My Soul



#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, who is mercy

Hear our prayer.

#### **OFFERING**

OFFERING SONG - Voices of Hope Choir: "One Step He Leads."

## The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we pray together: Song: "Many Will Come"



#### 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.

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.

## The Meal

COMMUNION SONGS "When We Are Living"; "You are Holy"

### When We Are Living Pues si vivimos



## You Are Holy

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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.** 

# The Sending

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

Purpose Sightings

#### MILESTONES!

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.

### They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by Peter Scholtes



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God smile on you and gift you,

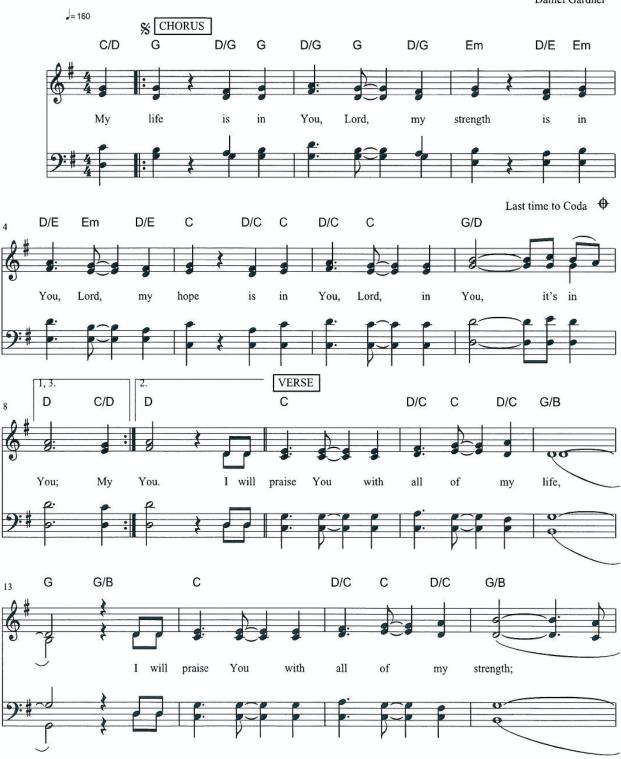
God look you full in the face and make you prosper.

Amen! Alleluia! Amen

**SENDING SONG** "My Life is in You"

### My Life Is In You

Words and Music by Daniel Gardner



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Go in peace, serve the Lord..

Thanks be to God.