



CONFIRMATION

Affirmation of Baptism

21st Sunday after Pentecost

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GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs "Your River O God"

YOUR RIVER O GOD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

(guitar: capo 2)

Refrain

Your riv - er, O God, is full of wa - ter, wa - ter a -

live with jus - tice and grace. Your riv - er, O God, it

flows with mer - cy for ev' - ry child through ev' - ry

time and place.

Verse

Ev' - ry birth on this earth speaks the

Come and hear all who fear, you are

As we grow may we know waves of

mys - ter - y. Ev' - ry heart,

not a - lone. Come see,

hope sur - round. As we live

from the start, light for all to see.

be set free, rest here in your home.

may we give love that has no bounds.

to Refrain

Welcome

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

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together

Confession and Forgiveness

The Holy Spirit has brought us to this place today.

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the strength of our ancestors, the hope of our children, the one who gives us the ability to “go out”.

Amen.

If we have died with Christ, we will also live with Christ. Let us confess to the world, to each other and to ourselves that God is God – and we are not.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our helper,

we confess the many ways we have failed to live as your disciples. We have not finished what we began. We have feasted with friends but ignored strangers. We have been captivated by our possessions. Lift

our burdens, gracious God. Refresh our hearts and forgive our sin. Raise us to the new life you have chosen for us in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

There is rejoicing in heaven when sinners repent. Put your trust in these promises: God will never leave you or forsake you. You who were lost have been found. As a called and ordained minister in the church of Jesus Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sin, in the name ✠ of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Rejoice with the angels at this good news.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day - (Matthew)

Let us pray. Almighty God,

you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

THE STORY

Pastor Hans: Today, our story and God's story is found in the scriptures chosen by the confirmation youth.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Faith Statements: Matthew, Nathan, Anna

Matthew's faith statement

As a kid, you hear the apostles creed in church, and you think it is just a church thing that is really important to our religion. But as I've grown in my faith I have looked more in depth at it and actually thought what does it mean? The belief of the Holy Trinity. The Father, The Son, and The Holy Spirit.

The Father, the one that created it all, and brought life to us. Created each one of us in the image of him. He even loved us so much that he sent his only son to save us from sin.

The Son, the child of God, sent down to Earth to save us so we don't have to go through what we should have to. He was a miracle. Born to a virgin, rose from the dead...what a guy. I will always be thankful that he saved us from the evil things in this world. He went through a lot. Doing great things just for people to doubt and hate him and getting crucified by his own believers.

The Holy Spirit, I've always been able to understand the father and the son, but the Holy Spirit just seems to evade me. It's an idea, a sense, a presence. Like gravity... or oxygen. You know it exists, but you can't physically see it. I think people tend to believe in things they can see, and that's why I think The Holy Spirit is the hardest to understand. I know the Spirit exists but it's hard to wrap your head around. And that is one thing I really want to dive into and explore more as I travel down this path of discovering my faith.

As a child and a teen, you always pray for things to go your way and be good. For example, in sports, or in tests, and in life. But I've heard it once, and now I always pray for God's will to be done. I have learned to put my trust in the Lord and always know that God has a plan. I think it's hard to put all your trust into somebody knowing they have your best interests in mind. But when it comes to the Lord I know I can come to him with anything and put my trust in him knowing he has a plan.

My verse is John 11:25. It says, "Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live even though they die'" I think that verse is extremely powerful to a believer. It basically says that if you believe in him you will have eternal life in him. Eternity is a very long time. Eternity... forever... Sometimes when you think when you die, if you believe, and spread God's word that you will live with him forever in heaven. And I always have that little red devil of doubt from movies on my left shoulder saying that he isn't real and it will just be a black screen forever so why waste your time believing. And it scares me, it really does. But on my left shoulder I have the powerful, almighty, overruling God saying that heaven is real and I will prosper with him and all my dead family, and all the believers. And I truly, genuinely believe at the end of the day, one day, hopefully when I'm grey and old, and I die, that I will be with him in heaven.

Nathan's faith statement

I believe that there is one god, who chooses to reveal himself as the father, the son, and the holy spirit. He is a loving, understanding, and forgiving god. He is everlasting and he is always there for you. The bible verse that I chose is from Deuteronomy 31, verse 6 and it says "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." This verse really sticks out to me because no matter how many times you mess up or do something wrong, he will always be there to forgive you. The path that God has created for you will always remain the same and you do not have to worry about what is to come in the future. He always forgives you and he will always reassure you.

In the past, I have lost faith and I have forgotten what it truly means to worship the god with everything you do. In those tough times, the people that reach out to you to pull you back in can be the people that you never thought would do that. One person who did that for me is a friend that I was very close with at a time, but for some reason we kind of grew apart. One night he asked me if I wanted to go to youth group at his church because a lot of people were going and he told me it will be fun. I ended up going and I enjoyed it very much. While I was there I learned what it was like to be able to come together with a group of people that had the same interests as you and worship god. Not everyone has the same beliefs, and not everyone talks to god the same way, but everyone has something they need to get off their chest or talk to someone about. I went again the next week, and this time we talked about the journey that god has planned for you. I thought about how me and that same friend that I used to be so close with started hanging out again because of this amazing group of people that came together to worship our one and only god. God brings people together in the most amazing ways that you would never think of. I believe that god sent this friend back to me so that I could regain my faith and figure out what it means to live your life in the thought that we worship our god in our every move.

The verse that I chose represents my journey so well because it is saying that God is never going to leave your side or give up on you no matter how far away you get from him. He will always be right there for you and he will always be trying to reel you back in to what is the most important. I believe that God gave his only son to die on the cross so that we could be forgiven of all our sins and we can start over and begin a new relationship with him.

Anna's

FAITH STATEMENT

I believe in God the Father, creator of heaven and Earth, forgiver of all, and the one who never fails to be present in everyday life.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, who was born to love and care for everyone and everything. I believe he died for us, rose again, and is now seated at the right hand of our father in heaven.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who is within every single one of us, who can guide us in our decisions, and calm our fears while filling us with hope.

My confirmation verse is Ephesians Ch 4 verse 32: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ God has forgiven you."

My parents have been teaching me this verse ever since I can remember. Growing up in a house with all sisters, we've had our fair share of disagreements. When things would get heated, we could say some pretty mean things. My mother would tell us that if we don't have anything nice to say, don't say it at all.

After a while, we realized that it would be easier on us if we forgave each other. As I have grown, and encountered more people outside of my family, I have realized how big of a role this verse plays in everyday life. I have come across many kind and compassionate people, but I have also encountered the exact opposite. In these times it's most important to remember that God was there to forgive people who made mistakes, therefore it is my duty as one of God's children to forgive as he forgave us.

EVERYONE IS A CHILD OF GOD

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

G D/F# Em Cadd9 G

We are wait - ing, we are
You are good - ness, you are

D/F# Em Cadd9

watch - ing, we are hop - ing to see in the
mer - cy, you are deep mys - ter - y. In the

G D/F# Em

dis - tance, in the dark - ness a light that sets us free.
si - lence you have spo - ken a love that sets us free.

Cadd9 G D/F# Cadd9

To see ev'-ry-one, ev'-ry-one is a child of God.

D G D/F# Cadd9 3rd time to Coda

See ev' - ry - one, ev' - ry - one, is a child, a

D G 2. D/F# Em Cadd9 G

beau - ti - ful child of God. Set us free.

Em Cadd9 D D.S. al Coda

Set us free to see ev' - ry - one,

D G D/F# Em Cadd9 G

beau - ti - ful child of God.
opt. vocal tag: We are wait - ing. We are watch - ing.

Affirmation of Baptism

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Those making affirmation are presented by a sponsor or another representative of the congregation:

Parents/sponsors and all those who are here to support this particular youth will simply stand up from where they are seated and present their loved one. The names will be in alphabetic order and will appear on the power point slide.

We present name, who desires to make public affirmation of her/his baptism.

Let us pray. Merciful God,

we thank you for these sisters and brothers, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. Amen.

Profession of Faith

The presiding minister addresses those making public affirmation of baptism. The assembly may stand and join in the responses.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

AFFIRMATION IN THE PRESENCE OF THE ASSEMBLY

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:
to live among God's faithful people,
to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

The minister addresses the assembly.

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and brothers and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Those making affirmation may sit. The presiding minister prays for God's blessing.

A chair will be placed in the center. The youth will sit in the chair and be surrounded by family, Godparents, mentors and others who want to bless.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. Stir up in _____ the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen

THANKSGIVING FOR MENTORS –

Let us pray - Dear God of relationship,

Thank you for the gifts of friendship, faith in the family of Christ. We thank you for the gifts of prayer, support, and love given by Jim Nelson, Nancy Redetzke and Mike Weisenberger, as they mentored students. We thank you, God for these good and faithful witnesses to a life of faith. Amen.

MENTORS BLESS THEIR MENTEE

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your father in heaven.

Those making public affirmation stand and face the assembly. A representative of the congregation addresses the assembly.

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the life of baptism.

Together we will give thanks and praise to God

and proclaim the good news to all the world. Alleluia!

Song/Hymn "Let the River Flow" As we sing together, the confirmands will remind the congregation of their baptism by sprinkling them with water from the fount.

Whoever believes in me...streams of living water will flow from within him. (John 7:38)

143 Let the River Flow

Darrell Evans

2x

$\text{♩} = 92$

VERSE

E



Let the poor man say, "I am rich in Him," _____ let the

3

A2



lost man say, "I am found in Him," _____ and

6

E



let the riv - er flow; _____ Let the

9



blind man say, "I can see a-gain," _ let the dead man say, "I am

12

A2

E



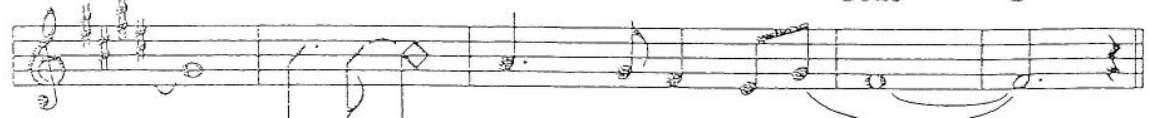
born a-gain," _ and let the riv - er flow, _____

16

A2

Bsus

B



_____ let the riv - er flow. _____

CHORUS

21 E Bsus B A
 Let the riv-er flow, _____ let the riv - er flow;

24 B E Bsus B A
 — Ho - ly Spir-it, come, _____ move in

28 B E Bsus B
 pow-er. _____ Let the riv-er flow, _____

31 A B E
 let the riv - er flow; — Ho - ly Spir-it, come,

34 Bsus B A B
 _____ move in pow - er. _____ Let the

37 F#m7 A
 riv - er flow, _____ let the riv - er flow, _____

40 E
 _____ let the riv - er flow. _____

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 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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THE FEAST

Setting the Table *the children lead us as we sing together:*

**Hark to the chimes, come bow your heads, Lord we thank you
for Daily Bread (for daily bread) (2X)**

Amen, Amen.....

Thanksgiving at the Table

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of D major (two sharps), and 4/4 time. It consists of four staves. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, with a triplet of eighth notes on the final measure. The second staff continues the melody for the second line of lyrics. The third staff continues for the third line. The fourth staff concludes the piece with a double bar line and repeat dots. It features two measures of a whole note chord, marked '8' and 'Mm', which are connected by a long, sweeping slur. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words in all caps for emphasis. The tempo/mood is indicated as 'Mm' (Moderato) at the beginning and end of the piece.

L: The Lord be with you. All: And al - so with you. L: Lift up your hearts. All: We
lift them to the Lord. L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is__ right to give our thanks and praise.

8 Mm

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, — God of pow'r
and might _____

2. Heav'n and earth _____ are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san -
- na in the high - est

3. Bless'd is he _____ who comes in the name of the Lord

The musical score is written for three verses of a hymn. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first verse consists of two lines of music. The second verse also consists of two lines. The third verse is a single line of music. Each line begins with a repeat sign and ends with a double bar line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words connected by hyphens and some lines ending with a long horizontal line indicating a continuation of the melody.

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

We pray our common prayer that Christ taught us.

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

This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

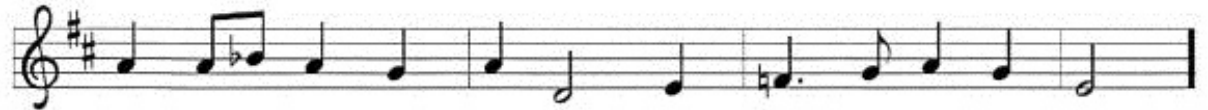
So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Communion Song "On Eagle 's Wings"

On Eagle's Wings



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up-on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a- gainst a stone.

Final refrain



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am

The musical score is written for a two-part setting, likely Soprano and Alto. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.' The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The piano part uses block chords and simple rhythmic patterns to support the vocal melody.

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;

set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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Blessing after Communion - Hans

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

Prayer After Communion – Nathan

Let us pray: Gracious God, **you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever. Amen**

THE SENDING

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

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! – “Born-ing Cry” Chorus

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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Blessing - Hans

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you:
Wherever he may send you may he guide you through the
wilderness, protect you through the storm;
May he bring you home rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you;
May he bring you home rejoicing once again into our doors.
Amen.

Sending Song “Trading My Sorrows” – *all kids, youth, and newly confirmed – come play a rhythm instrument!*

Trading My Sorrows

Words and Music by
Darrell Evans

$\text{♩} = 116$ **CHORUS**

G C Em D G C

I'm trad - ing my sor - rows, I'm trad - ing my
I'm trad - ing my sick - ness, I'm trad - ing my

4 Em D/F# G C Em D G C

shame, I'm lay - ing them down for the joy of the Lord.
pain, I'm lay - ing them down for the joy of the Lord.

VAMP

8 Em D G C Em D G C

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord; Yes, Lord, yes, Lord,

12 Em D/F# G C Em D G C

yes, yes, Lord; Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, a - men.

VERSE

16 Em D G C Em D

I am pressed but not crushed, per - se - cut - ed, not a - ban - doned,

19 G C Em D G C

struck down, but not de - stroyed; I am blessed be - yond the curse, for His

Trading My Sorrows - 2

22 Em D G C Em D


prom - ise will en - dure, that His joy's gon - na be my strength. —

25

D^{sus} D F



Though the sor - row — may last for — the night, His joy — comes with the morn -

28 

32 G C Em D/F# G C

I'm trad - ing __ my __ shame, __
I'm trad - ing __ my __ pain, __

I'm lay - ing __ them
I'm lay - ing __ them

35 Em D G C Em D G C

INSTRUMENTAL

down for the joy of _ the Lord. _____
down for the joy of _ the Lord. _____

39 Em D G C Em D/F# G C **INTERLUDE**

Lai, lai, lai, — lai, lai, lai, — lai,

Go in peace, serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Music to Send You Out

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