

First Sunday of Advent
November 27, 2022



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering
Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Gathering Song "How Long"?

HOW LONG?

Hans Peterson



How long will you hide from me, oh, Lord? How long?



How long will you hide your face from me? How long?



Vs. 1. How long till the wolf lies down with the lamb? How long?



We long to see you great I Am.



Vs. 2. When will swords be - come that which plows the land? How long?



When will all as one to - geth - er stand?



Vs. 3. When will jus - tice flow like a riv - er run - ning wide? We



long for you to come and sit, and be close by our side.

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 is with you all. **And also with you.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.

**Blessed be God's name forever.
Amen.**

Beloved, now is the time to wake from sleep.
Let us confront our sins,
and confess them to the one who is merciful and just.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of new beginnings,
**we confess that we have not welcomed your holy reign.
We have strayed from your paths.
We prepare for war instead of peace.
We dishonor one another and your creation.
Purify us with your refining fire
and set us again on your way of love,
that we may bear fruit worthy of repentance,
and welcome your coming among us.
Amen.**

People of God,
a new thing is growing in our midst,
a tender branch,
a living sign.
By water and the Spirit you are joined to this wonder.
You have put on ✝ Christ,
and your sins have been washed away.
Rejoice in the way of the Lord.
Amen.

Prayer of the Day
Let us pray together,

**(ALL): Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Hymn – “Emmanuel”

EMMANUEL

Steve Angrisano

F F/A B \flat F B \flat F C sus4 C
 Come, come Em - man - u - el! Child of God, ap - pear.

Dm Dm/C B \flat F Gm7 C sus4 C
 Heav - en and earth, re - joice! Sal - va - tion is draw - ing

Dm C B \flat F/A Gm7 C sus4 C F F/A B \flat C *last time Fine - F*
 near. Sal - va - tion is draw - ing near.

F F/A B \flat C F F/A B \flat C
 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,
 O come, O Wis - dom strong and right
 O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem;
 O come, De - sire of na - tions bind
 Re - joice! Em - man - - - u - el

Dm Dm/C B \flat C F F/A B \flat C
 And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,
 and or - der all things with your might.
 From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them
 In one the hearts of hu - man - kind;
 shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

F F/A B \flat C Dm Dm/C B \flat F/A
 That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
 To us the path of knowl - edge show,
 That trust your might - y pow'r to save,
 Make all our sad di - vi - sions cease,
 Re - joice! Em - man - - - u - el

Gm7 B \flat /C C F F/A B \flat C
 Un - til the Child of God ap - pear.
 and teach us in your way to go.
 And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.
 And bring to us your Reign of Peace.
 shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: (refrain of Emmanuel)

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today, with two readings. First, a reading from Isaiah 2:1-5.

(Reader): The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. Many peoples shall come and say,

(ALL): "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths."

(Reader): For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples;

(ALL): they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

(Reader): O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD!

(Reader): The second reading is from the book of Romans chapter 13, verses 11-14.

(Reader): Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy.

(ALL): Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

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

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Special Music "Mountain of God"

Sermon - Cathy Pino

Song of the Day – "Soon and Very Soon"

Soon and Very Soon

Words & Music by Aisea Taimani

Capo. 7 fret

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1 Dsus2 Asus4 Bm7 Gadd9

Free- dom is com- ing soon and ver- y soon-
Jus- tice
Peace
Love

5 Dsus2 Asus4 Bm7 Gadd9

Free- dom is com- ing soon and ver- y soon
Jus- tice
Peace
Love

9 Dsus2 Asus4 Bm7

Soon and ver- y soon she's com-ing, soon and ver- y soon Soon and ver- y soon she's com-ing,

12 Gadd9 Dsus2 Asus4

soon and ver- y soon Soon and ver- y soon she's com-ing, soon and ver- y soon

15 Bm7 Gadd9 1. 2. Dsus2

I will wait but won't pre- tend that she is here right now.
I will sing but won't pre- tend that she is here right now.
I will dance but won't pre- tend that she is here right now.
I will wait and un- til then I'm gon- na love right now.

18 Asus4 Bm7 Gadd9 3. Dsus2 Dsus2

23 Gadd9 Asus4

If I have free- dom but my neigh- bor is a slave then

Bm7 25 Dsus2
 She ain't here no no no She ain't here no no no

Gadd9 27 Asus4
 If I have jus- tice but my neigh- bor's dy- ing of hun- ger

Bm7 29 Dsus2
 She ain't here no no no She ain't here

Gadd9 31 Asus4
 If I have peace but my neigh- bor lives by the gun

Bm7 33 Dsus2
 She ain't here no no no She ain't here no no no

Gadd9 35 Asus4
 If I have love but I keep it to my- self then

Em7 37 Gadd9 Asus4 Dsus2 *Da Capo*
 It ain't love no no no She ain't here no no no no no

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 Message – Andy Evenson

The Feast

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

For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies. For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies, over and around us lies. Lord of all to thee we raise; This, our hymn of grateful praise.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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: "Light of the World", "Thy Holy Wings"

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Cathy Pino

E^b A^b E^b A^b E^b

You are the light _____ of the world. _____
 You are a cit - y on a hill. _____
 You are a can - dle in the dark. _____

You are the light
 You are a cit -
 You are a can _____

6 A^b B^bsus4 B^b E^b A^b

_____ of the world _____
 _____ on a hill _____
 _____ dle in the dark _____

so shine,
 so shine,
 so shine,
 shine,
 shine,
 shine,

11 E^b B^b/D C m E^b A^b E^b A^b

shine where you are. _____
 shine where you are. _____
 shine where you are. _____

You are the light _____ of the world. _____
 You are a cit - y on a hill. _____
 You are a can - dle in the dark. _____

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17 4. E \flat 2nd time *p* F B \flat F B \flat

You are a star _____ in the night _____
 You are the light _____ of the world. _____

17

22 F B \flat C sus4 C F B \flat

You are a star _____ in the night _____ so shine, shine,
 You are the light _____ of the world _____ so shine, shine,

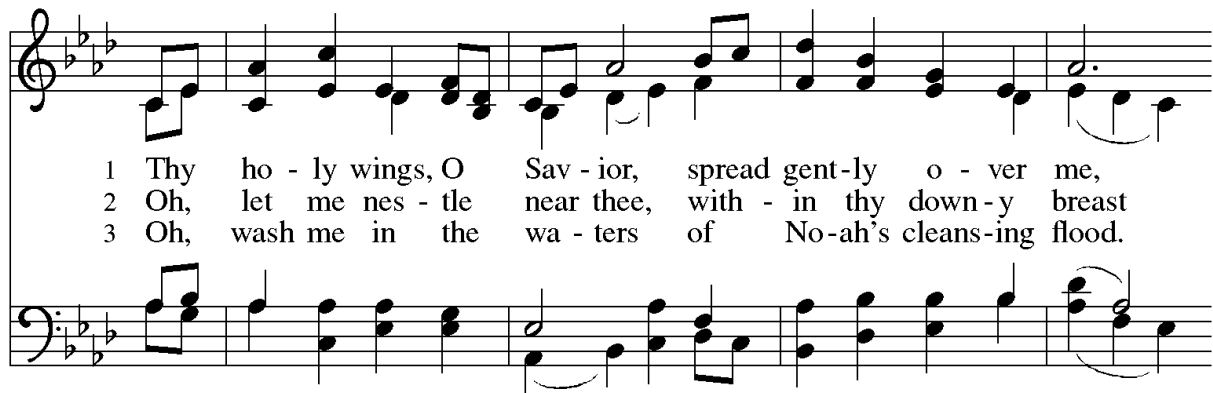
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28 F C/E Dm F B \flat F 2nd time *Fine*

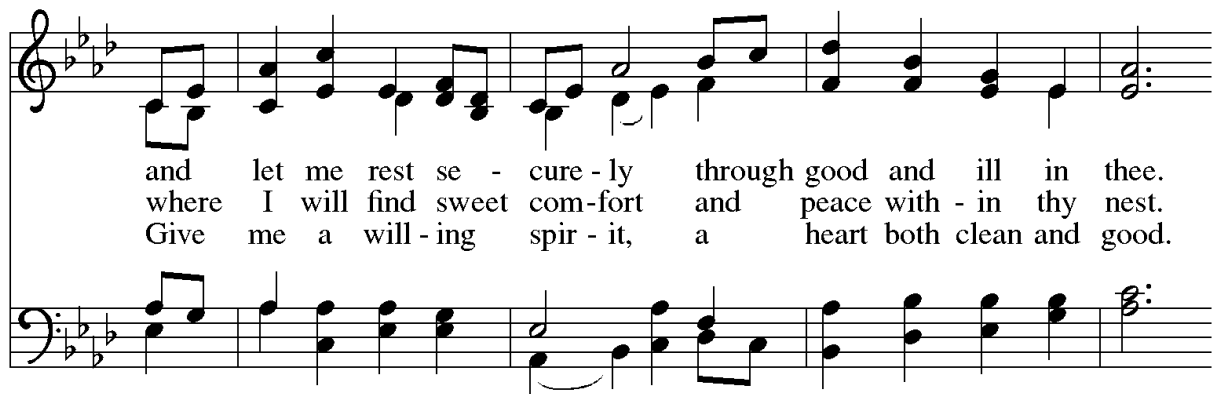
shine where you are. _____ You are a star _____ in the night. _____
 shine where you are. _____ You are the light _____ of the world. _____

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Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Blessing after Communion

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

Prayer after Communion

God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal
with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

The Sending

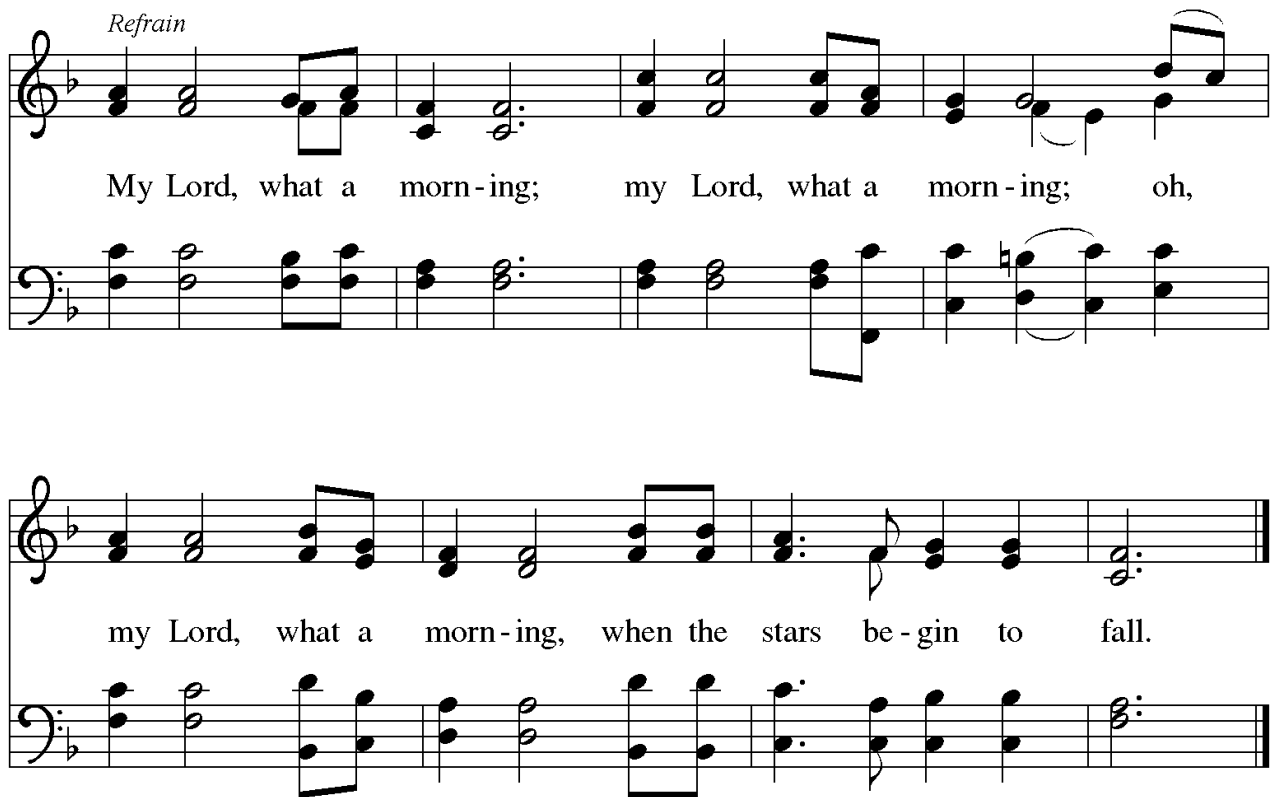
Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

MILESTONES! – “My Lord, What a Morning” refrain
*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.*

My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; my Lord, what a morn-ing; oh,
my Lord, what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to fall.

A Franciscan Benediction

May God bless us with discomfort

At easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships

So that we may live from deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger

At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of God's creations

So that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

May God bless us with tears

To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,

So that we may reach out our hands to comfort them and

To turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless us with just enough foolishness

To believe that we can make a difference in the world,

So that we can do what others claim cannot be done:

To bring justice and kindness to all our children and all our neighbors
who are poor.

Amen.

Sending Song: "Christ is Coming, Ever Coming"

Christ Is Coming, Ever Coming

A Joyous Memorial Acclamation

text and tune: Richard Bruxvoort-Colligan

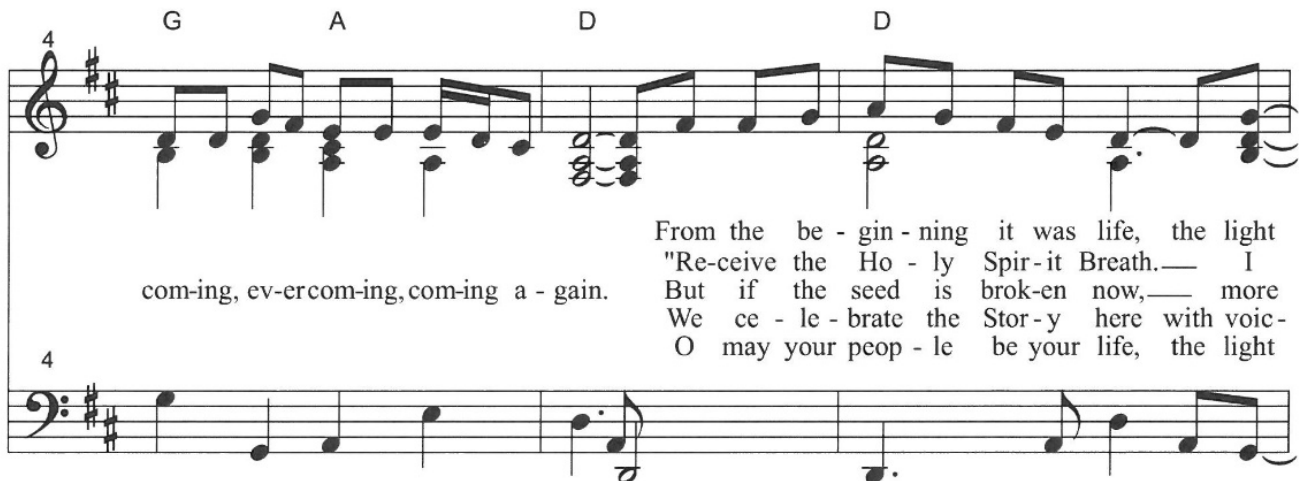
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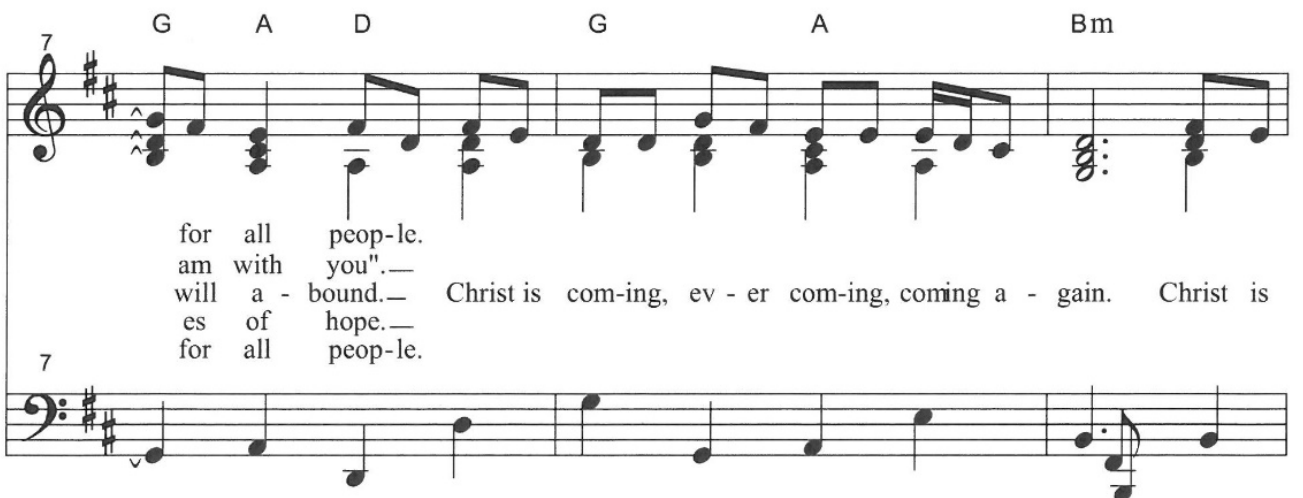
In the be - gin - ing was the Word, — God and with — God.
And Je - sus said to all his friends, "My peace be with — you".
Un-less a seed would fall and die, it stays but one — seed. Christ is
Je - sus was born and Je - sus died, and God raised him — up.
God of be - gin-nings, God of ends, O make us your — love.

G A D D



From the be - gin - ning it was life, the light
"Re-ceive the Ho - ly Spir-it Breath. — I
com-ing, ev-ercom-ing, com-ing a - gain. But if the seed is brok-en now, — more
We ce - le - brate the Stor-y here with voic-
O may your peop - le be your life, the light

G A D G A Bm



for all peop-le.
am with you". —
will a - bound. — Christ is com-ing, ev - er com-ing, com-ing a - gain. Christ is
es of hope. —
for all peop-le.

10 G Em A D

com - ing, ev - er com - ing, com - ing a - gain.

10

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

Music to Send You Out

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