

Third Sunday of Advent
December 11, 2022



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song – “Build Up”

BUILD UP

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

Build up, pre - pare the way. Re - move the ob -

struc - tions from my peo - ple's way. Build up, pre -

pare the way. God is near, God is here

to - day. *3rd time to Coda*

Break the chains of in - jus - tice. Let the op -
God sees all our de - struc - tion; how we get

pressed go free. Share our homes with the home -
in love's way. Still God comes and meets

less us and our bread with the hun - gry.
with a stead - y, healing embrace.

Coda Then your light will break forth like the dawn

and your heal - ing

will break in - to song.

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 (Nate P. Orrin, Chris)

God is soaked in our world. God's Spirit lives and breathes in and
Through all that is.

We are lost only when we do not understand that God is already with
and in each one of us.

Our task is recognition of God's initiative to be at home in us—
acceptance of God-With-Us. Then we cannot but be glad.

~ written by Edwina Gateley in *There Was No Path So I Trod One* (1996, 2013). Posted on **Journey with Jesus**. <http://www.journeywithjesus.net/poemsandprayers/>

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 a reading from The Gospel of Matthew chapter 11 verses 2-11.

(Reader): Now when John heard in prison about the things the Christ was doing, he sent word by his disciples to Jesus, asking,

(John) "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?"

(Reader): Jesus responded,

(Jesus): "Go, report to John what you hear and see. *Those who were blind are able to see. Those who were crippled are walking. People with skin diseases are cleansed. Those who were deaf now hear. Those who were dead are raised up. The poor have good news proclaimed to them.* Happy are those who don't stumble and fall because of me."

(Reader): When John's disciples had gone, Jesus spoke to the crowds about John:

(Jesus): "What did you go out to the wilderness to see? A stalk blowing in the wind? What did you go out to see? A man dressed up in refined clothes? Look, those who wear refined clothes are in royal

palaces. What did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. He is the one of whom it is written: *Look, I'm sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you.* "I assure you that no one who has ever been born is greater than John the Baptist. Yet whoever is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

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

(ALL): Thanks be to God

Youth Skit – "Cliff Hanger"

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day – "For All"

FOR ALL

Larry Olson
Karol Baer

(guitar: capo 3)

Refrain

F (D) B \flat (G) Gm7 (Em7) C (A) F (D) B \flat (G)

Your love, your love has no bor - ders. Your love, your

Gm7 (Em7) C (A) F (D) B \flat (G) Gm7 (Em7) C (A)

love has no walls. Your love, your love has no lim - its.

B \flat (G) F/A (D/F \sharp) Gm7 (Em7) C (A)

You love the world. Your love is here for

F (D) B \flat (G)	1, 2, 3, 4. to Verses Gm7 (Em7) C (A)	Final Gm7 (Em7) C (A) F (D)	Fine
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all.

Verse

Dm (Bm) Gm (Em) B \flat (G) F (D)

For all who are wand - 'ring, for all who are weak,
For all who are strug - gling, for all who have dreams,
For all who have plen - ty, for all who have need,
For all who are suff - 'ring, for all who seek change,

Dm (Bm) Gm (Em) B \flat (G) C (A) to Refrain

for all who seek shel - ter, for all who seek peace.
for all who are cap - tive, for all who are free.
for all who are doubt - ing, for all who be - lieve.
for all who are sin - ners, for all who are saints.

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 Song – "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.

The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
 Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

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.

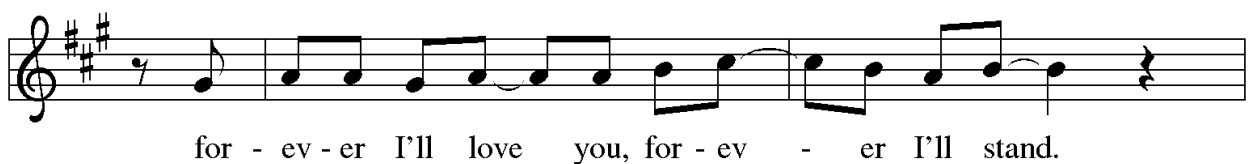
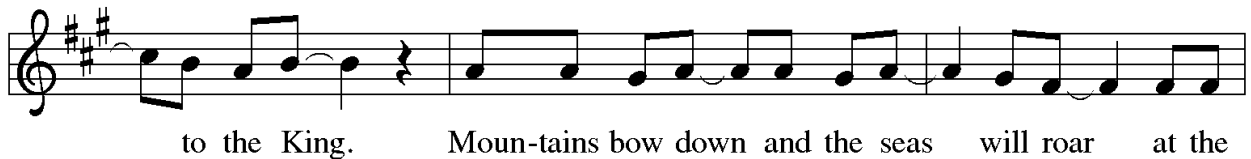
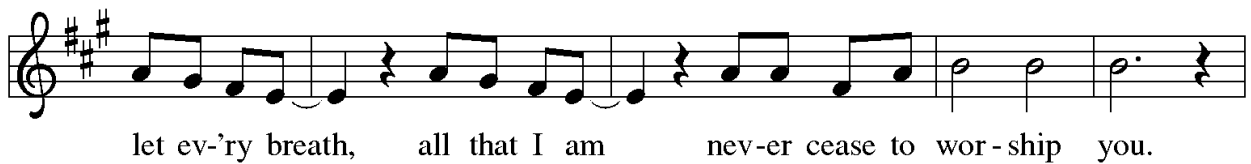
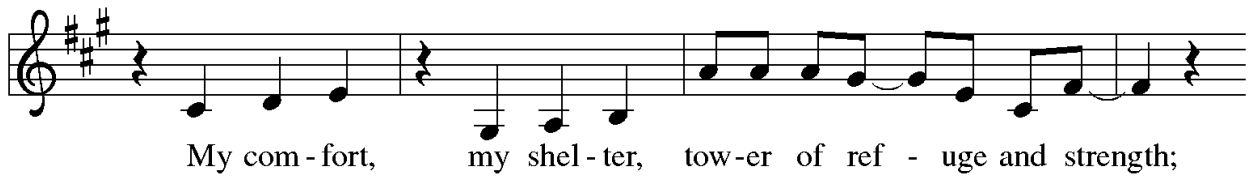
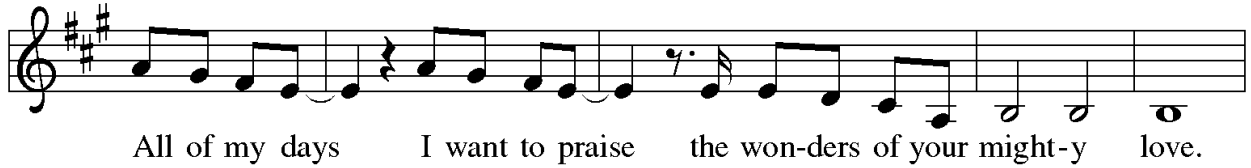
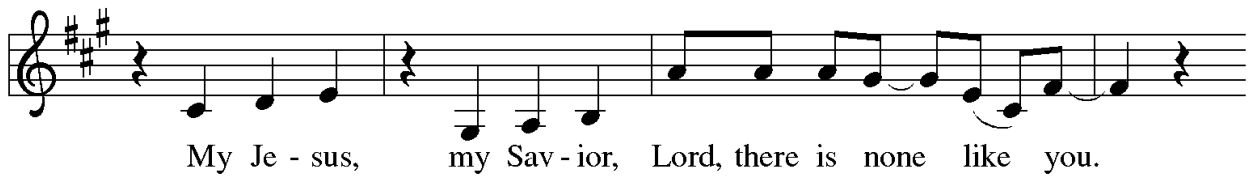
**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is 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: "Shout to the Lord", "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

Shout to the Lord



Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

Tú has venido a la orilla



1	Tú	has	ve - ni -	doa	lao - ri -	lla,	no	has bus -
1	You	have	come	down	to the	lake -	shore	seek - ing
2	You	know	full	well	what I	have,	Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need	my	hands,	my ex -	haus -	tion,	work - ing
4	You	who	have	fished	oth - er	wa -	ters;	you, the



ca - do	nia	sa - bios	nia	ri -	cos;	tan	só -	lo
nei - ther	the	wise	nor	the	wealth - y,	but	on -	ly
trea - sure	nor	wea -	pons	for	con -	quest,	just	these
love for	the	rest	of the	wea -	ry—	a	love	that's
long - ing	of	souls	that	are	yearn - ing:	O	lov -	ing



quie - res	que	yo	te	si -	ga.
ask - ing	for	me	to	fol -	low.
fish nets	and	will	for	work -	ing.
will - ing	to	go	on	lov -	ing.
Friend, you	have	come	to	call	me.

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor,	me	has mi -	ra -	doa	los o -	jos;	son -	ri - en -	do,
Sweet Lord,	you	have	looked	in -	to my	eyes;	kind -	ly	smil - ing,



has	di -	cho mi	nom -	bre.	En	laa -	re -	na	he	de -	ja -	do mi
you've	called	out	my	name. . .	On	the	sand	I	have	a -	ban -	oned my



bar -	ca;	jun -	toa	ti	bus -	ca -	ré	o -	tro	mar.
small	boat;	now	with	you,	I	will	seek	oth -	er	seas.

Blessing after Communion (Hans)

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

Prayer after Communion (Robert / Danny)

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

Anessa / Emelia

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 Jillian

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: "Forever Emmanuel"

FOREVER EMMANUEL

Larry Olson

(guitar: capo 3)

The musical score is written for guitar with a capo at the 3rd fret. It consists of five staves of music in 4/4 time, with lyrics written below the notes. The chords are indicated above the staff lines.

Staff 1: F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) C (A) F (D)
 We are not a - lone, we are not a - lone, with
 Fill us with your love, fill us with your love, with
 Lead us to your peace, lead us to your peace, where

Staff 2: F (D) C (A) Am7 (F \sharp m7) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) C (A) F (D)
 eve - ry breath, through eve - ry storm, we are not a - lone
 hearts of grace for eve - ry - one, fill us with your love. Sing
 hun - ger and op - pres - sion cease, lead us to your peace.

Staff 3: Am7 (F \sharp m7) Dm7 (Bm7) Gm7 (Em7) C (A)
 Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for - ev - er Em-man - u - el. Sing

Staff 4: Am7 (F \sharp m7) Dm7 (Bm7) Gm7 (Em7) C (A)
 Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, for - ev - er Em-man - u -

Staff 5: Dm (Bm) C (A) B \flat (G) C (A) Dm (Bm) *last time Fine*
 el.

(Eleanore / Emma) Go in peace – serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God**

Music to Send You Out

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