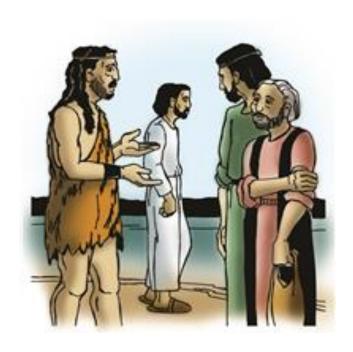
Second Sunday after Epiphany January 15, 2023





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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song – "I Still Haven't Found What I'm Looking for"

I STILL HAVEN'T FOUND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR

I have climbed highest mountain,

I have run through the fields;

Only to be with you, only to be with you.

I have run, I have crawled

I have scaled these city walls, these city walls,

Only to be with you.

(CHORUS)

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for,

But I still haven't found what I'm looking for.

I have kissed honey lips
Felt the healing in her fingertips
It burned like fire, this burning desire
I have spoke with the tongue of angels,
I have held the hand of the devil;
It was warm in the night, I was cold as a stone. (Chorus)

I believe in the kingdom come
Then all the colors will bleed into one, bleed into one.
Well yes I'm still running
You broke the bonds and you loosed the chains
Carried the cross, all my shame, all my shame.
You know I believe it (Chorus X 2)

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 holy Trinity, + one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal, we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves.

We have not practiced your righteousness.

Our hearts have turned away from you.

For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare."
God's mercy makes us new.
We are forgiven in the name of + Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Prayer of the Day

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, to the world around us. Show us what we should see but from which we hide our eyes. Show us how people live in this world and the reality of their days. Give us courage to do what you ask and to 'Come and see'.

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, to the shape of your Kingdom. Show us what life could be like if only we could see in wisdom. Show us what we could do to change things forever with you. Give us courage to have a vision and to 'Come and see'.

Open our eyes, Lord Jesus, to the people all around us. Show us what we should see, but what we fail to notice.

Show us what people are saying to us and what they long for.

Give us courage to be where you are and to 'Come and see'.

Amen.

~ written by Susan Durber, and posted on the Monthly Prayers page of the **Christian Aid** website. http://www.christianaid.org.uk/

Greet Someone New
Music to bring us back together:

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from The Gospel of John chapter 1, verses 29-42.



(Reader): John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶ and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed,

(Side 1): Look, here is the Lamb of God!"

(Reader): The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them,

(Side 2): "What are you looking for?"

(Reader): They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them,

(Side 1): "Come and see."

(Reader): They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him,

(Side 2): "We have found the Messiah"

(Reader): (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

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

(ALL): Sing "We Have Seen..." again.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day - "Come and See"



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: Lord, who is mercy:

And you are invited to respond: **Hear our prayer.**

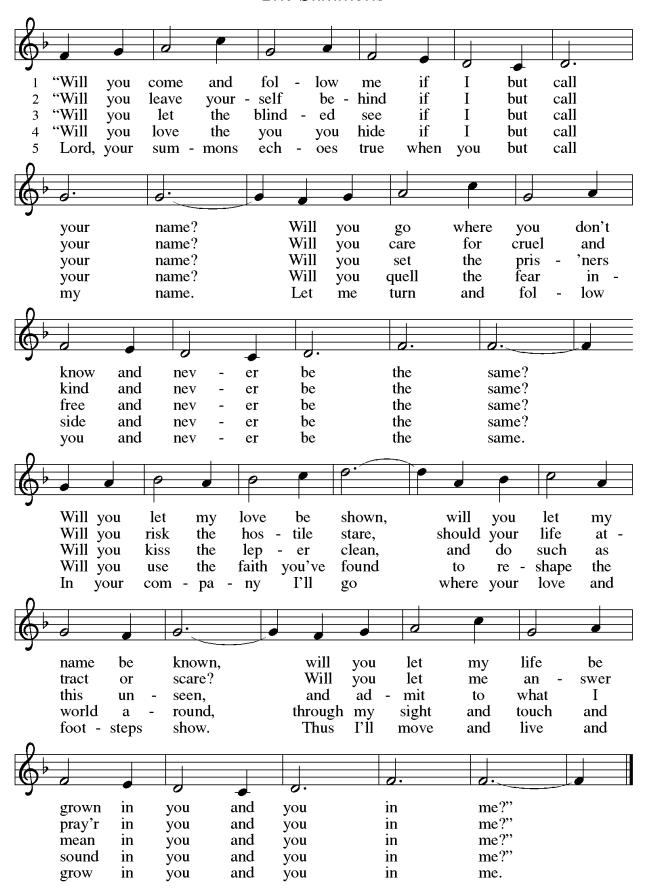
Offering

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 – "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we sing 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.

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

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: "I Love to Tell the Story"

I Love to Tell the Story





Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834–1911 Music: HANKEY, William G. Fischer, 1835–1912

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.

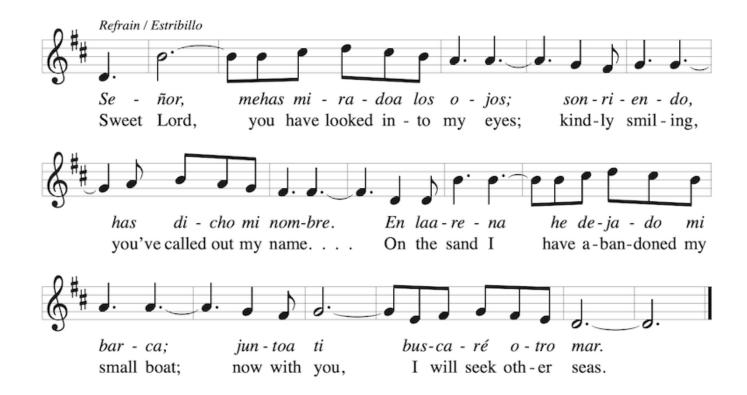
Amen.

The Sending

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

Purpose Sightings:

MILESTONES! – "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.



Final Blessing

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us + be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

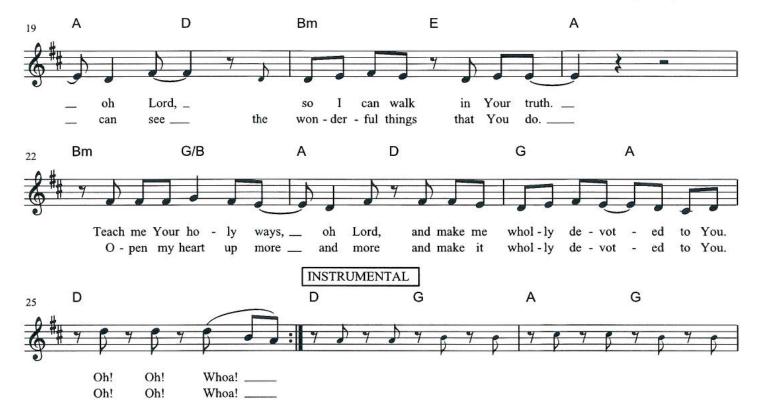
Sending Song: "Cry of My Heart"

Cry Of My Heart

Words and Music by Terry Butler



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

Music to Send You Out

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