

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
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River of **HOPE**
LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song – “God Welcomes All”

God Welcomes All

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'God Welcomes All'. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the staves. The first system covers the first line of the hymn, and the second system covers the second line. The music is written in a simple, accessible style with many chords and some melodic lines.

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes

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

God of glory,
you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.

We confess that our brokenness and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.

Forgive us, God. In your mercy, cleanse us, renew us and baptize us once again with your Spirit, so that, as forgiven and renewed people, we may reflect the love and life of Jesus Christ into our world.

Assurance of Pardon
(inspired by Colossians 3:1)

Our God is a God of grace and mercy and love;
know that your sin has been forgiven.
May you be strengthened in all goodness.
Since we have been raised with Christ,
let us seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, right alongside the One who creates the cosmos.
Thanks be to God; **Amen.**

~ adapted from a post on the **Presbyterian Church in Canada** website. <http://presbyterian.ca/worship/>

Prayer of the Day

We are called to bring a new understanding of God:
that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God:
that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow
the commandments and the law.

**The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.**

We pray O God, that we may be the salt of the earth,
and light of the world.

**Inspire us to serve one another
and follow your rule of love and as we follow Jesus. Amen**

~ Adapted from Rev Mindi and **Rev-o-lution**. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

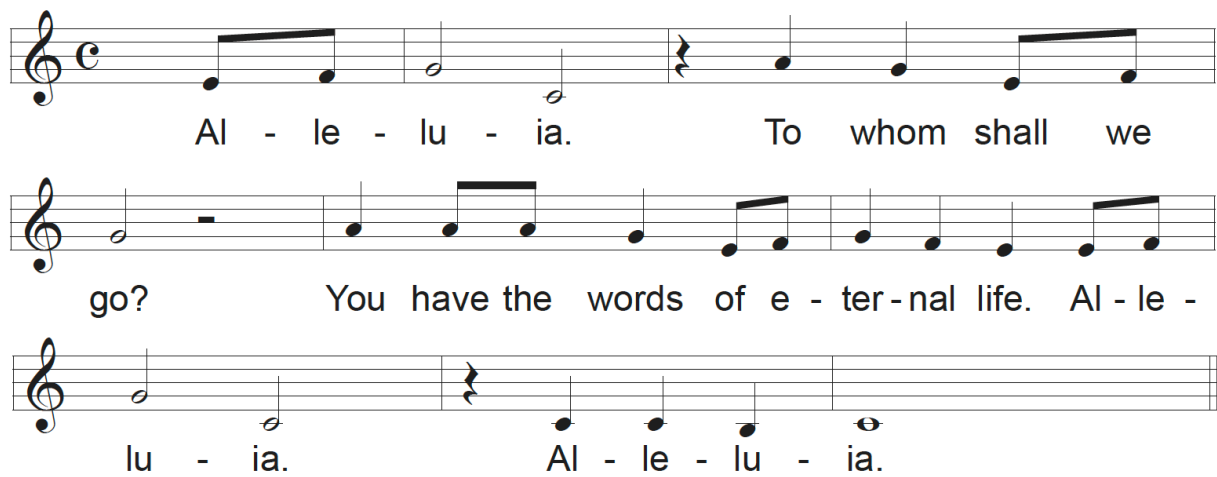
Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together:

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading
from Matthew chapter 5, verses 13-20.



(Reader): Jesus said:

(Side 1): "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

(Side 2): "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house.

(Reader): In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

(ALL): For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

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

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day – “Christ Be Our Light”

Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957

Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell

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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.***

Apostle's Creed

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

**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.**

**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.**

*Or, "he descended into hell," another translation of this text in widespread use.

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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 – “Light of the World”

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

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Words and Music
STEPHEN SCHWARTZ

Medium Rock tempo

Handwritten: Eb7

Handwritten: Eb7(#9)

Handwritten: Cm7

Handwritten: Db

Handwritten: Eb

Handwritten: Eb7(#9)

Handwritten: Bb7

Handwritten: Cm7

Handwritten: F7

Handwritten: Eb

Handwritten: Ab7

Handwritten: Eb

Handwritten: Ab7

Handwritten: Db

Handwritten: Eb

Handwritten: Gm7

Handwritten: C7

Handwritten: F7

Handwritten: Fm7

Handwritten: Bb7

Handwritten: Ebmaj7

Handwritten: Gm7

Handwritten: C7

Handwritten: F7

Handwritten: Ab7

Handwritten: Bb7

Handwritten: Eb7(#9)

Handwritten: Bb7

Handwritten: Cm7

Handwritten: F7

Handwritten: Eb

Handwritten: Ab7

Handwritten: Db

Handwritten: Eb

Handwritten: Eb7(#9)

Handwritten: Repeat and Fade

COMPANY: You are the light of the world, You are the light of the world. But if that
light's un - der a bush - el, it's lost some - thing kind of cru - cial; You got to stay bright - to be the
light of the world. You are the salt of the earth, You are the salt of the
You are the cit - y of God, You are the cit - y of
earth, But if that salt has lost its fla - vor, it ain't got much in its fa - vor. You
God. But if that cit - y's on a hill, it's kind of hard to hide it well, You
can't have that fault and be the salt of the earth. So let your light so shine be - fore men, let your
got - ta stay pret - ty in the cit - y of God.
light so shine. Oh that they might know some kind - ness a - gain;
We all need help to feel fine. Let's have some wine! You are the light of the
world. You are the light of the world. But the tall - est can - dle stick ain't much
good with - out a wick, You got - ta live right to be the light of the world.

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: "Light of the World"; "Light Shines in the Darkness"

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 _____
 - - y on a hill _____
 - dle in the dark _____

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

11 E^b B^b/D Cm E^b A^b E^b A^b

shinewhere you are. _____
 shinewhere you are. _____
 shinewhere 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 F *2nd time p* 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,

22

28 F C/E D m 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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LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

Larry Olson
Hans Peterson

(guitar: capo 2)

Refrain

E (D) A (G) B (A)

Oh the light shines in the dark - ness and the

A (G) B (A) E (D) A (G) E (D)

light will not be o - ver - come. In this world

A (G) B (A) A (G) B (A) *Last time Fine* E (D)

bro - ken and scat - tered the light will not be o - ver - come.

Verse

C#m (B m) G#m (F#m)

As our lives are turn - ing
Tears through - out cre - a - - - tion,

A (G) E (D) C#m (B m)

and our hearts are yearn - - - ing through the
torn a - part re - la - - - tions, wounds a -

G#m (F#m) A (G)

days of hurt - ing deep in the night - - - still the
cross the na - - tions hope may seem - - - gone still the

Bsus4 (A sus4) B (A) Bsus4 (A sus4) B (A) to Refrain

flame burns bright.
flame burns on.

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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.**

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.

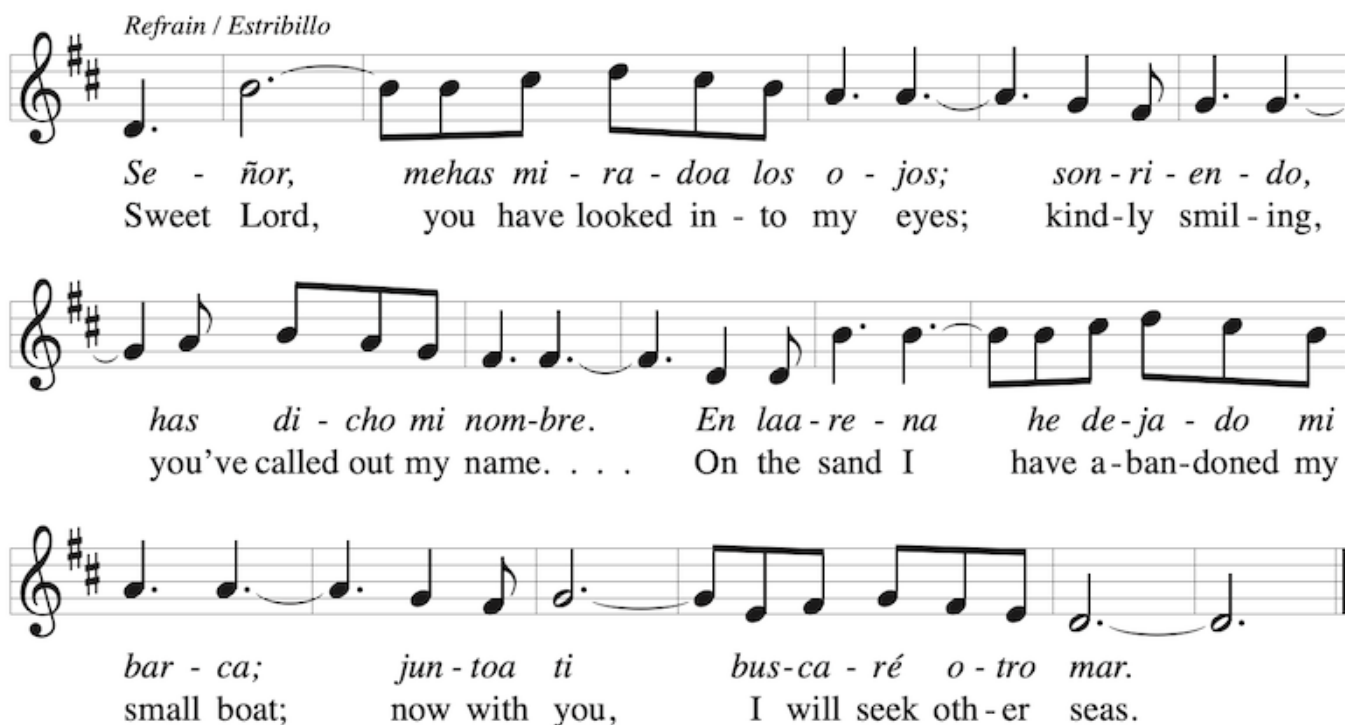
The Sending

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.*

Refrain / Estribillo



Se - ñor, mehas 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-doned my

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

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: "This Little Light of Mine"

This Little Light of Mine

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;
 oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,
 oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: THIS JOY, African American spiritual; arr. Horace Clarence Boyer, b. 1935

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

Music to Send You Out

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