

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 14, 2023



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – “Weaver’s Hands”

WEAVER'S HANDS

Paula Williams
Sara Thomsen

E B A B

All a - round me are the won - ders of the weav - ers hands.

E B A B

In God's tap - es - try each one a wov - en strand.

E B A B E

All a - round me are the won - ders of the weav - ers hands.

E B

You are there when I o - pen my eyes to wel -
You are there when I close my eyes to dream
Oh God my heart is full, it's spill -

A B E

come the new day; un - rav'-ling the tan - gled threads
through the night; ev - 'ry col - or, ev - 'ry shape and size
ing ov - er; all the words that I pos - sess

B A B

and giv - ing strength where they fray.
in one pat - tern u - nite.
can - not ex - press who you are.

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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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

Lord, we remember the mothers
who have gone before us.

**For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy,
we thank you.**

Lord, we remember the mothers of Scripture
who are part of our story
as we are a part of your story.

**For their courage, faith, love and fierceness,
we thank you.**

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us,
but are mothers to us.

**For their gift of themselves that they have given,
we thank you.**

For the women who struggle with fertility,
for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness,
for those women who have lost children;

**for their tears, for their strength,
for their wisdom, for their lives,
we thank you.**

~ written by Claire Schoepp

Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: Voices of Hope Choir

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of John chapter 14, verses 15-21.

PSALM 1 Gospel Acclamation

Hans Peterson
Nelson Morlock

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, 4/4 time, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The lyrics are written below the notes. Chord symbols are placed above the staff at various points. The score consists of six lines of music.

Bless-ed are those who de-light in the law of Love.

They are like trees plant-ed by streams of wa - ter.

Bless-ed are those who reach for jus - tice.

They bear fruit, their leaves don't fade.

In all that they do they were born to blos - som.

They're not like the chaff that just blows a-way.

Chord symbols: Bm7, F#m7, GMaj7, D/F#, Em7, A7sus4, D, A7sus4, GMaj7, F#m7, Bm7, Bm7/A, GMaj7, F#m7, Bm7, Bm7/A, GMaj7, F#m7, Em7, F#m7, GMaj7, A7sus4, D, A7sus4.

(Reader): Jesus said to the disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the one who sent me to give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you.

(ALL): In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

(Reader): On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

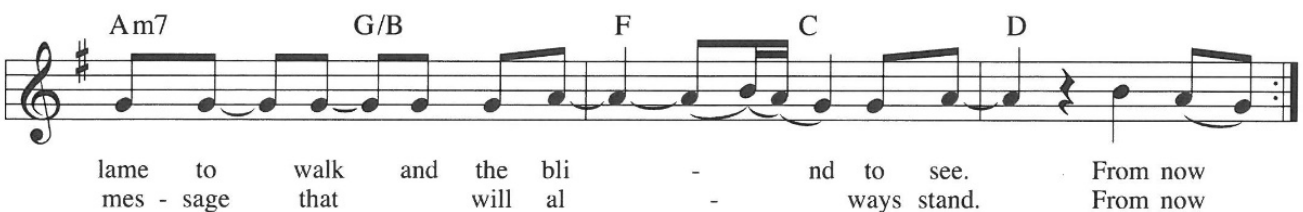
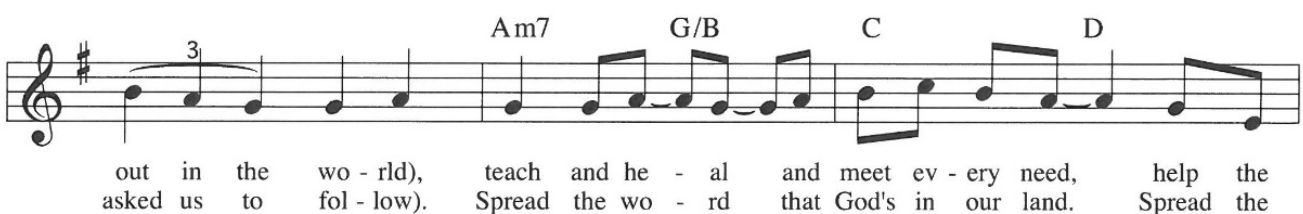
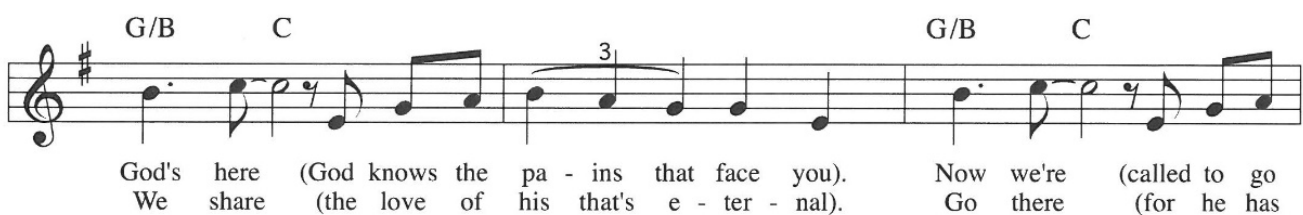
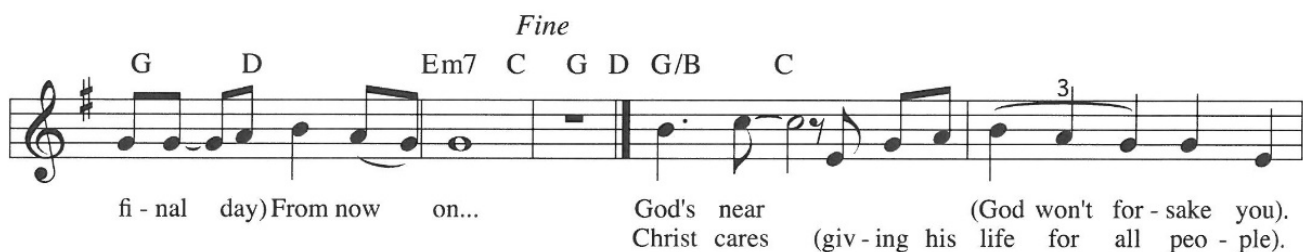
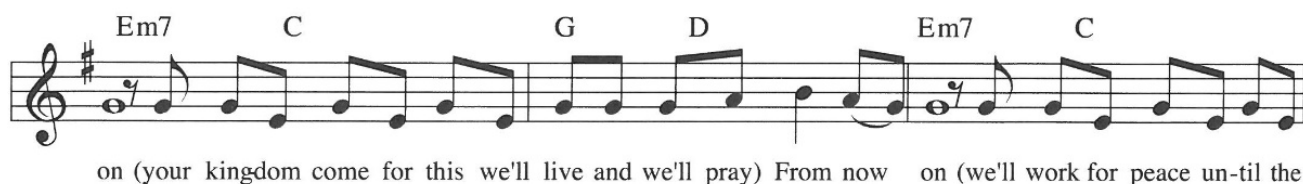
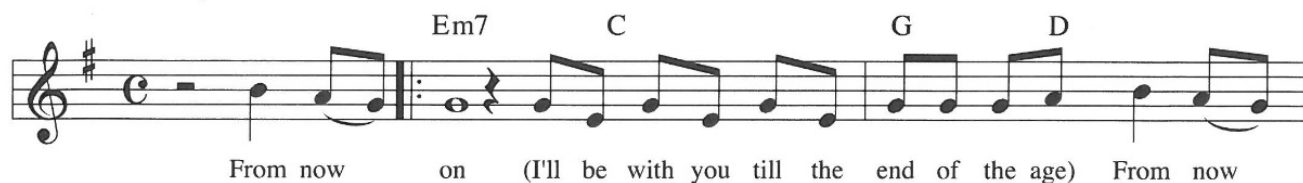
(Reader): Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day – "From Now On"

FROM NOW ON



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, who is mercy:

Congregational response **"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 – "Praise to God, the World's Creator"

Tune = Nettleton

Praise to God, the World's Creator


Praise to God, the world's creator,
source of life and growth and breath,
cradling in her arms her children,
holding them from birth to death.
In our bodies, in our living,
strength and truth of all we do,
God is present, working with us,
making us creators too.

Praise to God our saving Wisdom,
meeting us with love and grace,
helping us to grow in wholeness,
giving freedom, room, and space.
In our hurting, in our risking,
in the thoughts we dare not name,
God is present, growing with us,
healing us from sin and shame.

Praise to God, the Spirit in us,
prompting hidden depths of prayer,
firing us to long for justice,
reaching out with tender care.
In our searching, in our loving,
in our struggles to be free,
God is present, living in us,
pointing us to what shall be.

— Jan Berry,
posted on the blog of [Rex A.E. Hunt](#).

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing



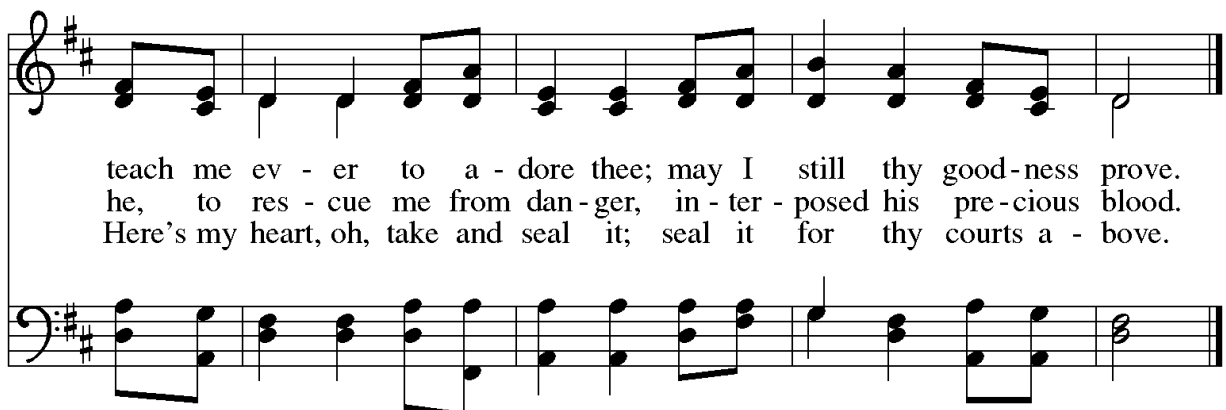
1 Come, thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
2 Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer: "Hith-er by thy help I've come";
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas-ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
let that grace now like a fet - ter bind my wan-d'ring heart to thee.



While the hope of end-less glo - ry fills my heart with joy and love,
Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.



teach me ev - er to a - dore thee; may I still thy good-ness prove.
he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter - posed his pre-cious blood.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

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.
(This version adapted by Parker J. Palmer)*

**Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
from each one to each one
Lead us to holy innocence
Beyond the evil of our days –
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. 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.

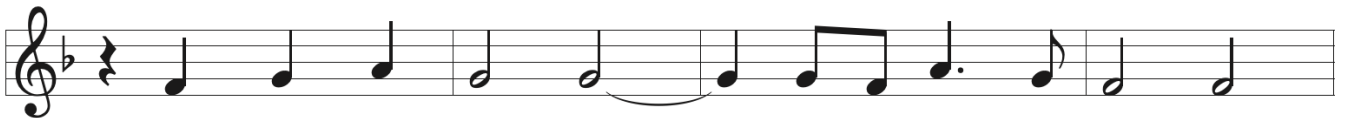
Communion Song:

When We Are Living

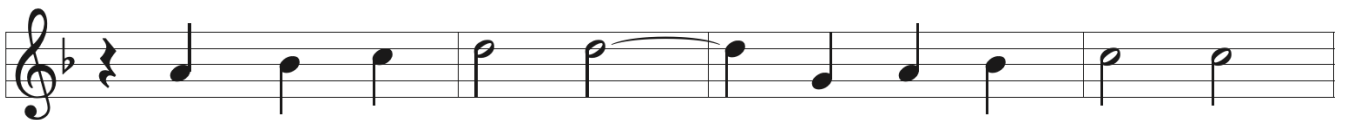
Pues si vivimos



Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra él vi - vi - mos,
1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2 'Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
3 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find



y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra él mo - ri - mos.
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord. . . .
when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace, . . .
those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind; . . .



Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
and when we help them, or when we feed them,



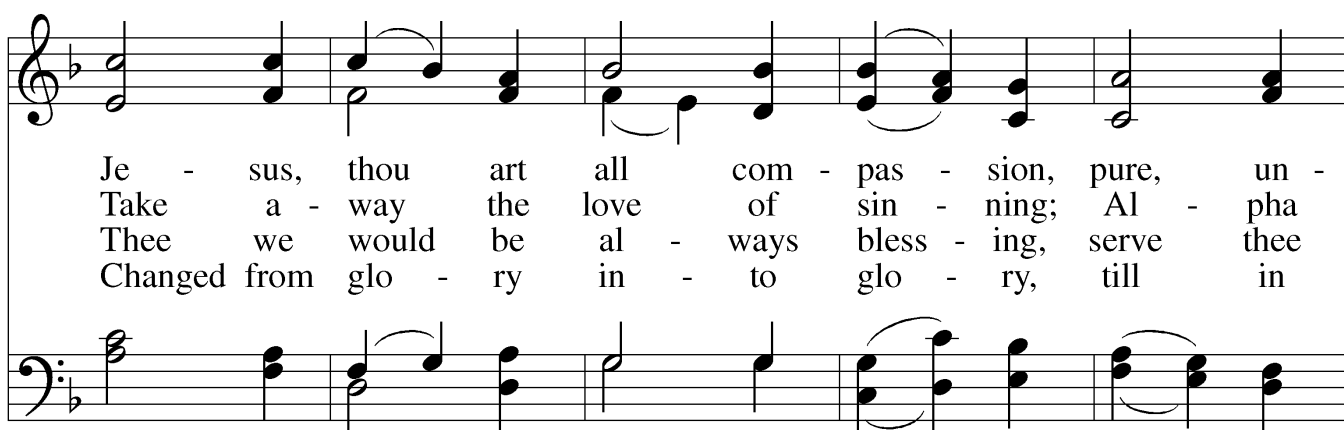
so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.
we be - long to God, we be - long to God.
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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

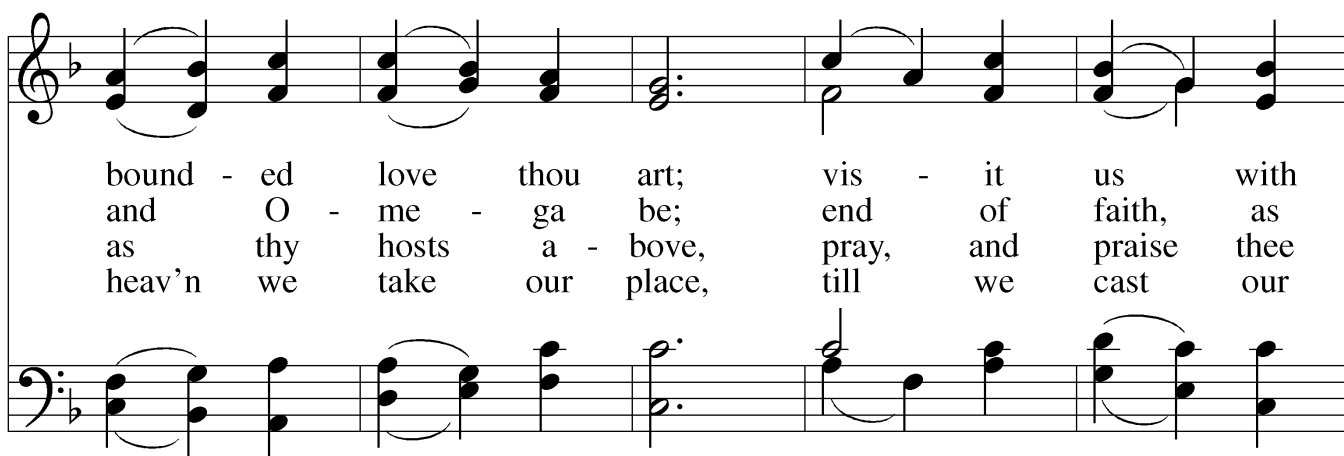
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and

heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; let us all in
 all thy life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re -
 spot - less let us be; let us see thy

hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
 thee in - her - it; let us find thy prom - ised rest.
 turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee!



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un -
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in



bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788
 Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **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! Sing "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" vs. 1
*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.*

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

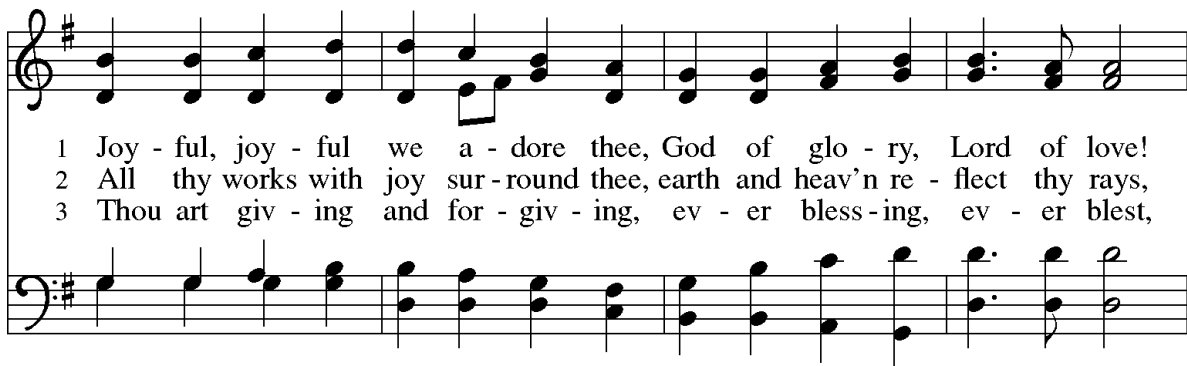
The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The first system contains four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains three lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with chords and single notes.

Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt.
Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

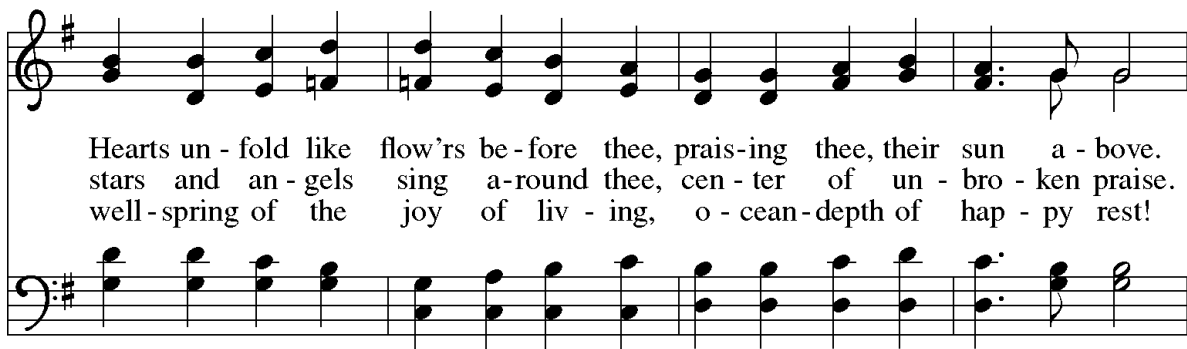
Sung Benediction – Pastor Hans and Jim

Sending Song: “Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee




1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;



Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

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

Music to Send You Out

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