3rd Sunday After Pentecost June 18, 2023





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Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – "Give God all the Praise"

Give God All the Praise



From: *Roll Down, Justice!* (CGBK72). Text: Mark A. Miller and Julian Wamble.

Music: Give God All the Praise, by Mark A. Miller.

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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**.

The Witness of the Emanuel Nine: A Litany of Remembrance for Their Vocations

(Leader): The "Emanuel Nine," of blessed and eternal memory, were nine gifted, loving, and faithful people who spent their lives striving for excellence, connection, and the presence of God, and spent their last moments in study of the word. They leave a legacy of grace, resistance, family, and faith. Gracious God, in remembering their lives and witness, we are called to a wider understanding of the Spirit's work in the world.

They were preachers:

Open us to receive the good news of Jesus Christ.

They were students:

Kindle in us a desire to learn and grow in your ways.

They were teachers:

Instill in us a passion to share the wisdom of Christ.

They were coaches:

Accompany us as we strive to run the race set before us.

They were mentors:

Inspire us through the wise counsel offered by others.

They were leaders:

Embolden us to seek out the best in others.

They were musicians:

Attune us to the sounds of your creation.

They were poets:

Reveal your truth in language we have yet to discover.

They were barbers:

Shape us as attentive caregivers to those around us.

They were custodians:

Protect those whose work ensures our safety.

They were bus drivers:

Carry us as companions in life's unexpected journeys.

They were veterans:

Remember those who risk harm for the sake of others.

They were librarians:

Write on our hearts and minds the wisdom of the generations.

They were advocates:

Call us to speak and act on behalf of those who are silenced.

They were public servants:

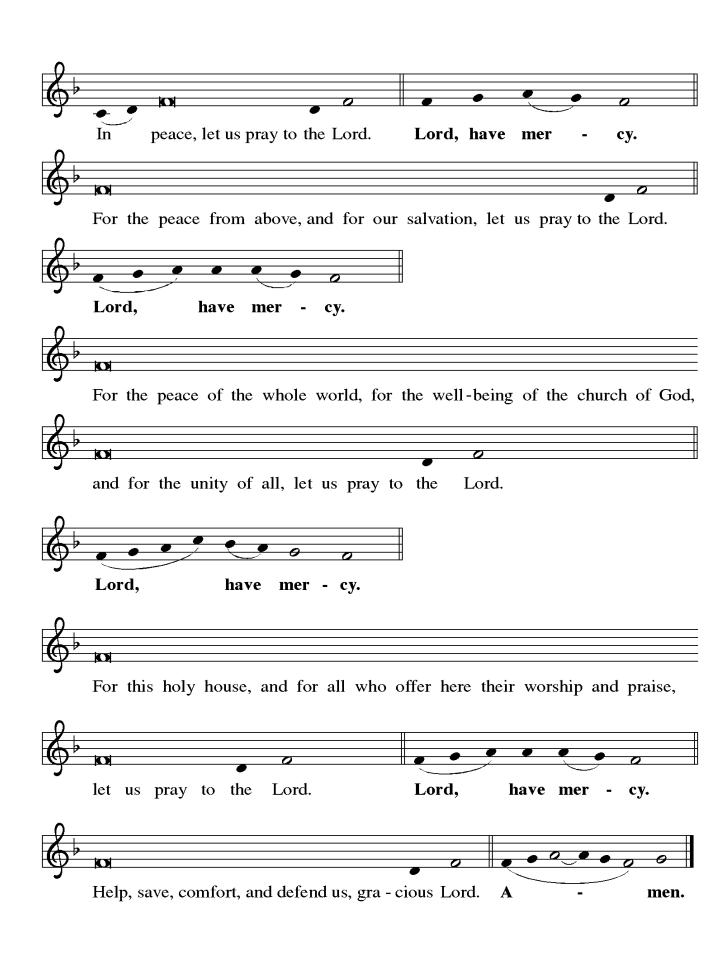
Show us how to love our neighbors as ourselves.

They were legislators:

Inscribe your laws of love and justice on our hearts.

In lives of faithful dedication, your servants Clementa, Cynthia, Daniel, DePayne, Ethel, Myra, Sharonda, Susie, and Tywanza lived by your promises, sharing their gifts with those in their families and communities. May we not forget their lives, taken too soon. In the years to come, let us share their names and their witness, so that the world comes to know of your spirit at work in and through them. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Kyrie / Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast"







PRAYER OF THE DAY

(Reader): Let us pray,

God of compassion, you have opened the way for us and brought us to yourself. Pour your love into our hearts, that, overflowing with joy, we may freely share the blessings of your realm and faithfully proclaim the good news of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: "Give God All the Praise" vs. 1

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from Matthew chapter 9:35 – 10:14



(Reader): Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples,

(Side 1): "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

(Reader): Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions:

(Side 2): "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

(ALL): As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.'

(Reader): Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen

to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

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:

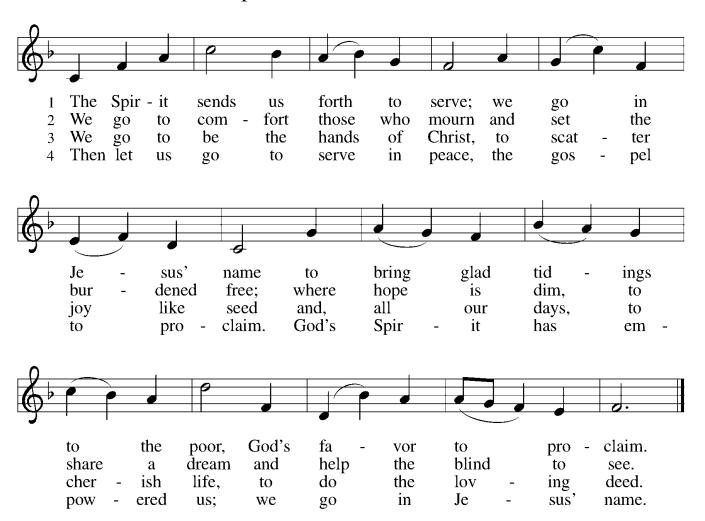
Congregational response "Hear our Prayer"

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 – "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



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Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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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

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. Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory
forever and forever. 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: "Welcome Table" and "Listen, God is Calling"



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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

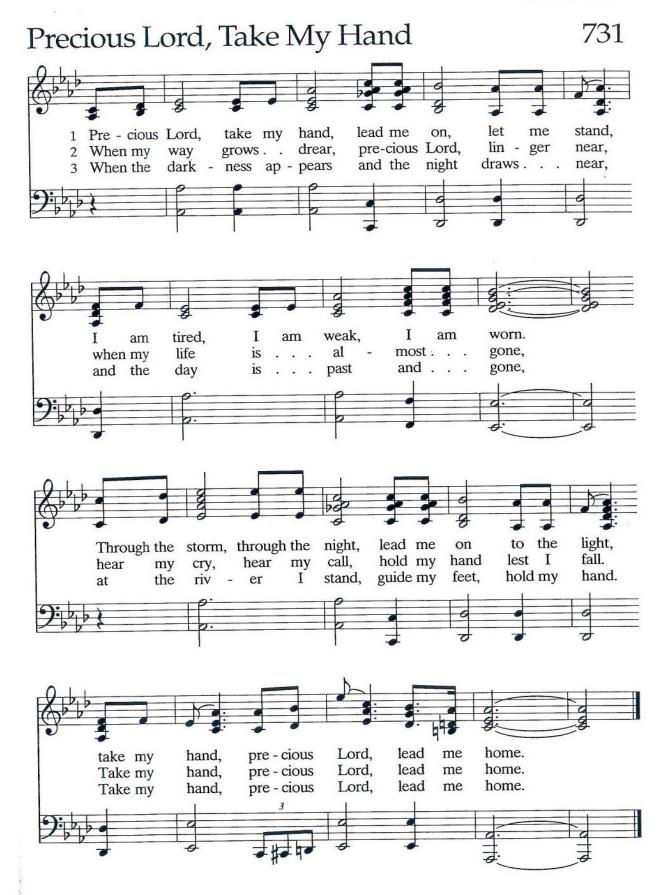
Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

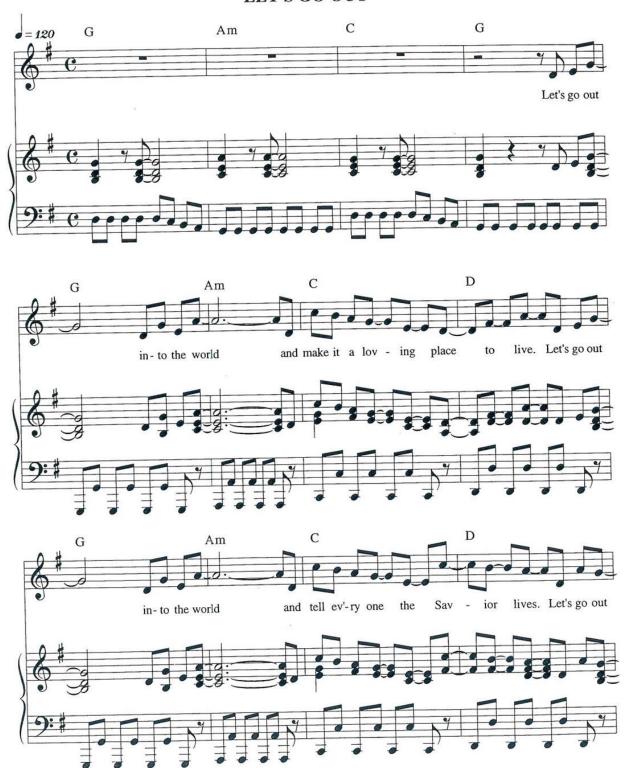
MILESTONES! Sing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" vs. 1

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.



Sung Benediction – Pastor Hans and Jim

Sending Song: "Let's Go Out"



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

Music to Send You Out

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