10<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost August 6, 2023





www.riverofhopehutchinson.org Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am Gathering Prelude

Opening Song - "All Are Welcome"



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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

(Leader): Let us pray,

Merciful God, the gifts we bring are so small in comparison to the vast needs in our world— nowhere near enough to save the thousands dying of starvation all around the world, or even to meet the needs of the hungry and homeless in our city. Yet we offer what we can.

As You once multiplied the five small loaves and two fish, multiply our gifts as well, so that, once again, the hungry may receive all they need, and more. Amen.

#### Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: Verse 1 and chorus of "All Are Welcome"

Children's Time

# THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from Matthew 14: 13-21.

(Reader): Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said,

# (Side 1): "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."

(Reader): Jesus said to them,

#### (Side 2): "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."

(Reader): They replied,

#### (Side 1): "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."

(Reader): And he said,

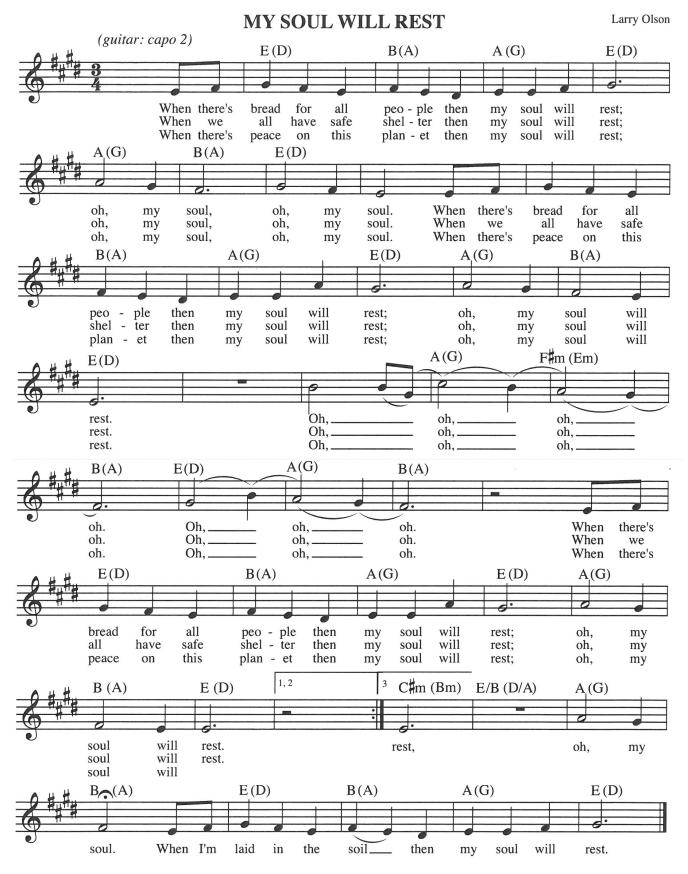
#### (Side 2): "Bring them here to me."

(Reader): Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children. (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 – "My Soul Will Rest"



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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: 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. The watering can this month is for "Habitat for Humanity"

Offering Song – "Beautiful Savior"

# **Beautiful Savior**



# The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we speak together:

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: "Break Now the Bread of Life"



Text: Mary A. Lathbury, 1841–1913, alt. Music: BREAD OF LIFE, William F. Sherwin, 1826–1888 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 "Be Thou My Vision" 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.



Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt. Music: SLANE, Irish tune

"Who's child are you question"

Sung Benediction – Hans and Rachel

BLESSING

Hans Peterson



\*A soloist or choir (in parts) may sing this benediction while all join in singing the "Amen."

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Thanks be to God

# Music to Send You Out

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