20th Sunday After Pentecost October 15, 2023





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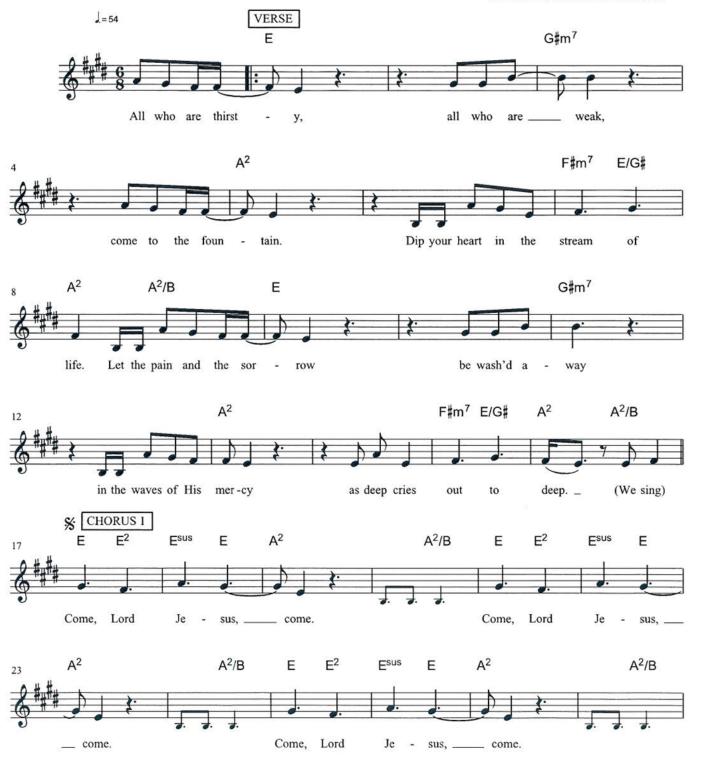
Gathering

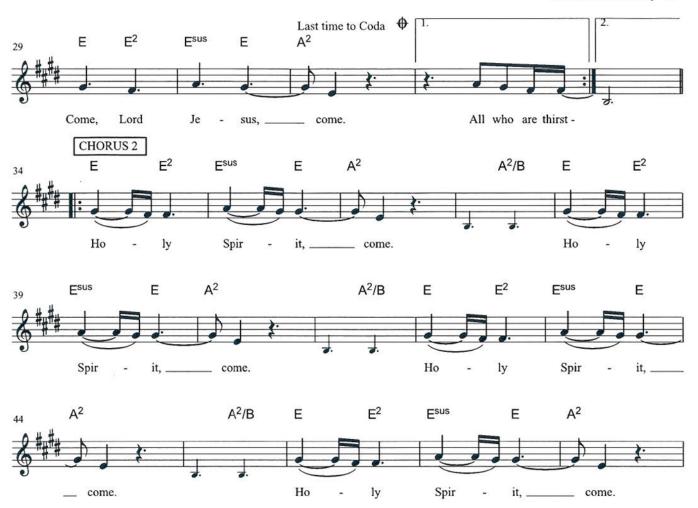
Prelude

Opening Song - "All Who Are Thirsty"

All Who Are Thirsty

Words and Music by Brenton Brown and Glenn Roberts





(Ruth) 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.

Confession and Forgiveness

{Laura} (Leader): Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
I Jesus who bears the cross,
the Spirit who makes our joy complete.

(ALL): Amen.

(Leader): Let us bow before God in humility, confessing our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

{Laura} (Leader): Steadfast and faithful God,

(ALL): you have revealed the ways of justice, yet we fail to follow you. We are overwhelmed by the world's violence and suffering. We are afraid to risk what we have for the sake of others. For the harm we have caused, known and unknown, forgive us. For the unjust demands we place on others and your creation, forgive us. For the ways we turn away from you and our neighbor, forgive us. Lead us back to you and set us on the right path; in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

{Laura} (Leader): Beloved in Christ, God's justice stretches beyond all understanding. God's compassion is beyond compare. In Jesus, God is always making a new way for us. In + Christ, you are already and always forgiven.

(ALL): Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

{Laura} (Leader): Let us pray,

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

{Laura} Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: Measures 1-31 of "All Who Are Thirsty"

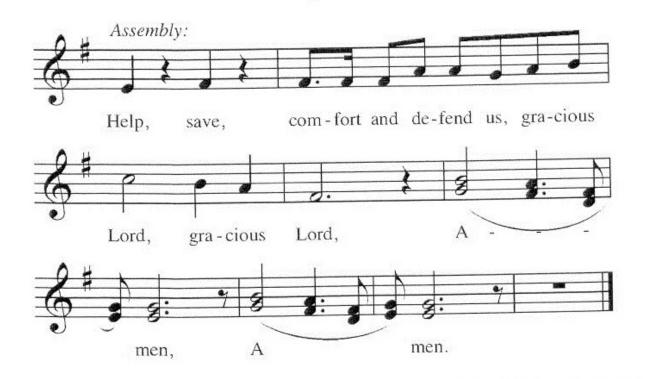
Greeting

{Laura} 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.**

Kyrie







This is the Feast







{Laura} Children's Time

THE STORY

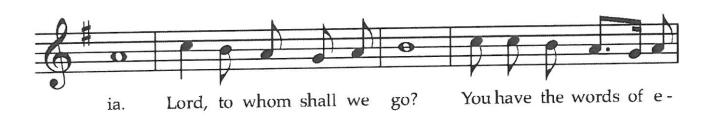
(Reader): Please stand in body or in spirit as our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 22, verses 1-14.

Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go)



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu -









(Reader): Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying,

(Side 1): 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.'

(Reader): But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves,

(Side 2): 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.'

(Reader): Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him,

(ALL): 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?'

(Reader): And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen." Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Laura Aase

Song of the Day – "The Wedding Banquet"

11. The Wedding Banquet



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- 3. When all the poor had assembled, there was still room to spare, so the master demanded: "Go search ev'rywhere, to the highways and the byways and force them to come in. My table must be filled before the banquet can begin." (Chorus)
- Now God has written a lesson
 For the rest of mankind;
 If we're slow in responding, he may leave us behind.
 He's preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day.
 When the Lord and Master calls us, be certain not to say: (Chorus)

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

(Ruth) Offering

(Ruth) **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 "HOMES" organization. (Housing Options for McLeod for Emergency Shelter)

Mike: Explain how kids help Pastor Angela bring the communion items forward and sing the table grace

Offering Song – "Let us Go Now to the Banquet"

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Vamos todos al banquete



- 2 Dios invita a todos los pobres a esta mesa común por la fe, donde no hay acaparadores y a nadie le falta el conqué. Estribillo
- 3 Dios nos manda a hacer de este mundo una mesa donde haya igualdad, trabajando y luchando juntos, compartiendo la propiedad. Estribillo

Text: Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955, *Misa popular salvadoreña*; tr. Bret Hesla, b. 1957, and William Dexheimer Pharris, b. 1956 Music: VAMOS TODOS AL BANQUETE, Guillermo Cuéllar, b. 1955 Text and music © 1994, 1996 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358. All rights reserved. Used by permission.

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.

{Laura} 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.

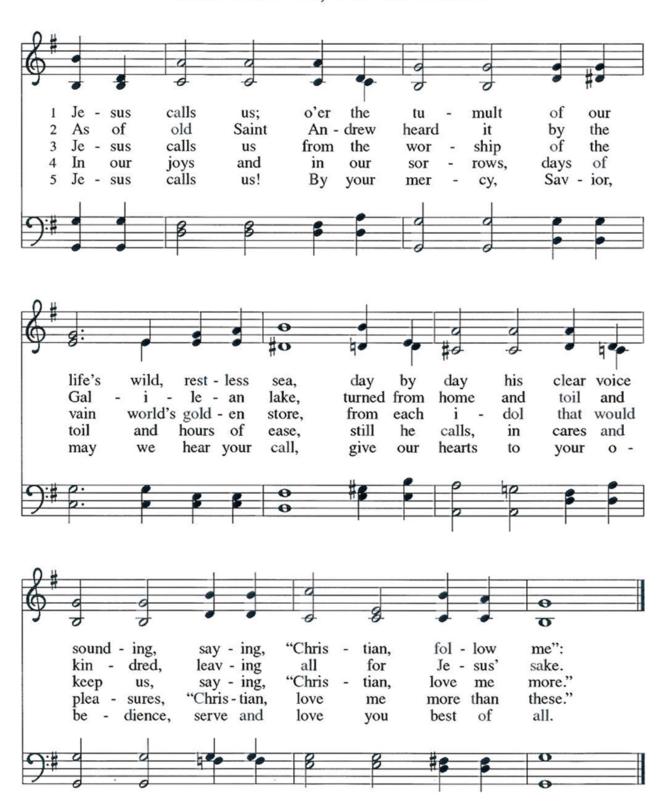
This is Christ's table. It's a table of love and welcome. It's a table of fellowship with the poor and communion with the earth.

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 and they are for everyone.

Communion Song: "Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult" and "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult



Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895 Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949
Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional
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{Laura} Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

{Laura} 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.

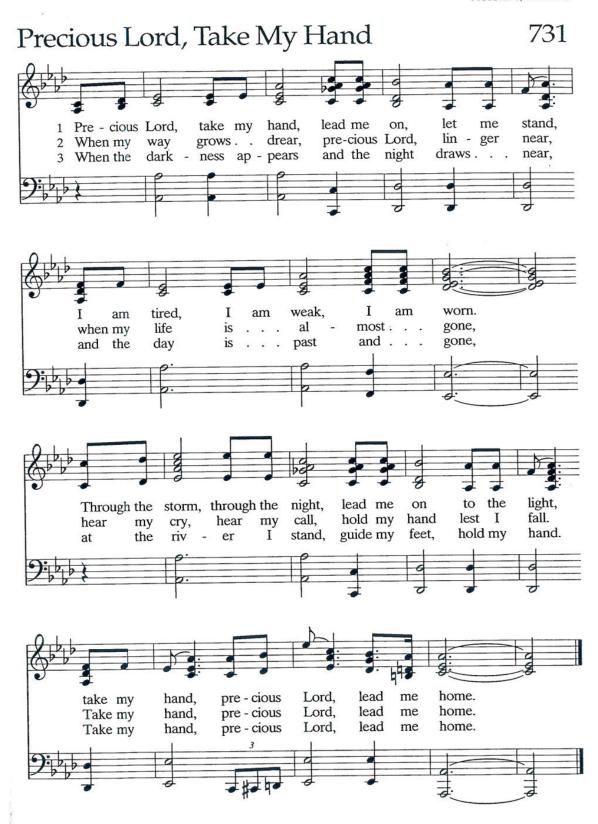
The Sending

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

(Ruth) Purpose Sightings:

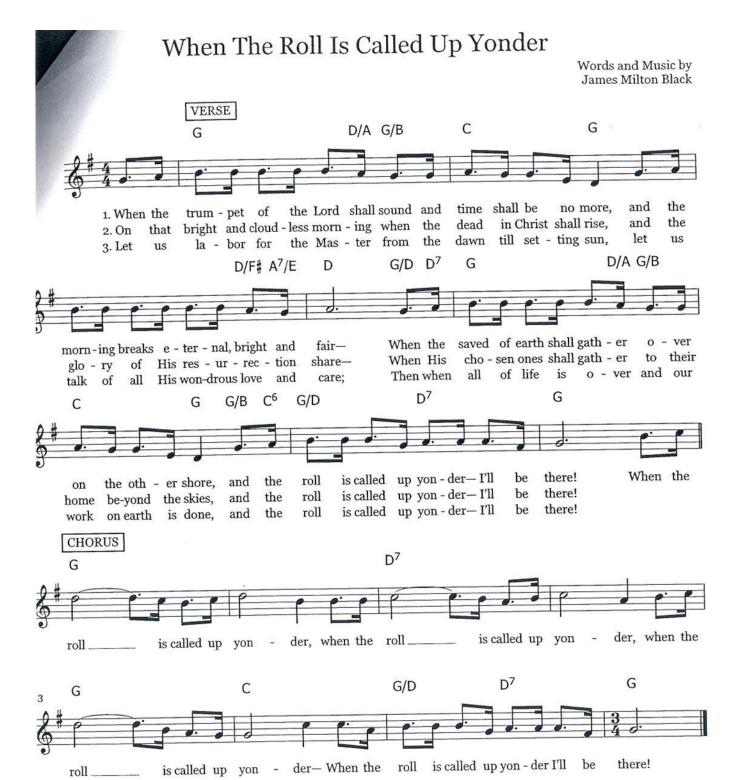
(Ruth) MILESTONES! Sing "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" verse 1

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.



{Laura} Blessing

Sending Song: "When the Roll is Called up Yonder"



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

Music to Send You Out