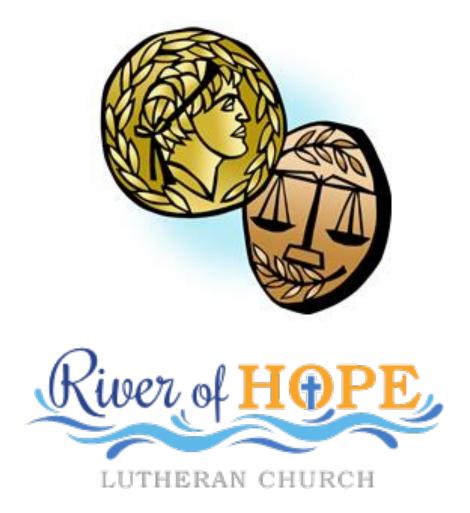
21st Sunday After Pentecost October 22, 2023



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song - "Everyone is a Child of God"



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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

(Leader): Blessed be God,
the one who forms us,
+ 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.

(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.

(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

(Leader): Let us pray,

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New

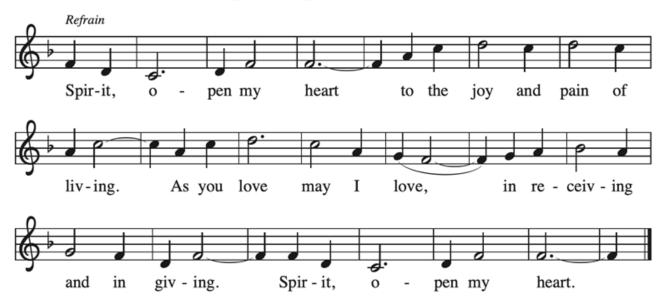
Music to Bring Us Back Together: Vs 1 and chorus of "Everyone is a Child of God"

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 22, verses 15-22.

Spirit, Open My Heart



Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: WILD MOUNTAIN THYME, Irish melody; adapt. Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

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(Reader): Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying,

(Side 1): "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?"

(Reader): But Jesus, aware of their malice, said,

(Side 2): "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax."

(Reader): And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them,

(Side 1): "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

(Reader): They answered,

(Side 2): "The emperor's."

(Reader): Then he said to them,

(ALL): "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's."

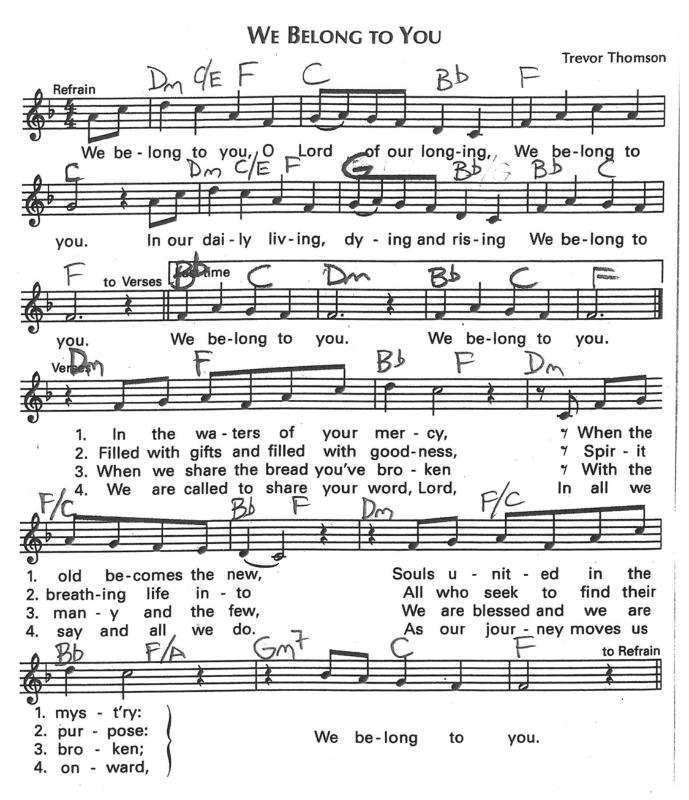
(Reader): When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away. Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Voices of Hope - "Come Rejoicing, Sing!"

Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day – "We Belong to You"



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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:



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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. The watering can this month is for "HOMES" organization. (Housing Options for McLeod for Emergency Shelter)

Offering Song – "Beautiful Savior"

Beautiful Savior



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

We gather as a community, around this table of plenty, trusting in the Spirit to nourish us as we share God's love with our neighbors.

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.

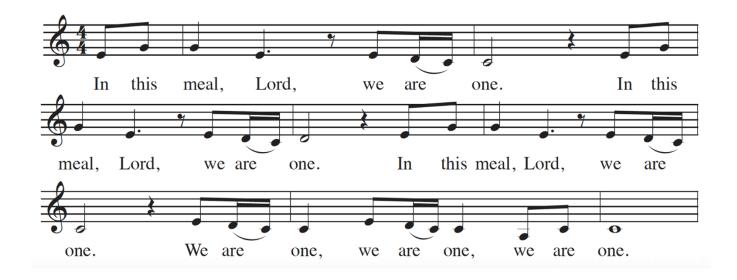
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

As God calls us into the body of Christ through the waters of baptism, we now come to the table where the gift of the meal awaits.

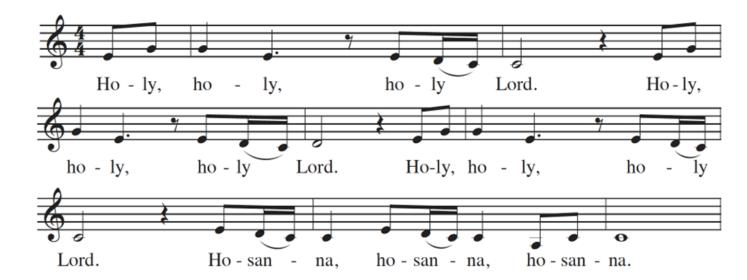


As we gather in this place, we remember, that in the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.



We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.



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.

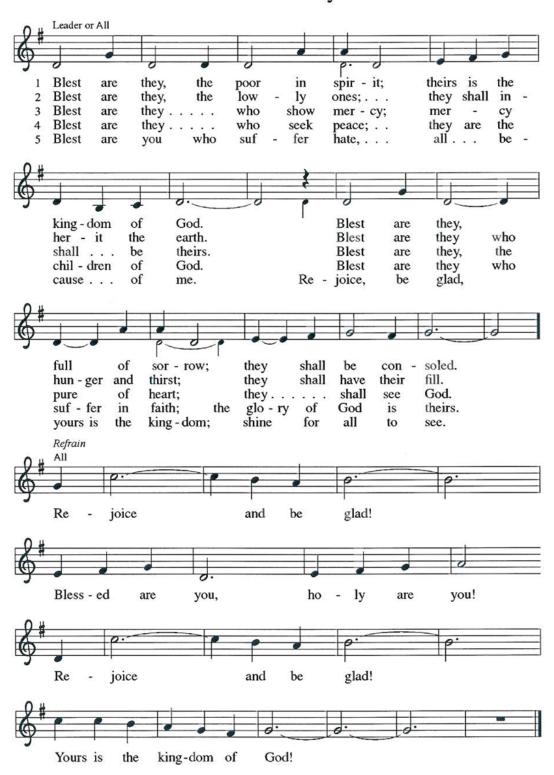
(Leader): The gifts of God are...

(ALL): Free

(Leader): Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs "Blest Are They" "Trust and Obey"

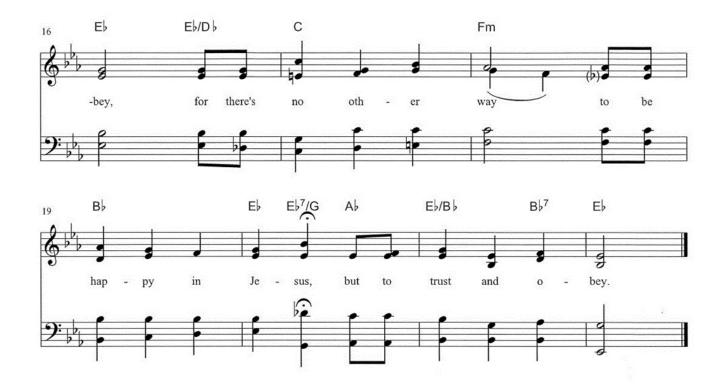
Blest Are They



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When We Walk With The Lord (Trust And Obey)





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

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied. In Jesus' name we pray.

Amen

The Sending

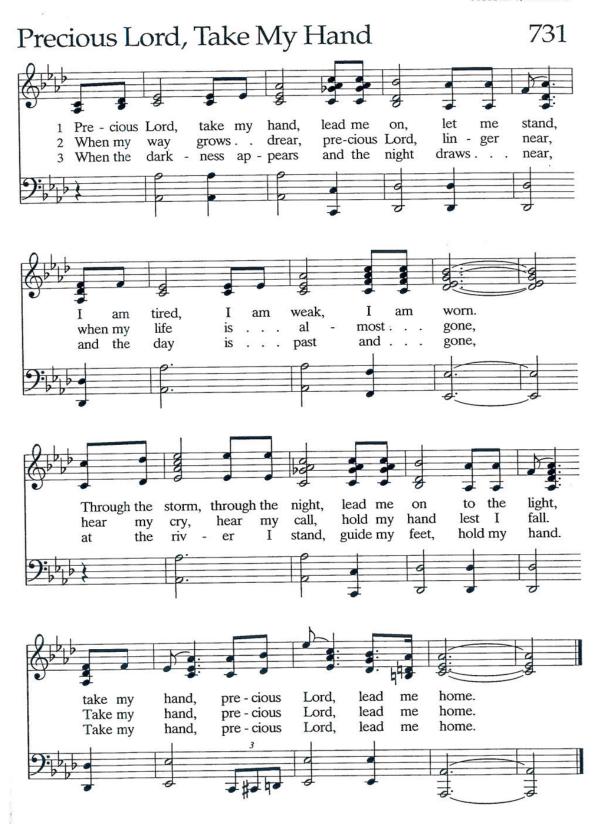
Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

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



Sung Benediction: Ben Pollmann and Jim Nelson

Sending Song: "Take My Life That I May Be"

Take My Life, That I May Be Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad



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

Music to Send You Out

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