# 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday After Pentecost October 8, 2023





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Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song - "I Can Only Imagine"

# I Can Only Imagine

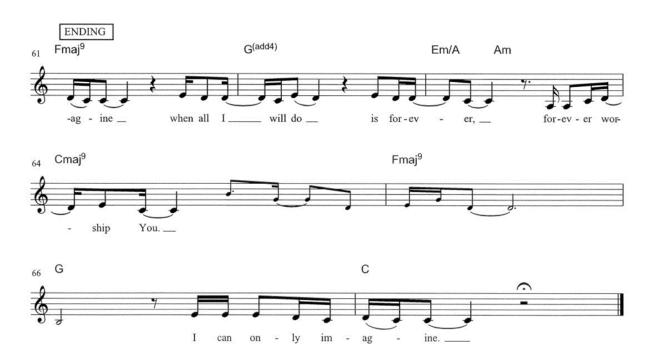
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(Mike) Welcome \* Welcome Pads \* Post it Notes \* Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

# Confession and Forgiveness

{Angela} (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.

{Angela} (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.

{Angela} (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

{Angela} (Leader): Let us pray,

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## (Angela) Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: Chorus 2 and ending of "I Can Only Imagine"

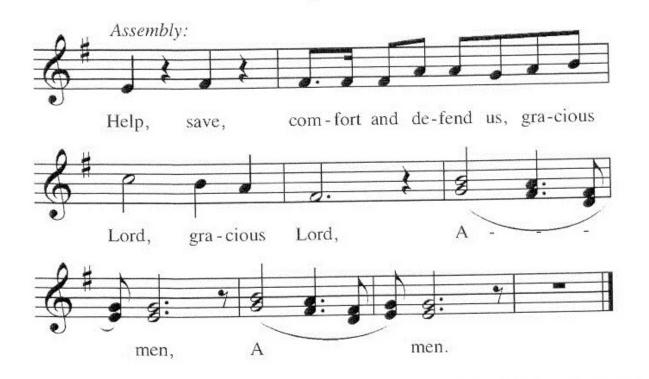
## Greeting

{Angela} 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







## Children's Time

# THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading from Isaiah chapter 5, verses 1-7.

(Reader): Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard.

What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.
I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;
I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.
I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns;
I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

Here ends the first reading.

(Reader): You are invited to stand as you are able for our second reading from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 21, verses 33-46.

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











(Reader): Jesus said to the people: "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying,

#### (Side 1): 'They will respect my son.'

(Reader): But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves.

# (Side 2): 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'

(Reader): So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him,

## (ALL): "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

(Reader): Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected

has become the cornerstone;

this was the Lord's doing,

and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest

him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Angela Denker "Why kill that which would save you?"

Song of the Day – "Surely the Presence of the Lord"

#### 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

(Mike) Offering

(Mike) **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

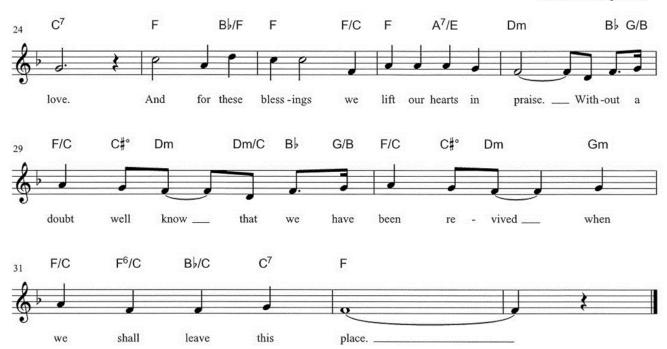
Offering Song – "Sweet Sweet Spirit"

# Sweet Sweet Spirit

Words and Music by Doris Akers



#### Sweet Sweet Spirit - 2



# 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.

# {Angela} 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.

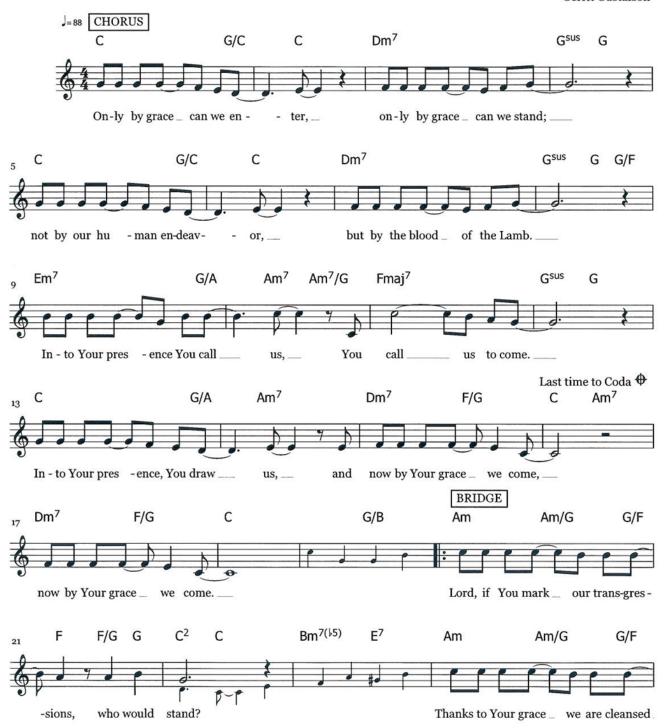
So, come, those of you with great faith and those of you who wish you had more. Come, those of you who have tried to follow Jesus and those of you who have failed. Come, those of you who depend on this meal for your lives, and those of you for whom it is a strange thing.

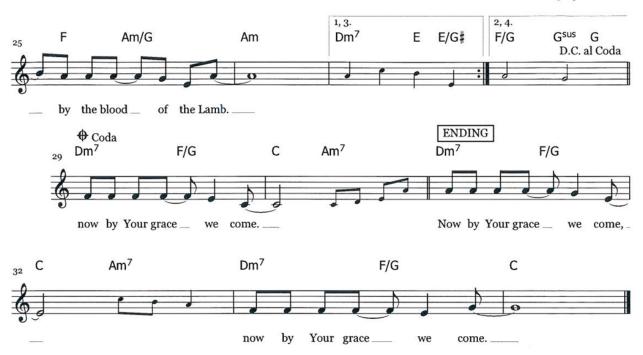
These are the gifts of God and they are for everyone.

Communion Song: "Only By Grace" and "The Church's One Foundation"

# Only By Grace

Words and Music by Gerrit Gustafson





#### The Church's One Foundation



#### {Angela} Blessing after Communion

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

#### {Angela} 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

(Mike) Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

(Mike) Purpose Sightings:

#### (Mike) MILESTONES! Sing "Borning Cry" verse 4

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.



4 "I was there to hear your born-ing cry, I'll be there when you are old.



I re-joiced the day you were bap-tized to see your life un - fold."

## {Angela} Blessing

The God of glory,

→ Jesus Christ, name above all names, and the Spirit who lives in you, bless you now and forever.

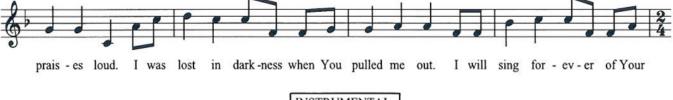
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Sending Song: "Love Come Down"

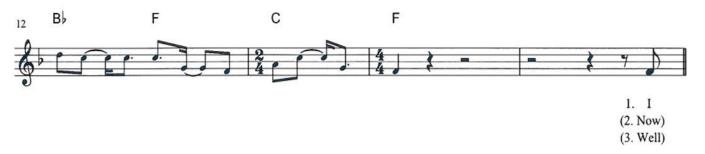
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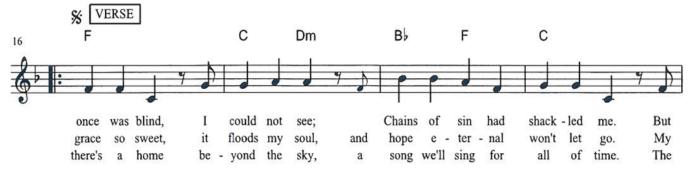
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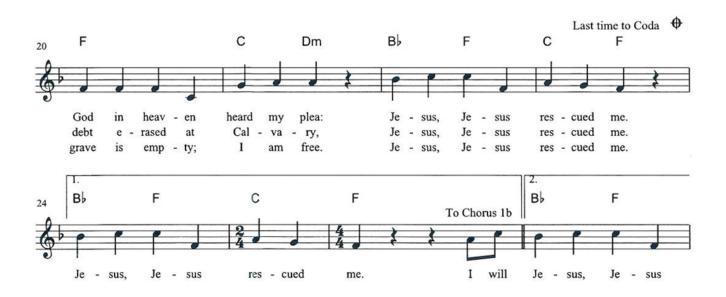












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# {Angela} Go in peace – serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God**Music to Send You Out

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