

24th Sunday After Pentecost

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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – “Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning”

Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning

1 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your
 2 Dark - er mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er
 3 Lo, the morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the
 4 Keep your lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your

lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps
 mid - night lies be - fore us, dark - er mid - night
 morn - ing soon is break - ing, lo, the morn - ing
 lamps trimmed and burn - ing, keep your lamps

trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 lies be - fore us, for this work's al - most done.
 soon is break - ing, for this work's al - most done.
 trimmed and burn - ing, for this work's al - most done.

Refrain

Chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry; chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry;

chil-dren, don't grow wea - ry, for this work's al-most done.

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.**

Litany of Confession and Assurance

Ten lamps gathered, with oil enough for all.
 Ten lamps gathered,
 But five are empty showing careless disregard.
 Ten lamps gathered,
 Five blaze with oil abundant enough to share.
 Ten lamps gathered,
 Five lifeless when laziness and greed collide.
 Ten lamps gathered...
 How many will burn tonight?

Creator God, giver of oil, hear us as we pray...

For generous hearts to share oil with our neighbors.

Creator God, giver of oil, hear us as we pray...

For the vision necessary to leave our comfortable seats in search of oil.

Creator God, giver of oil, hear us as we pray...

For forgiveness for the ways our selfishness and our apathy collide.

Ten lamps gathered, with oil enough for all.
Come children of God, into a sacred circle
Where sharing creates abundance
And no one leaves hungry. Amen.

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Posted on her [Liturgies Outside the Box](#) website.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: Vs 1 of “Keep Your Lamps...”


Children’s Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 25, verses 1-13.

Spirit, Open My Heart

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of
 liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing
 and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

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

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(Reader): Jesus said to the disciples: "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout,

(ALL): 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.'

(Reader): Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise,

(Side 1): 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.'

(Reader): But the wise replied,

(Side 2): 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.'

(Reader): And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.'

(ALL): Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

(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 – "Let Us Enter In"

Let Us Enter In



1 Let us en-ter in to the song of thanks - giv - ing and free - dom.
 2 Let us en-ter in to the place where our God has pre - ced - ed.
 3 Let us en-ter in to the heart of a world that is bro - ken.



Let us en - ter in to the long line of peo - ple in need.
 Let us en - ter in to the face of the fear and the pain.
 Let us en - ter in to the start of a hope we can share.



Let us en-ter in to the strong mind that God is still liv - ing.
 Let us en-ter in to the grace of the love when it's need - ed.
 Let us en-ter in to the part where we call one an - oth - er



Heal - ing, for - giv - ing— Let us en - ter in.
 Death is de - feat - ed! Let us en - ter in.
 sis - ter and broth - er. Let us en - ter in.

Text: Ray Makeever, b. 1943

Music: LET US ENTER IN, Ray Makeever

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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 Operation Hope.*

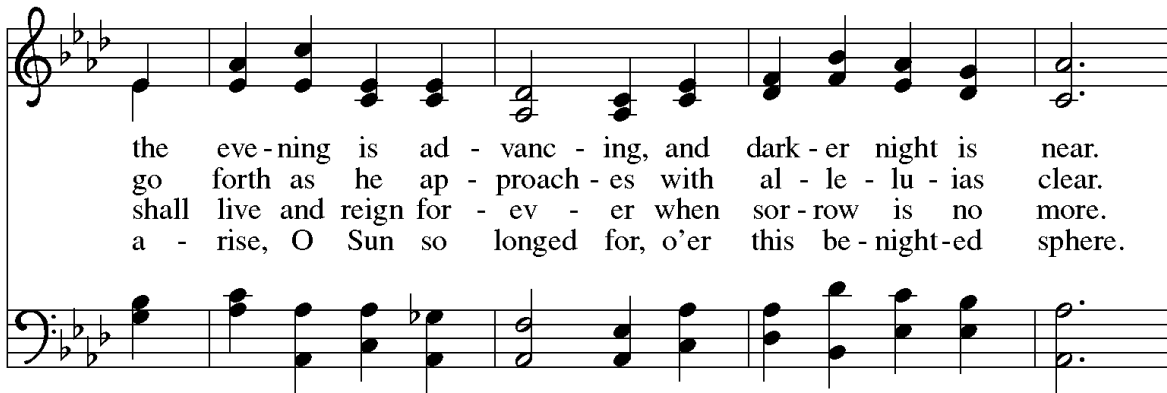
Offering Talk – Brian Tillmann

Offering Song – “Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers”

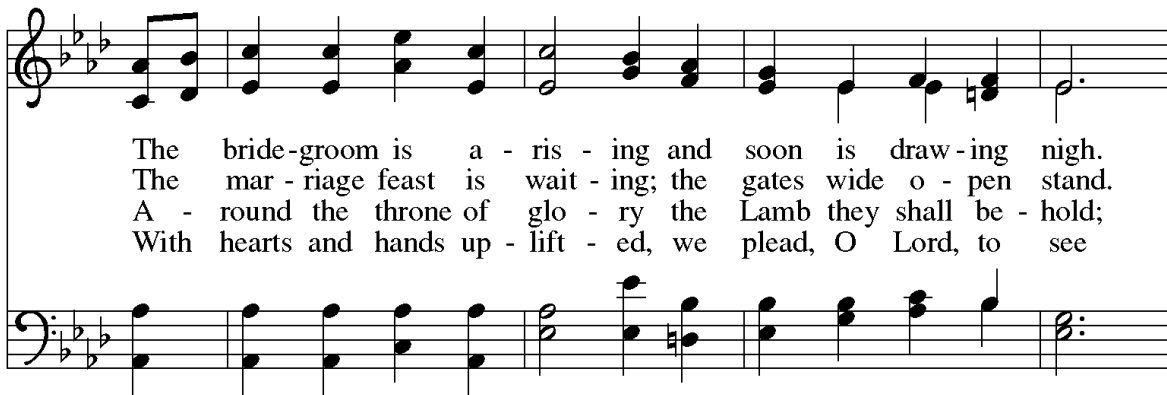
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers




1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

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 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. 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 "Light of the World" and "Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying"

LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Cathy Pino

E^b A^b E^b A^b E^b

You are the light _____ of the world. _____
 You are a cit - y on a hill. _____
 You are a can - dle in the dark. _____

You are the light
 You are a cit -
 You are a can -

6 A^b B^bsus4 B^b E^b A^b

_____ of the world _____
 _____ y on a hill _____
 _____ dle in the dark _____

so shine, shine, shine,
 so shine, shine, shine,
 so shine, shine, shine,

11 E^b B^b/D C^m E^b A^b E^b A^b

shine where you are. _____
 shine where you are. _____
 shine where you are. _____

You are the light _____ of the world. _____
 You are a cit - y on a hill. _____
 You are a can - dle in the dark. _____

17 4. E^b 2nd time *p* F B^b F B^b

You are a star _____ in the night _____
 You are the light _____ of the world. _____

17

22 F B^b C sus4 C F B^b

You are a star _____ in the night _____ so shine, shine,
 You are the light _____ of the world _____ so shine, shine,

22

28 F C/E D m F B^b F 2nd time *Fine*

shine where you are. _____ You are a star _____ in the night. _____
 shine where you are. _____ You are the light _____ of the world. _____

28


Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

1 Wake, a - wake, for night is fly - ing, the watch-men
 2 Zi - on hears the watch-men sing - ing, and all her
 3 Glo - ri - a! Let heav'n a - dore you! Let saints and

on the heights are cry - ing; a - wake, Je - ru - sa - lem, at last.
 heart with joy is spring - ing. She wakes, she ris - es from her gloom.
 an - gels sing be - fore you, with harp and cym-bal's clear - est tone.

Mid - night hears the wel - come voice - es, and at the
 Her dear friend comes down, all glo - rious, the strong in
 Gates of pearl, twelve por - tals gleam - ing, lead us to

thrill - ing cry re - joic - es: "Come forth, you maid - ens! Night is past.
 grace, in truth vic - to - rious: her star is ris'n; her light is come.
 bliss be - yond all dream - ing, with an - gel choirs a - round your throne.



The bride - groom comes! A - wake; your lamps with glad - ness take!"
 Now come, O Bless - ed One, Lord Je - sus, God's own Son.
 No eye has caught the light, no ear the thun - d'ring might



Al - le - lu - ia! Rise and pre - pare the feast to share;
 Sing ho - san - na! Oh, hear the call! Come one, come all,
 of such glo - ry. There we will go: what joy we'll know!



go, meet the bride - groom, who draws near.
 and fol - low to the ban - quet hall.
 There sweet de - light will ev - er flow.

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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

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 "Drawn to the Light" 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.

Drawn to the Light

1 Peo - ple who walk in dark - ness have sought a light in the
 2 How can we tell a heav - en from hell if ev - 'ry - one
 3 Where is the sun? Oh, there will be none! The Lamb is the

heart of the dark - est night. Just when we thought all would be
 dwells in the dark of night? Morn - ing dis - pels, gent - ly com -
 one who is shin - ing bright, bids us to come! Life has be -

lost, we were drawn to the light of God.
 pels, and we're drawn to the light of God.
 gun when we're drawn to the light of God.

Refrain

Dawn is in sight! Gone is the night, drawn to the
 light and the morn - ing. Glo - rious and bright, oh, what a
 sight to be drawn to the light of God.

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Sung Benediction: Hans and Jim

Sending Song: "I Saw the Light"

I Saw The Light

Words and Music by
Hank Williams, Sr.

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VERSE

G

G/B



1. I wan - dered so aim - less, — life filled with sin,
2. Just like a blind man I wan - dered a - long,
3. I was a fool to — wan - der and stray,

5

C

G



I would - n't let my dear Sav - ior in; Then Je - sus
Wor - ries and fears I claimed for my own; Then, like the
Straight is the gate and nar - row the way; Now I have

10

C/G

G



came like a strang - er in the night— Praise the Lord! —
blind man that God gave back his sight— Praise the Lord! —
trad - ed the wrong for the right— Praise the Lord! —

CHORUS

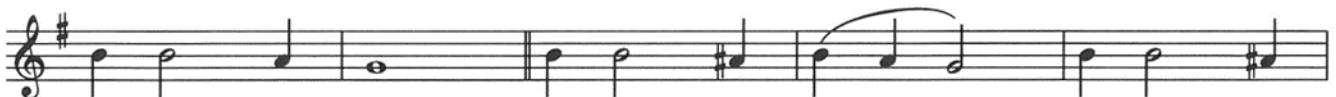
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G/D

D⁷

G

G



I saw the light. I saw the light, — I saw the
I saw the light.
I saw the light.

20

C

G



light, — No more in dark - ness, no more in night; — (And)

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I Saw The Light - 2

25 C/G

now I'm so hap - py, no sor - row in sight- _____ Praise the

30 G G/D D⁷ 1, 2. G C/G G 3. G

Lord! _____ I saw the light. _____ light. _____

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

Music to Send You Out

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