

First Sunday in Lent  
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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Prelude

Opening Song – “We Belong to You”

# WE BELONG TO YOU

Trevor Thomson

Refrain

*Dm C/E F C Bb F*

We be - long to you, O Lord of our long-ing, We be-long to

*C Dm C/E F G Bb/G Bb C*

you. In our dai - ly liv-ing, dy - ing and ris-ing We be-long to

*F* to Verses *1st time C Dm Bb C*

you. We be-long to you. We be-long to you.

*Dm F Bb F Dm*

Verses

- |   |             |
|---|-------------|
| 1. In the wa - ters of your mer - cy,           | 7 When the  |
| 2. Filled with gifts and filled with good-ness, | 7 Spir - it |
| 3. When we share the bread you've bro - ken     | 7 With the  |
| 4. We are called to share your word, Lord,      | In all we   |

*F/C Bb F Dm F/C*

1. old be-comes the new, Souls u - nit - ed in the

2. breath-ing life in - to All who seek to find their

3. man - y and the few, We are blessed and we are

4. say and all we do. As our jour - ney moves us

*Bb F/A Gm7 C F* to Refrain

- |                |   |
|----------------|---|
| 1. mys - t'ry: | } |
| 2. pur - pose: |   |
| 3. bro - ken;  |   |
| 4. on - ward,  |   |

We be-long to you.

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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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
who writes the law on our hearts,  
who draws all people together through Jesus.

**Amen.**

Held in God's mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.  
Let us confess that God is God, and we are not.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**we confess that we are caught in snares of sin  
and cannot break free.**

**We hoard resources while our neighbors  
are hungry and cold.**

**We speak in ways that silence others.**

**We are silent when we should speak up.**

**We keep score in our hearts.**

**We let hurts grow into hatred.**

**For all these things and for sins only you know,  
forgive us, Lord.**

**Amen.**

Here is a flood of grace:  
 Out of love for the whole world,  
 God draws near to us,  
 breaks every snare of sin,  
 washes away our wrongs,  
 and restores the promise of life through ✝ Jesus Christ.  
**Amen.**

### Prayer of the Day

Let us Pray,

**Holy God, by the grace of Jesus Christ  
 you know the tests and trials we face.  
 Walk with us through this wilderness.  
 Come to us with ministers of healing  
 and visit us with messengers of hope,  
 so that we may return to you in faith,  
 believing the good news of the gospel;  
 through Jesus Christ our Savior.**

— posted on the **Presbyterian Church USA** website. <http://www.pcusa.org/>

### Greet Someone New

*Music to Bring Us Back Together: "We Belong To You" Refrain*

### Children's Time

## THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from Mark chapter 1 verses 9-15.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom-ised; we will trust your word.



Let your stead-fast love come to us, O Lord.

(Reader): In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven,

**(Side 1): "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."**

(Reader): And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying,

**(Side 2): “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;**

**(ALL): repent, and believe in the good news.”**

(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 – “Made for Love”

# MADE FOR LOVE

Hans Peterson  
Larry Olson  
Mary Olson

(guitar: capo 3)

*F(D)* *Gm7/F (Em7)*

We've been mold - ed by the Cre - a - tor's hand. Here in

*F/A (D/F#)* *Bb(G)* *C(A)* *Dm7(Bm7)*

Je - sus we have grace to stand. Moving by the

*Am7(F#m7)* *Gm7(Em7)* *C(A)* *F(D)* *Fine* *Csus(Asus)* *C(A)*

Spir - it, we are made for love.

*F(D)* *Dm7(Bm7)*

Sun and star - light, spark - ling wa - ters, morn-ing  
In the wa - ter's ho - ly bless - ing, Spir - it  
Live out jus - tice, treas - ure kind - ness, jour - ney

*Gm7(Em7)* *C(A)* *Am7(F#m7)*

birds that ser - e - nade, in the i - mage of the  
com - ing like a dove, we're a wit - ness to the  
hum - bly ev - 'ry - day. We are called here in - to

*Dm7(Bm7)* *Eb(C)* *C(A)*

Mak - er we are won - der - ful - ly made.  
won - der; we are loved and so we love.  
ser - vice, a for - giv - ing, lov - ing way.

## 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 during Lent is for ELCA World Hunger.*

## Offering Song – "Knowing You"





# Knowing You

Words and Music by  
Graham Kendrick

♩ = 54

## VERSE

C G/B Am F C F G C G/B Am F C

1. All I once held dear, built my life up - on, all this world re - veres, and  
(2.) heart's de - sire is to know You more, to be found in You, and  
(3.) know the power of Your ris - en life, and to know You in Your

4 Am G C F G C C/E F G C G/B Am F C

wars to own, all I once thought gain I have count - ed loss; Spent and worth - less now, com -  
known as Yours, to pos - sess by faith what I could not earn; All sur - pas - sing gift of  
suf - fer - ings, to be - come like You in Your death, my Lord; So with You to live, and

## CHORUS

8 Am G<sup>sus</sup> G F C F/G G C Am G

-pared to this. Know - ing You, Je - sus, know - ing You, there is no great - er  
right - eous - ness.  
nev - er die.

13 F C/E F/A C/G F 1, 2. C/E F/A

thing. You're my all, You're the best, You're my joy, my right-eous-ness, and I love You, Lord.

17 C/G G 3. C/E F/A C/G F/G C

2. Now my love You, Lord, love You, Lord.

3. Oh to

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## The Feast

Setting the Table *the children lead us as we sing "Be Present at our Table Lord"*

Be present at our table Lord,  
 Be here and everywhere adored,  
 These mercies bless and grant that we  
 May strengthen for thy service be.

## Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be-low;

praise him a-bove, ye heav'n-ly host; praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637–1711  
 Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois, 1510–1561

## 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.

# Great Thanksgiving and Holy, Holy, Holy

Benjamin Splichal Larson

*L: The Lord be with you. All: And al - so with you. L: Lift up your hearts. All: We*

*lift them to the Lord. L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Mm*

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r  
and might

2. Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho-san -  
na in the high - est

3. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord

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 ever. 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.

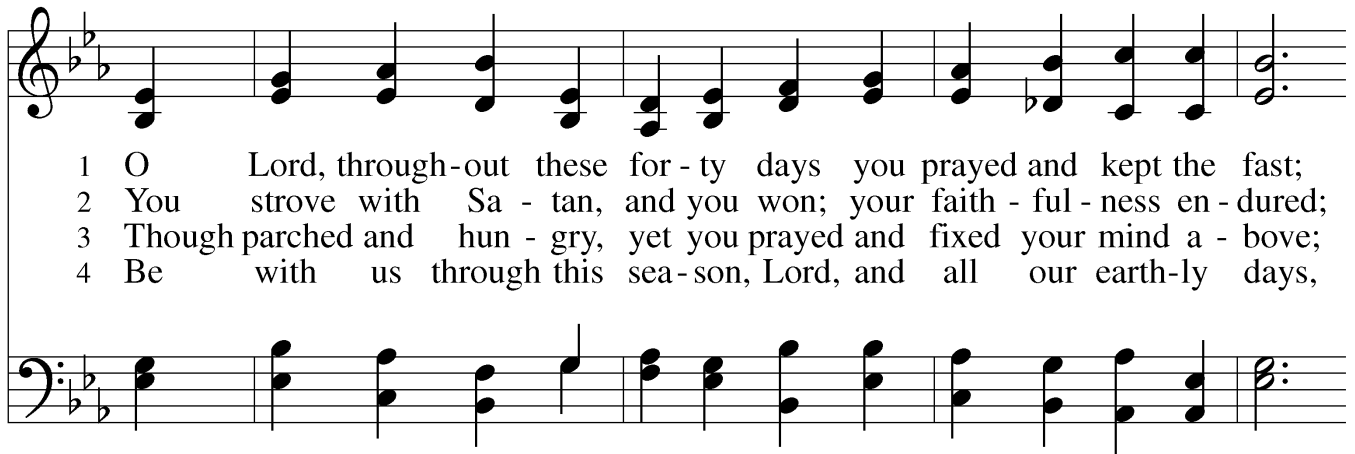
(Leader): The gifts of God are...

**(ALL): Free**

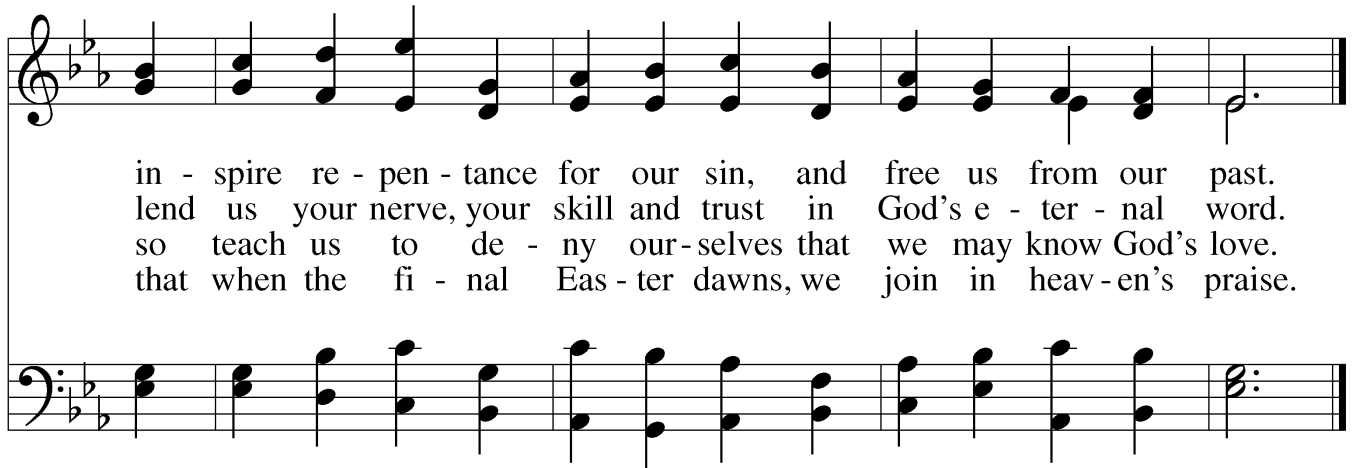
(Leader): Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs: "O Lord, throughout These Forty Days"  
and "Jesus, Keep me Near the Cross"

## O Lord, throughout These Forty Days



1 O Lord, through-out these for - ty days you prayed and kept the fast;  
 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your faith - ful - ness en - dured;  
 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and fixed your mind a - bove;  
 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and all our earth-ly days,



in - spire re - pen - tance for our sin, and free us from our past.  
 lend us your nerve, your skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
 so teach us to de - ny our-selves that we may know God's love.  
 that when the fi - nal Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

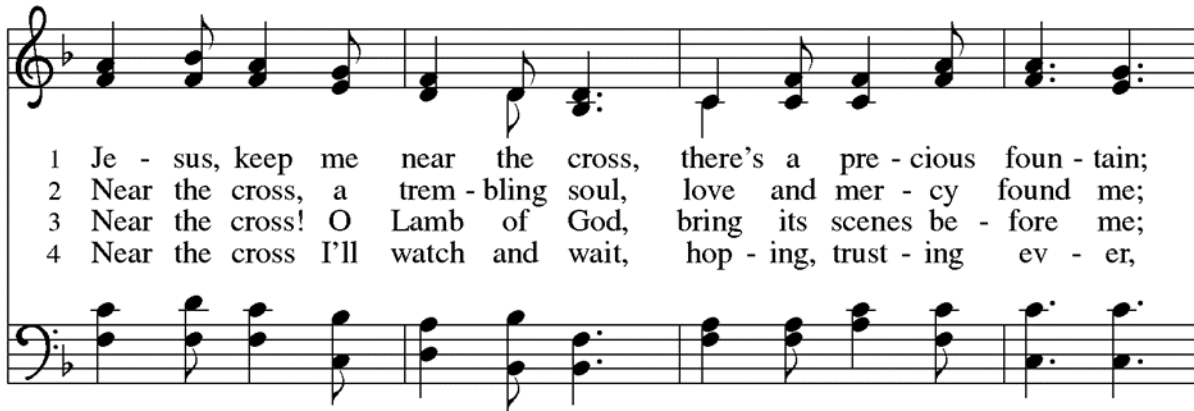
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 Music: CAITHNESS, *Psalter*, Edinburgh, 1635

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## Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;  
 2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;  
 3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;  
 4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.  
 there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.  
 help me walk from day to day with its shad - ow o'er me.  
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

*Refrain*



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

## 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

Giver of every gift,  
 Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.  
 Raise us to life by your power  
 for the benefit of all and to your glory,  
 now and forever.  
**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 "Wade in the Water" refrain

*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.*

## Wade in the Water

*Refrain*  
All

Wade in the wa - ter, wade in the wa - ter, chil - dren,

wade in the wa - ter, God's a-goin'-a trou-ble the wa - ter.

### Blessing

God who names you,  
 Christ who claims you,  
 and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you,  
 ✝ bless you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Sending Song: "I Saw the Light"

# I Saw The Light

Words and Music by  
Hank Williams, Sr.

$\text{♩} = 112$

## 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

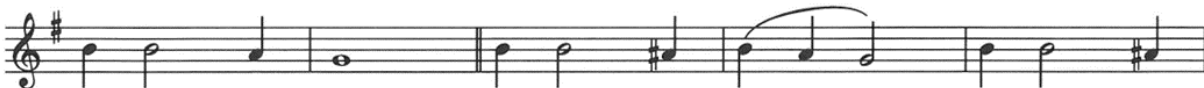
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G/D

D<sup>7</sup>

G

G

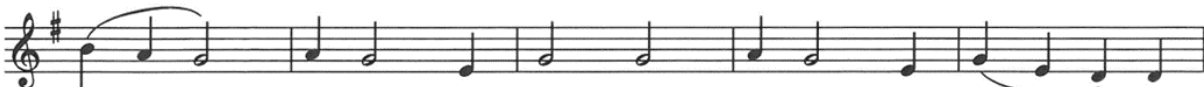


I saw the light. I saw the light, — I saw the  
I saw the light.  
I saw the light.

20

C

G



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

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 D<sup>7</sup> 1, 2. G C/G G 3. G

Lord! I saw the light. light.

Go in peace – you are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God**

## Music to Send You Out

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