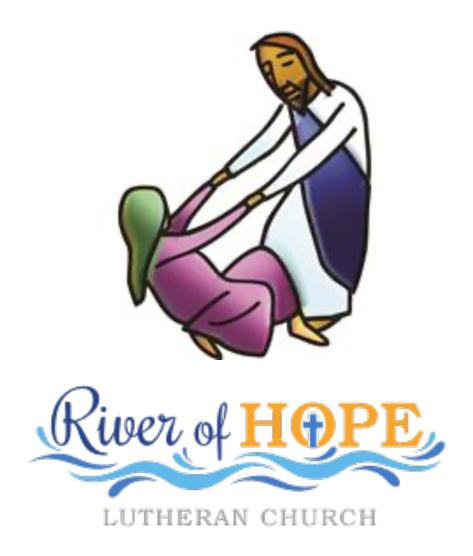
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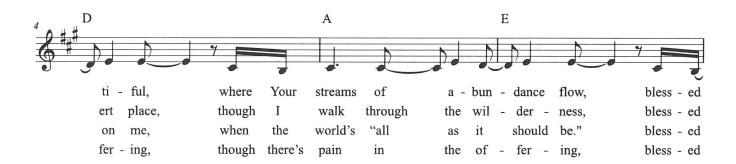
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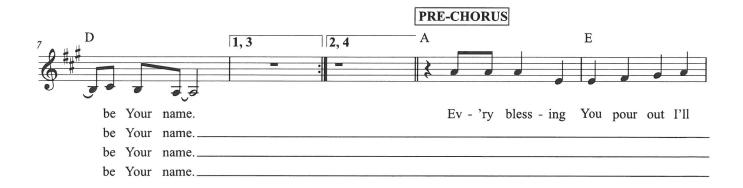
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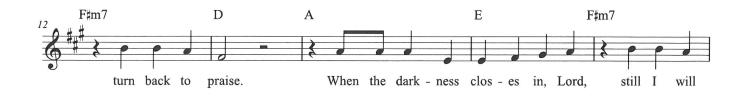
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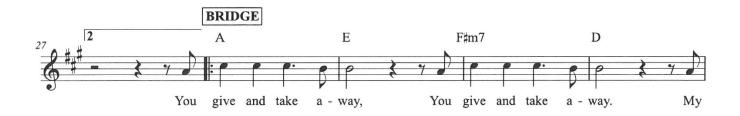


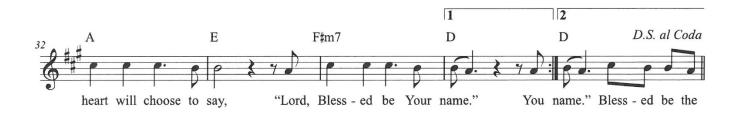














Welcome * Welcome Pads * Post it Notes * Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

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**.



Hans Peterson (guitar: capo 2) Larry Olson Ray Makeever A/C# (G/B) D(C)Bm (Am) D/A (C/G) G(F) D/F#(C)A (G) A/C# (G/B) Bm (Am) D (C) D/A (C/G) G(F)A (G) Ky - ri - e le son. Lord, have mer cy. A/C# (G/B) D(C)Bm (Am) D/A(C/G)G(F)Chris - te i e le son. Christ, have F#m (Em) A(G)Bm (Am) for all the times fall we part, for a those for who strug gle day to day, for mer cy for all who fear the dark of night, for all for cre - a tion, west to east, for Em (Dm) A/C# (G/B) A(G)D (C) eve ry life, for heart. eve ry all the times we turn a way. Ky - ri - e. all be held light. to in the all the world live peace. to 1, 2, 3. A/C # (G/B) Bm (Am) Bm (Am) D/A (C/G) G(F)A sus4 (G) D(C)D/A(C/G)Chris te le son. e A/C# (G/B) 4 G(F) D (C) A 7sus4 (G) Bm (Am) D/A(C/G)le i son D/F# (C) G(F)D(C)ritard A(G)

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Prayer of the Day

Let us Pray,

Everlasting God, you give strength to the weak and power to the faint. Make us agents of your healing and wholeness, that your good news may be made known to the ends of your creation, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: "Blessed Be Your Name" Bridge and Chorus

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading from Isaiah chapter 40 verses 21-31.

(Reader): Have you not known? Have you not heard?
Has it not been told you from the beginning?
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?
It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,
and spreads them like a tent to live in;
who brings princes to naught,
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,

when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One.
Lift up your eyes on high and see:
Who created these?
He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"?

(Side 1): Have you not known? Have you not heard?

(Side 2): The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

(Reader): He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

(ALL): but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

(Reader): Our second reading comes from the Gospel of Mark chapter 1 verses 29-39.

(Reader): As soon as Jesus and the disciples left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door.

(ALL): And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

(Reader): In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him.

(Side 1): "Everyone is searching for you."

(Reader): He answered,

(Side 2): "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do."

(Reader): And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

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

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Pastor Andy Evenson

Song of the Day – "When Our Song Says Peace"

When Our Song Says Peace



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Music: JENKINS, Thomas Pavlechko, b. 1962
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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 2Bcontinued.

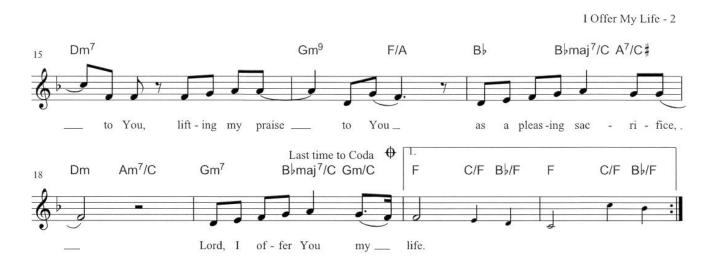
Offering Song - "I Offer My Life"

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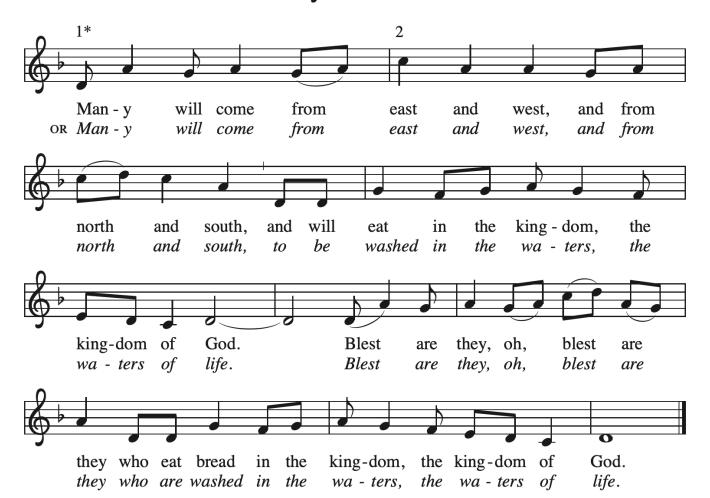




The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we sing "Many will Come"

Many Will Come



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 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.

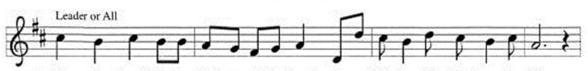
Communion Songs: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" and "On Eagle's Wings"

My Faith Looks Up to Thee



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On Eagle's Wings

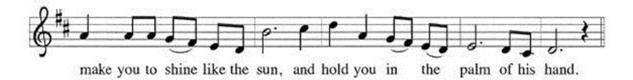


You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,





And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,





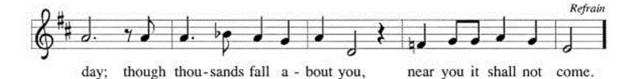
2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by





Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957 Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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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

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 "Be thou my Vision" 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.

Be Thou My Vision



Text: Irish 8th-10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880-1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860-1935, alt. Music: SLANE, Irish tune

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: "Mighty is our God"

Mighty Is Our God

Words and Music by Eugene Greco, Gerrit Gustafson and Don Moen



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Go in peace – you are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God**Music to Send You Out

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