

5th Sunday in Lent

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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare us for Worship

Opening Song – "All Are Welcome"

# ALL ARE WELCOME

Hans Peterson  
Larry Olson

All are wel - come, friend and stran - ger, at the ban - quet  
of the Sav - ior. All are wel - come. All are wel - come  
here.  
From the wo - man who comes cry - ing,  
From the ones to who feel for - got - ten,  
Go in - to the streets and cit - ies,  
leav - ing tears at Je - sus feet, to the man who  
those who sense their place is gone, to the ones who  
to the farms and fam - i - lies, tell a - bout the  
knows the right way but can - not see.  
live in hun - ger, here you be - long.  
splen - did ta - ble, God's mer - cy.

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 (inspired by John 12:20-33)

Let us pray,  
**God of thundering glory and wondrous love,  
 you lifted up Jesus Christ from the earth  
 to draw all people to your holy name.  
 Like grains of wheat that fall to the dust,  
 teach us to die—and so to bear much fruit,  
 giving our lives for the sake of the gospel,  
 following and serving Christ Jesus forever.**

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

Greet Someone New

*Music to Bring Us Back Together: Chorus of "All are Welcome"*

## Children's Time

### THE STORY

(Reader): You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of John chapter 12 verses 20-33.



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.

*This next version is for Jim and Hans and Katie to see the accompaniment*

Optional introduction

D Bm G<sup>2</sup> A<sup>7</sup>sus A<sup>7</sup>

Let your stead - fast love come to us, O

D Bm<sup>7</sup>

Lord. Let your stead - fast love

G<sup>2</sup> A<sup>7</sup>sus D

come to us, O Lord.

Bm F#m<sup>7</sup> D<sup>7</sup>sus

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

G Em Bm A

The first system of the musical score is in G major (one sharp). It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The vocal line has four measures: 'Save us as', 'you prom - ised;', 'we will trust', and 'your'. The piano accompaniment features chords G, Em, Bm, and A over the four measures respectively. The piano part has a treble and bass clef.

word. Let your stead-fast love

E/G# G A<sup>7</sup>/G A/B D/E

The second system continues the piece. The vocal line has two measures: 'word.' and 'Let your stead-fast love'. The piano accompaniment features chords E/G#, G, A<sup>7</sup>/G, A/B, and D/E over the five measures. The piano part continues with treble and bass clefs.

come to us, O Lord.

A<sup>7</sup> sus A<sup>7</sup> D

The third system concludes the piece. The vocal line has three measures: 'come to us,', 'O Lord.', and a final sustained note. The piano accompaniment features chords A<sup>7</sup> sus, A<sup>7</sup>, and D over the three measures. The piano part ends with a double bar line in both staves.

(Reader): <sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him,

**(Side 1): “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.”**

(Reader): <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven,

**(Side 2): “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.”**

(Reader): <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

(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 – “Seed of Life”

### SEED OF LIFE

Hans Peterson  
Maia Twedt

Em Bm7 C G Am7 Bm7 Em *Fine* Bm7

Seed of Life a - rise a - new.

Em Bm7 Em

Dark - ness cov - ers and qui - et  
Wa - ter flow - ing and roots - et  
Break - ing of soil - ing and you push and  
Ground - of prom - ise to sky a -

Bm7 C G Am7 Bm7

hov - ers; we wait in won - der.  
grow - ing you nour ish us. Oh,  
toil with you strength un ti - known. Oh,  
round us you beau ti - fy.

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*This version is for Hans to see the chords*

## 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:

**HOPE OF ALL CREATION**  
(Prayer Response)

Hans Peterson

(guitar: capo 3)

Hope of all cre - a - tion, Heal - er of re -

la - tions, We lift our prayer to you. We

lift our prayer to you.

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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 during Lent is for ELCA World Hunger.

## Offering Song – “We Are an Offering”

# We Are An Offering

Words and Music by  
Dwight Liles

**CHORUS 1**

$\text{♩} = 60$

G7 C Dm7 C/E F C/E

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an

Dm7 G7sus G7 C Dm7 C/E

of - fer - ing. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our

F C/E Dm7 G7sus G/F Em7 Asus A7 Dm7 G7sus G7

**BRIDGE**

lives, they are Yours, we are an of - fer - ing. All that we have, all that we are,

Esus D/F# E/G# Am F C/E Bb/C A/C# Dm7 G7sus G7

all that we hope to be, we give to You, we give to You. We lift our

C Dm7 C/E F C/E Dm7 G7sus

**CHORUS 2**

voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to You, we are an of - fer - ing, we are an

1 2

C G7sus G7 C

of - fer - ing. We lift our of - fer - ing.

# The Feast

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



Be present at our ta - ble Lord, Be here and

Eve - ry - where a - dored, These mercies bless and

Grant that we May strengthen for thy ser - vice be.

*This next version is for Jim to play harmonies (words don't match)*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

## 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: "As the Grains of Wheat" and "Thy Holy Wings"

## As the Grains of Wheat

*Refrain*



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*



may we share the pres - ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

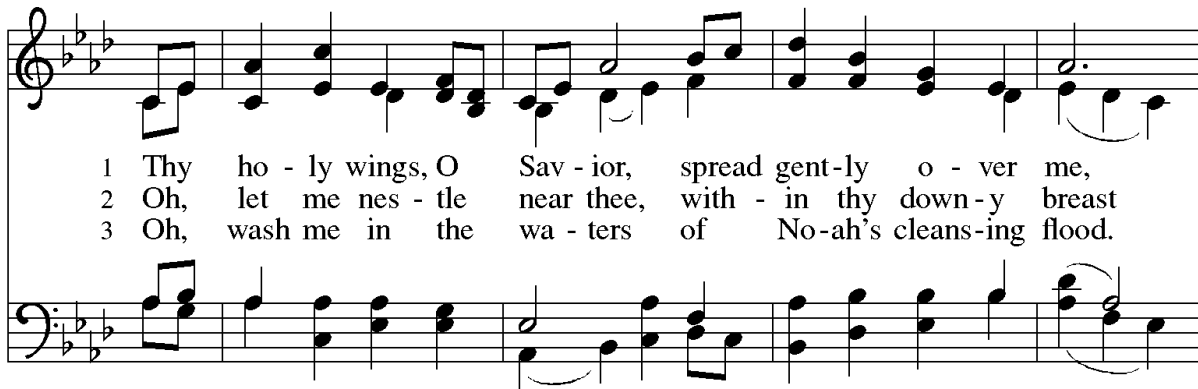
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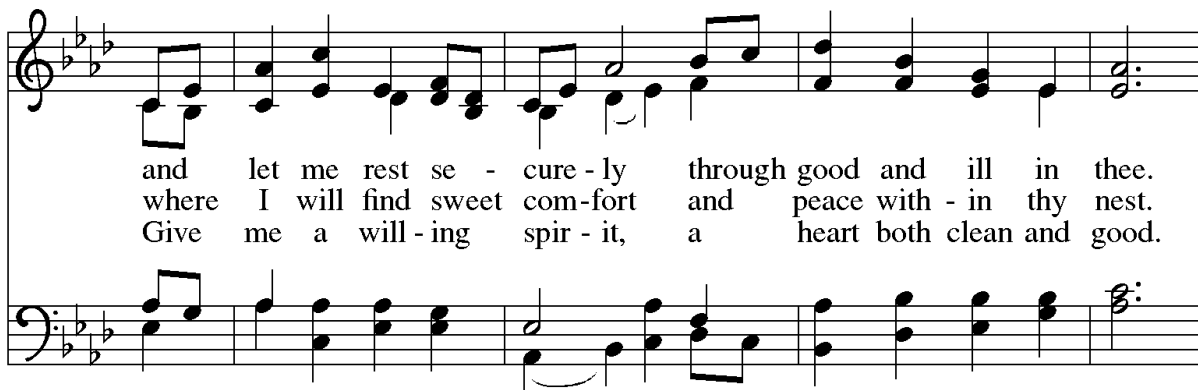
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# Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

## 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:

Whose Child are You?:

MILESTONES! Sing "Wade in the Water" refrain

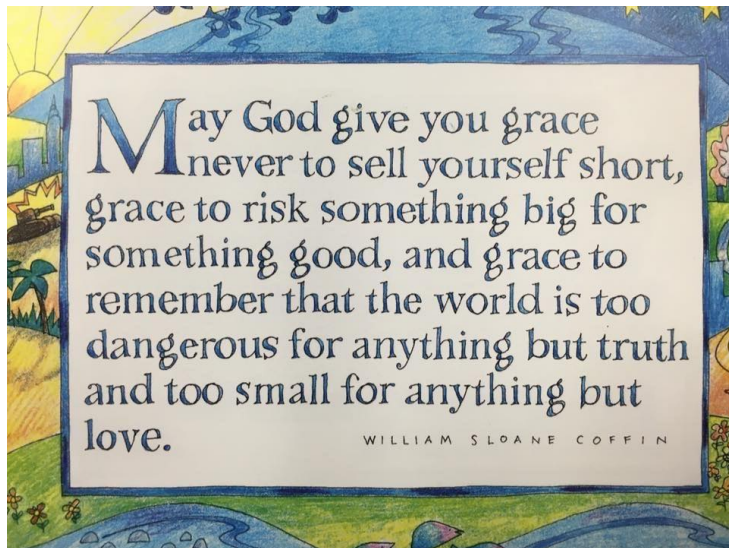
*It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.*

## 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:



Sending Song: "Travelers on the Journey"

# TRAVELERS ON THE JOURNEY

Larry Olson  
Hans Peterson

Musical score for the song "Travelers on the Journey". The score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of six staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "We are travelers on the journey, yearning to believe. Hearts are burning, eyes are open. We are travelers on the journey of love. What is life really all about in the struggle of Do we walk in our foolishness without hearts ev-er We are blessed in the gathering at the table of faith? slow grace. Hear the word reach-ing out to you, to the touch of the Ho-ly One Free to see in an-oth-er's pain the Je-sus is a live to day. who is with us on this road? face of Je-sus here to day."

F(D) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G) Dm(Bm)  
 We are trav - 'lers on the jour - ney, yearn - ing to  
 C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) C(A)  
 be - lieve. Hearts are burn - ing, eyes are o - pen.  
 F(D) B $\flat$ (G) Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) C(A)  
 We are trav - 'lers on the jour - ney of love.  
 Dm(Bm) C(A) F(D)  
 What is life real - ly all a - bout in the strug - gle of  
 Do we walk in our fool - ish - ness without hearts ev - er  
 We are blessed in the gath - er - ing at the ta - ble of  
 C(A) Gm(Em) Csus(Asus) C(A)  
 faith? slow grace. Hear the word reach - ing out to you,  
 to the touch of the Ho - ly One  
 Free to see in an - oth - er's pain the  
 Gm(Em) F/A(D/F $\sharp$ ) B $\flat$ (G) C(A)  
 Je - sus is a live to day.  
 who is with us on this road?  
 face of Je - sus here to day.

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

Music to Send You Out

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