### 3rd Sunday of Easter-April 14, 2024





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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

### Gathering

Music to Prepare us for Worship

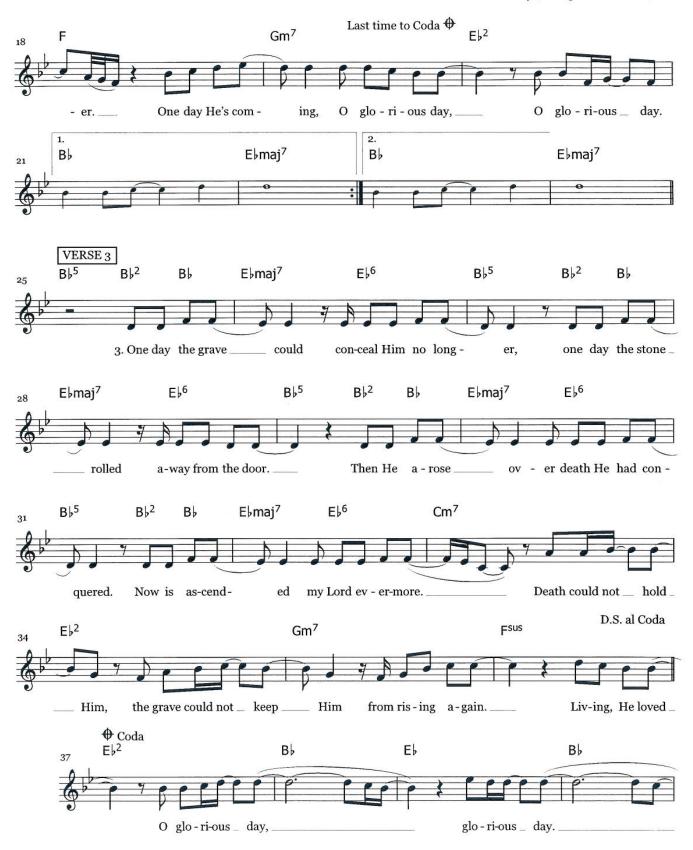
(Mike) Welcome \* Welcome Pads \* Post it Notes \* (Introduce yourself and Pastor Tim Wheatley) Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit for our opening song.

Opening Song - "Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)"

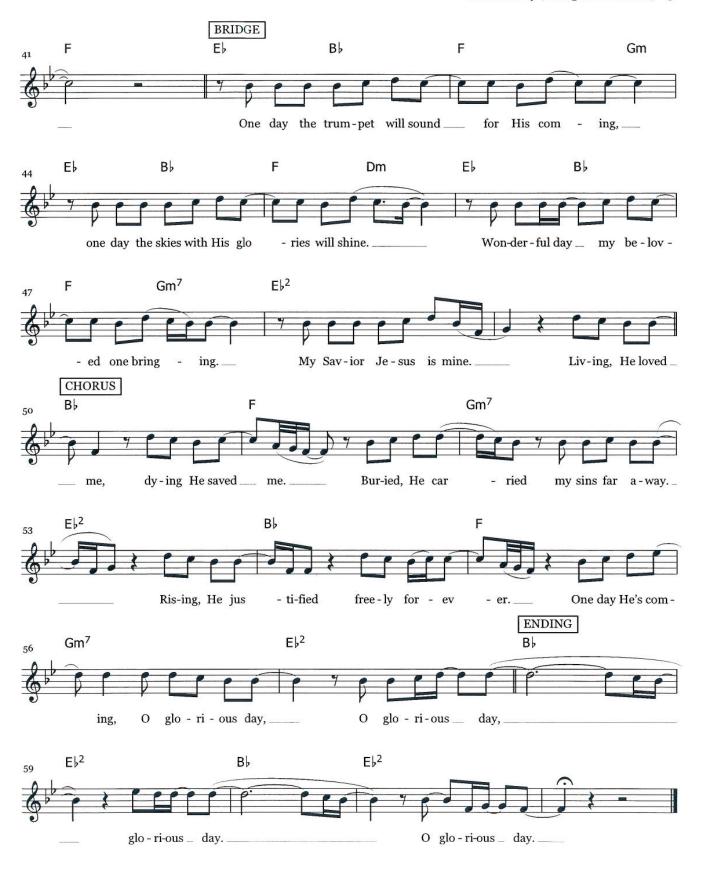
### Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me)



#### Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) - 2



#### Glorious Day (Living He Loved Me) - 3



(Pastor Tim): 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

(Pastor Tim): Please join me as we confess our sins to God,

(ALL): Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Pastor Tim): Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Silence for confession

(Pastor Tim): Forgiving God,

(ALL): We confess that we arrive at the tomb filled with unbelief, filled with grief. Even when we see you alive and well in our lives, showing up in people we don't know or like, we turn away from you. We respond with sarcasm and wit; we arm ourselves with facts and alternative facts. We roll our eyes, all the while separating ourselves from you as we further the distance from each other. We are sorry. Please forgive us. Forgive us for continuing to choose sides, pick teams, point fingers, and turn our backs. Amen.

(Pastor Tim): Hear this Good News: Even when we mistake Jesus for the gardener or for the enemy, we are never mistaken or forgotten by Jesus. Sisters and brothers, you are forgiven. You are a child of God. You are not remembered for what you've done wrong. You are not remembered as the sum of your mistakes. You are loved by God. Your life is forever changed. You are free!

#### (ALL): Amen! Alleluia!

### Prayer of the Day:

(Pastor Tim): Let us pray,

(ALL): Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Pastor Tim): Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: First Chorus of "Glorious Day"

#### Children's Time

### THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading from Acts chapter 4 verses 32-35. As the people live with the Good News they live in radically new ways.

(Reader): <sup>32</sup>Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup>There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup>They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. Here ends the first reading.

(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 20 verses 19-31

(Reader): When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

#### (Side 1): "Peace be with you."

(Reader): After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,

(Side 2): "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

(Reader): When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,

(Side 1): "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

(Reader): But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,

(Side 2): "We have seen the Lord."

(Reader): But he said to them,

(Side 1): "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

(Reader): A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,

(Side 2): "Peace be with you."

(Reader): Then he said to Thomas,

(Side 1): "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

(Reader): Thomas answered him,

(Side 2): "My Lord and my God!"

(Reader): Jesus said to him,

(ALL): "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

(Reader): Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

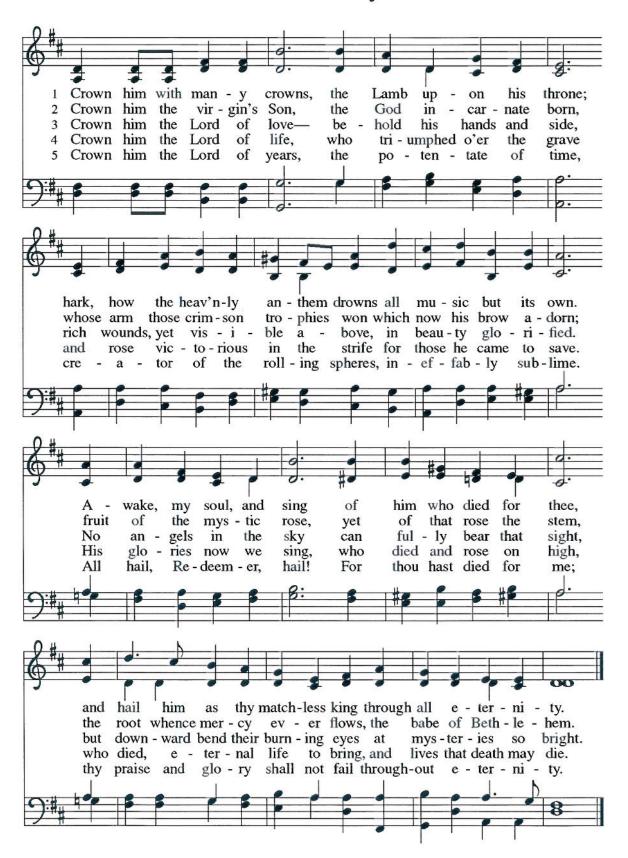
Ringers of Hope Chime Choir

"We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"

Sermon – Pastor Tim Wheatley

Song of the Day "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

### Crown Him with Many Crowns



### (Prayer): 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

**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 April is for Erin's Kids. Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Pastor Tim in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song – "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"

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### Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!





### 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.

(Pastor Tim): 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.

(Pastor Tim): 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.

(Pastor Tim): The gifts of God are...

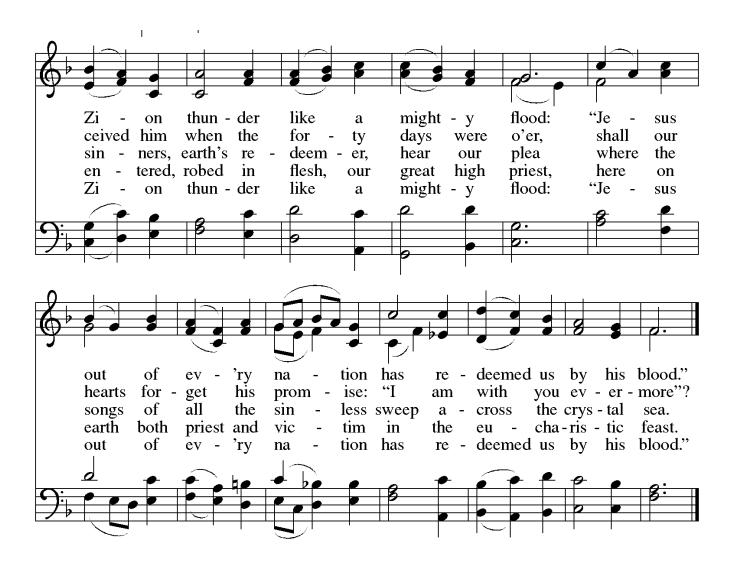
#### (ALL): Free

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

Communion Songs: "Alleluia! Sing to Jesus", "The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done"

## Alleluia! Sing to Jesus





Text: William C. Dix, 1837–1898, alt. Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811–1887

### The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done



### Blessing after Communion

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

#### Prayer after Communion

(Pastor Tim): Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

Amen.

# The Sending

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

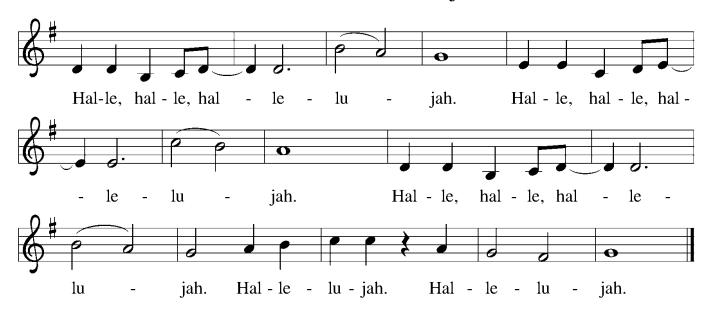
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

(Jim or Lisa) Purpose Sightings:

(Mike) MILESTONES! Sing "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

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.

### Halle, Hallelujah



Music: Caribbean traditional

### Blessing:

(Pastor Tim): Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

(Pastor Tim): The God of resurrection power,

the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

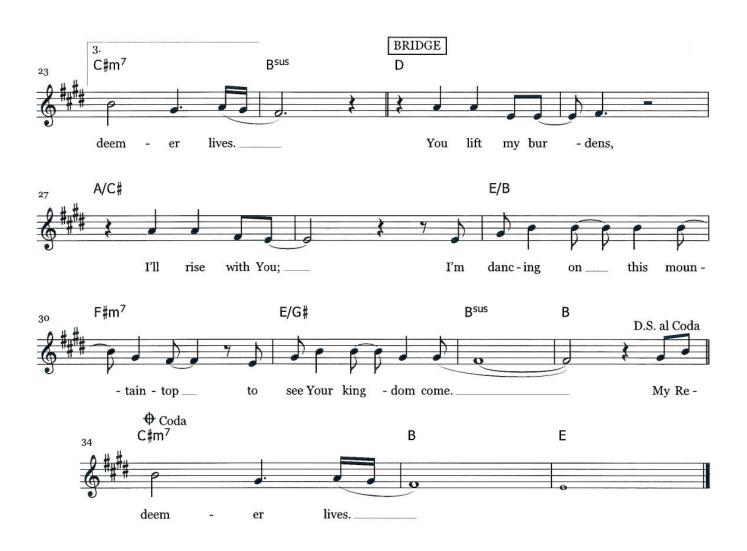
+ bless you now and always. Amen.

Sending Song: "My Redeemer Lives"

## My Redeemer Lives

Words and Music by Reuben Morgan





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(Pastor Tim): Go in peace – you are God's beloved.

### Thanks be to God

### Music to Send You Out