# 4th Sunday of Easter-April 21, 2024





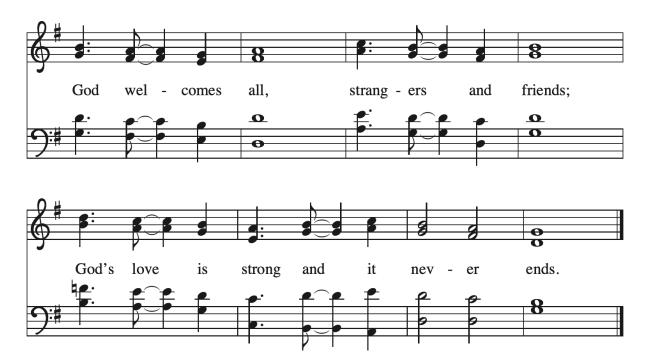
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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare us for Worship

Opening Song – "God Welcomes All"

#### God Welcomes All



Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: AMEN THEMBA, South African traditional; transc. and arr. John L. Bell.

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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**.

Prayer of the Day:

(Leader): Let us pray,

(ALL):

O God,

We gather together in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.

Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.

May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil.

May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds.

We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and our Lord.

Amen.

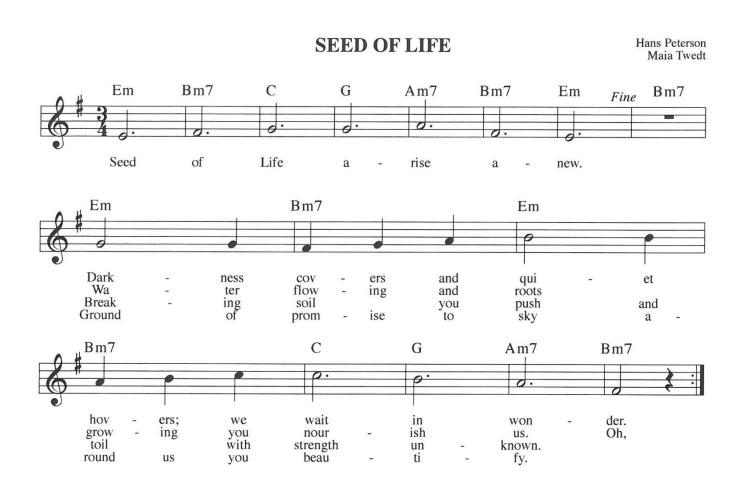
Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: "God Welcomes All"

Children's Time

## THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading from the Gospel of Mark chapter 9 verses 33-37. (read from your Bible)



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(Reader): Our second reading comes from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 13 verses 1-9. (read from your Bible)

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

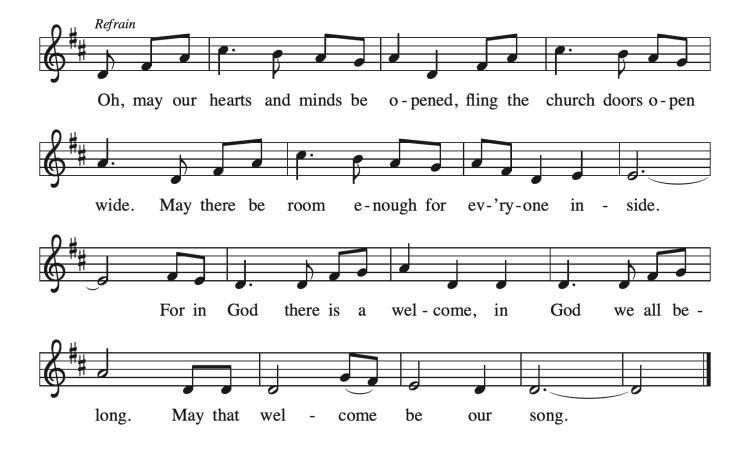
(ALL): Thanks be to God.

Sermon – Dr. Jim Ollhoff

Song of the Day "God, We Gather as your People"

# God, We Gather As Your People





Text: David Lohman, b. 1961

Music: WELCOME BE OUR SONG, David Lohman

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## (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."

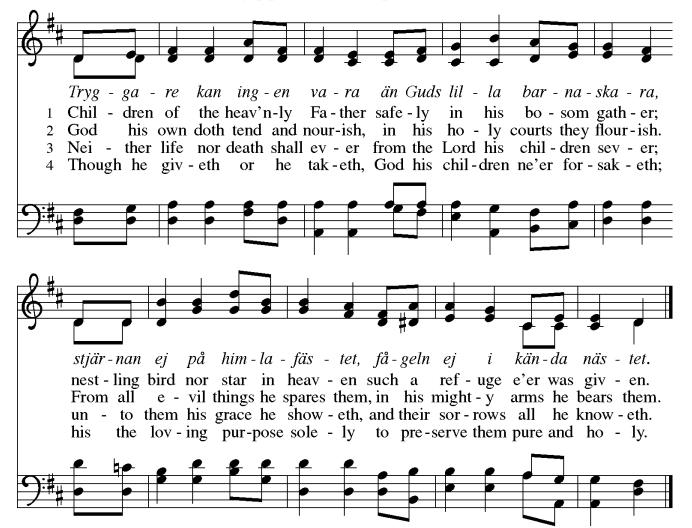
## Offering

**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: "Children of the Heavenly Father"

# Children of the Heavenly Father

Tryggare kan ingen vara



Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832–1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870–1958 Music: TRYGGARE KAN INGEN VARA, Swedish folk tune

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# 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 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.

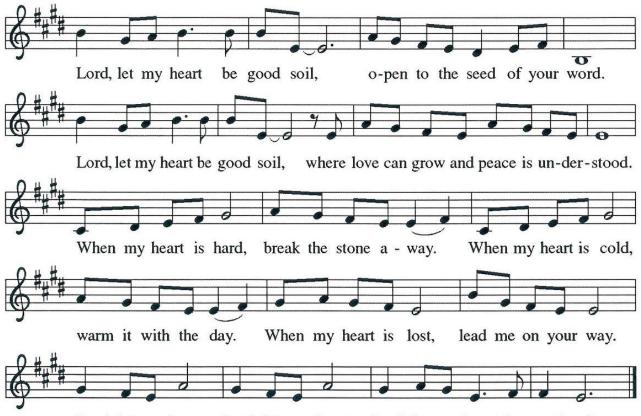
The gifts of God are...

#### (ALL): Free

Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil", "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant"

# Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



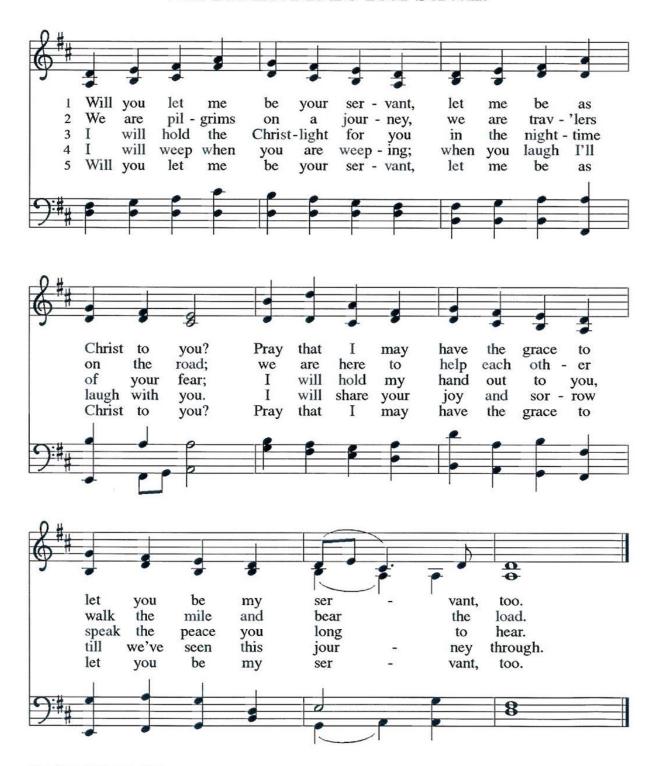
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson
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## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



Text: Richard Gillard, b. 1953
Music: THE SERVANT SONG, Richard Gillard; arr. Betty Pulkingham, b. 1928
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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

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

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

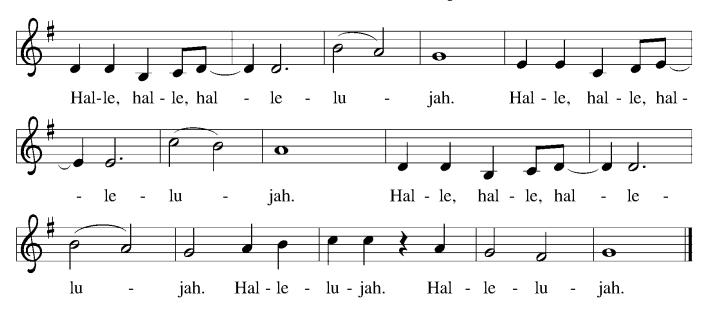
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

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:

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

#### Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

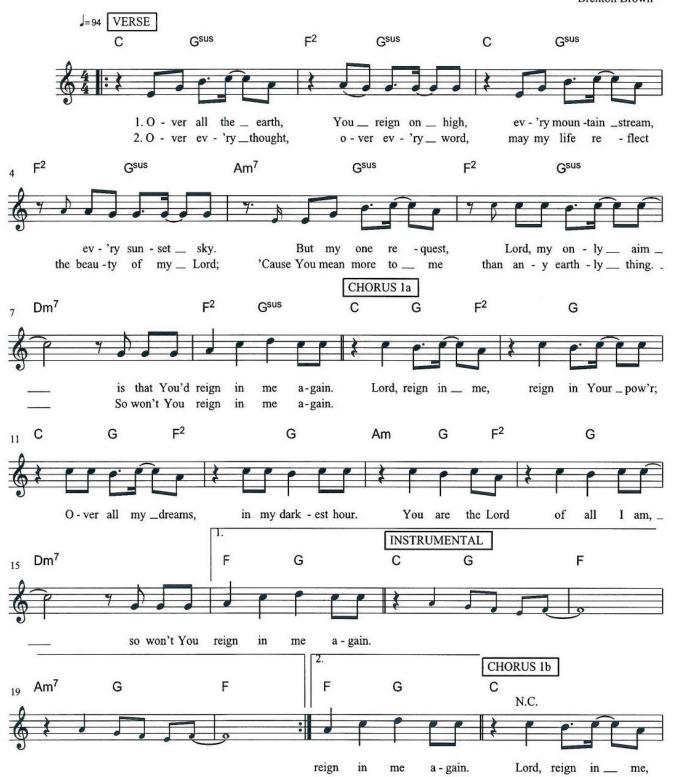
The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope

+ bless you now and always. Amen.

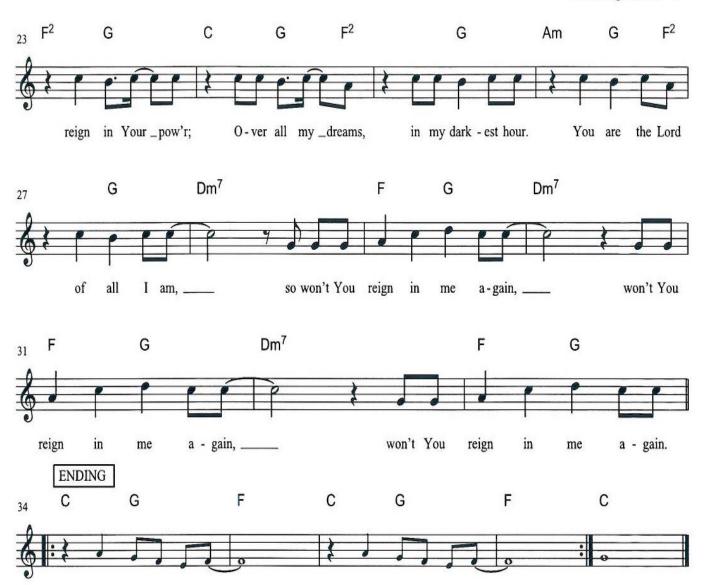
Sending Song: "Lord Reign In Me"

## Lord Reign In Me

Words and Music by Brenton Brown



#### Lord Reign In Me - 2



(Leader): Go in peace - you are God's beloved.

## Thanks be to God

## Music to Send You Out

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