

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

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

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)*

SEED OF LIFE

Hans Peterson
Maia Twedt

Em Bm7 C G Am7 Bm7 Em *Fine* Bm7

Seed of Life arise anew.

Em Bm7 Em

Dark - ness cov - ers and qui - et
Wa - ter flow - ing and roots - et
Break - ing soil prom - ise and you to push sky and a -
Ground of 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 - known.
round us you beau - ti - fy.

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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



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.




Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o-pened, fling the church doors o-pen
wide. May there be room e-nough for ev-'ry-one in - side.
For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -
long. May that wel - come be our song.

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

Tryg - ga - re kan ing - en va - ra än Guds lil - la bar - na - ska - ra,
 1 Chil - dren of the heav'n-ly Fa - ther safe - ly in his bo - som gath - er;
 2 God his own doth tend and nour-ish, in his ho - ly courts they flour-ish.
 3 Nei - ther life nor death shall ev - er from the Lord his chil - dren sev - er;
 4 Though he giv - eth or he tak-eth, God his chil-dren ne'er for - sak - eth;

stjär - nan ej på him - la - fäs - tet, få - geln ej i kän - da näs - tet.
 nest - ling bird nor star in heav - en such a ref - uge e'er was giv - en.
 From all e - vil things he spares them, in his might - y arms he bears them.
 un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth.
 his the lov - ing pur - pose sole - ly to pre - serve them pure and ho - ly.

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

The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The lyrics are as follows:

Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,

warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

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

1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers
 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night - time
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as

Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to

let you be my ser - vant, too.
 walk the mile and bear the load.
 speak the peace you long to hear.
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

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, Halle, Hallelujah

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

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

$\text{♩} = 94$ **VERSE**

C G^{sus} F² G^{sus} C G^{sus}

1. O - ver all the _ earth, You _ reign on _ high, ev - 'ry moun - tain _ stream,
2. O - ver ev - 'ry _ thought, o - ver ev - 'ry _ word, may my life re - flect

4 F² G^{sus} Am⁷ G^{sus} F² G^{sus}

ev - 'ry sun - set _ sky. But my one re - quest, Lord, my on - ly _ aim _
the beau - ty of my _ Lord; 'Cause You mean more to _ me than an - y earth - ly _ thing. -

CHORUS 1a

7 Dm⁷ F² G^{sus} C G F² G

— is that You'd reign in me a - gain. Lord, reign in _ me, reign in Your _ pow'r;
— So won't You reign in me a - gain.

11 C G F² G Am G F² G

O - ver all my _ dreams, in my dark - est hour. You are the Lord of all I am, _

INSTRUMENTAL

15 Dm⁷ F G C G F

— so won't You reign in me a - gain.

CHORUS 1b

19 Am⁷ G F F G C N.C.

reign in me a - gain. Lord, reign in _ me,

Lord Reign In Me - 2

23 F² G C G F² G Am G F²

reign in Your _pow'r; O-ver all my _dreams, in my dark - est hour. You are the Lord

27 G Dm⁷ F G Dm⁷

of all I am, _____ so won't You reign in me a - gain, _____ won't You

31 F G Dm⁷ F G

reign in me a - gain, _____ won't You reign in me a - gain.

ENDING

34 C G F C G F C

(Leader): Go in peace – you are God's beloved.
Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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