5th Sunday of Easter-April 28, 2024





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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare us for Worship

Opening Song – "Lovely Needy People"

Lovely Needy People

Music by Gary Rand Lyrics by Lenora Rand



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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, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: "Lovely Needy People" mm. 19-25

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading from 1 John 4: 7-21. (read from your Bible, and say "Here ends the first reading" at conclusion of verse 21.)

Beloved



(Reader): You are invited to stand in body or in spirit for our second reading today which comes from the Gospel of John chapter 15:1-8 (read from your Bible)

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

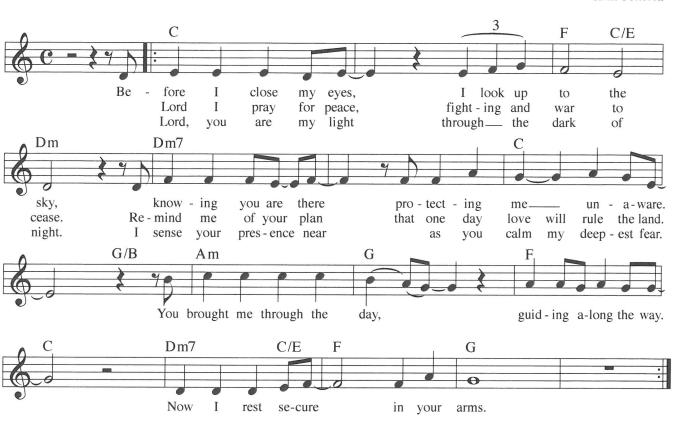
(ALL): Thanks be to God.

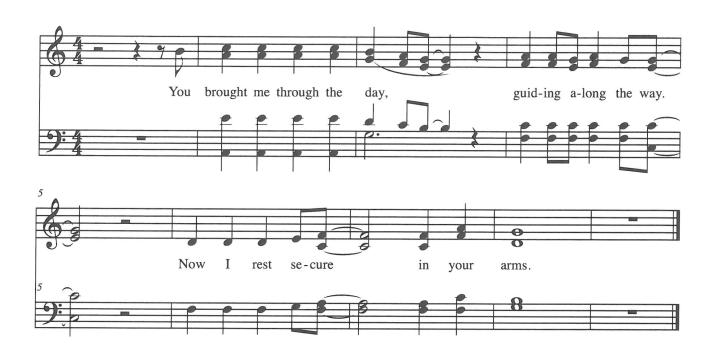
Sermon – Pastor Hans Peterson

Song of the Day – Secure in Your Arms

SECURE IN YOUR ARMS

Meg Sander Hans Peterson





(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.

Offering Song: "They'll Know We are Christians by our Love"

They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

Words and Music by Peter Scholtes



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:

The Lord's Prayer – version by Parker J. Palmer

Heavenly Father, heavenly Mother,
Holy and blessed is your true name.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We pray that your good will be done,
Let heaven and earth become one.
Give us this day the bread we need,
Give it to those who have none.
Let forgiveness flow like a river between us,
from each one to each one.
Lead us to holy innocence, Beyond the evil of our days –
Come swiftly Mother, Father, come.
For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy:
Forever your name is All in One. 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: "On Eagle's Wings", "Abide with Me"

On Eagle's Wings



1 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







of his hand.

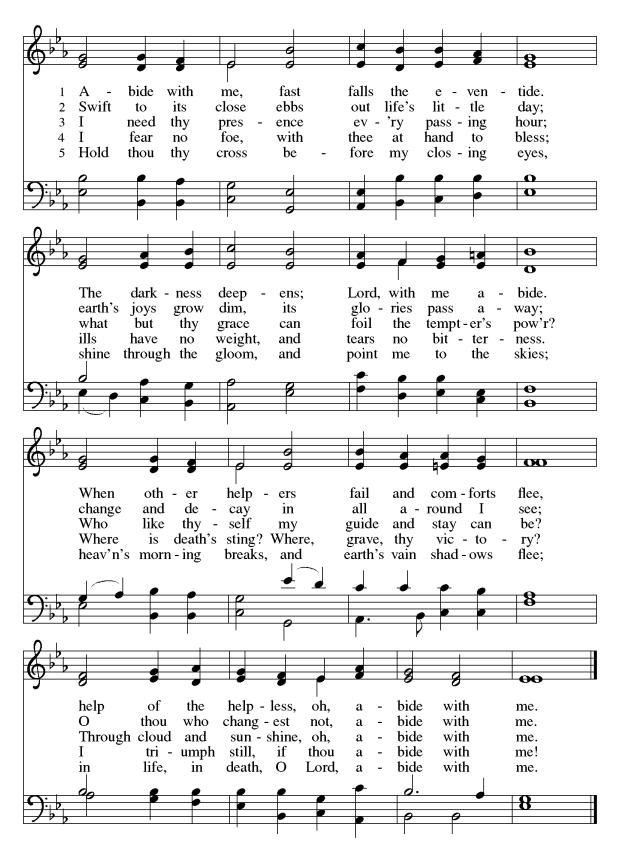
Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957 Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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And hold you, hold you in the palm

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Abide with Me



Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847 Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

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?

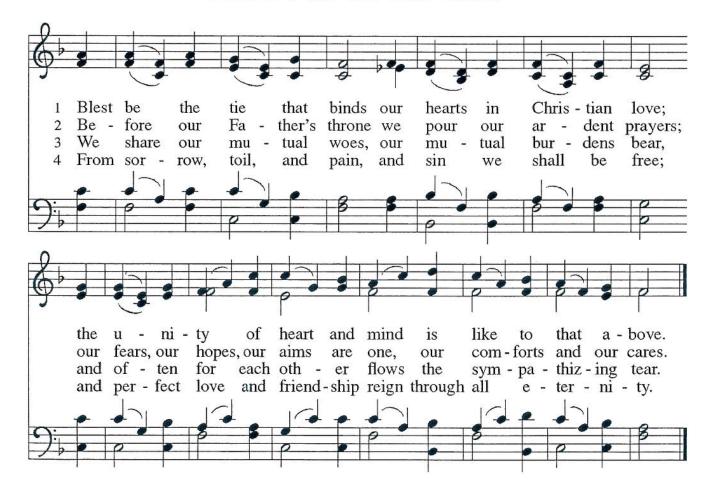
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings:

MILESTONES! Sing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds" vs. 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.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.

Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773-1836, adapt.

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: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



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

Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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