

5<sup>th</sup> 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

B $\flat$

Oh you pris'-ners in your cells, All you in pri - vate hells, —

5 Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. — All you hun-gry and ig-nored, Who

8 B $\flat$

thirst for some - thing more, — Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. —

11 F E $\flat$

You who feel so lost but are a - fraid of be - ing found;  
You who've giv - en up and can't see an - y - where but down.

13 F E $\flat$

You who are in chains but are a - fraid to live un - bound,  
You who've lost all hope and think it's no - where to be found.

15 Gm E $\flat$

Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son, — Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. — For

15

19  $B\flat$   $F$

all us love-ly, need-y peo - ple Liv-ing in this world that's spin-ning  
all us love-ly, bro-ken peo - ple

21  $Gm$   $E\flat$

Round and round and round, Round and round and round. For

23  $E\flat$   $B\flat$   $F$

round and round and round. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

26  $Gm$  *2nd Time to Coda*  $E\flat$

Ky-ri-e e - le - i-son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. — You

29  $B\flat$

chil-dren ripped and torn, Bat-tered, bruised and worn, Ky-ri - e e - le - i - son. —

32  $E\flat$

All who look hate in the face, Locked in hate's em-brace,

35  $B\flat$   $E\flat$  *Coda* *D.S. al Coda*

Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son, — Ky-ri-e e-le-i-son. — There is

39  $B\flat$   $Gm$

mer-cy e-nough; there is grace e-nough. There is

41  $E\flat$   $F$  *Fine*

love e-nough for all of us. — There is

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

Words and Music by  
Dennis Ryder

$\text{♩} = 130$

Be - lov - ed, let us love one an - oth - er, for  
love is of God, and ev - 'ry - one that lov - eth is born of God, and  
know - eth God. He that lov - eth not know - eth not God, for God is love.  
Be - lov - ed, let us love one an - oth - er; First John four: sev - en and eight.

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(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

C F C/E

Be - fore I close my eyes, I look up to the  
 Lord I pray for peace, fight - ing and war to  
 Lord, you are my light through the dark of

Dm Dm7 C

sky, know - ing you are there pro - tect - ing me un - a - ware.  
 cease. Re - mind me of your plan that one day love will rule the land.  
 night. I sense your pres - ence near as you calm my deep - est fear.

G/B Am G F

You brought me through the day, guid - ing a - long the way.

C Dm7 C/E F G

Now I rest se - cure in your arms.

You brought me through the day, guid - ing a - long the way.

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Now I rest se - cure in your arms.

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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.*

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

$\text{♩} = 56$

## VERSE

Fm Eb/F Fm Eb/F Fm Eb/F Fm Eb/F Fm



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are  
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will  
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will  
4. All — praise to the Fa - ther, from — whom all things come; And all

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B♭m

E♭<sup>7</sup>/B♭ Fm Eb/F Fm



one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we  
walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to -  
work with each oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll  
praise to Christ Je - sus, His — on - ly — Son. And all

9

B♭m

E♭<sup>7</sup>/B♭ Fm Eb/F Fm



pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored. And they'll  
-geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land.  
guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save — each man's pride.  
praise to the Spir - it, who — makes — us — one.

## CHORUS

13

D♭

Fm

B♭m



know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our love, yes they'll

17

Fm

B♭m

E♭<sup>7</sup>/B♭

Fm



know — we are Chris - tians by our love. —————

# 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,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



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



day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



4 For to the an-gels God's giv-en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

*Final refrain*

All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Text: Michael Joncas, b. 1957

Music: ON EAGLE'S WINGS, Michael Joncas

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## Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.  
 earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see;  
 Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## 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

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;  
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,  
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;

the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.  
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.  
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.  
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

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



# What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

## *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



- 1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil-grim way, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms;  
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms?



what a bless-ed-ness, what a peace is mine, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.  
 I have bless-ed peace with my Lord so near, lean-ing on the ev-er-last-ing arms.



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se-cure from all a - larms;



Lean - ing on Je - sus. lean - ing on Je - sus.



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean-ing on the ev - er - last-ing arms.



lean - ing on Je - sus. lean - ing on Je - sus.

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

## Music to Send You Out

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