

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare us for Worship

Opening Song – “Build Up”

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 *(inspired by Luke 24: 36-48, John 20:19-31)*

Lord Jesus Christ, your love shines on,

illuminating the places where you are present.

As the baffled disciples pondered the stories of your appearance, you penetrated their fear and doubt with a word of peace.

You showed them the appalling marks of evil pierced on your hands and feet.

You opened their minds to understand

How God defeated the powers of evil and death.

**Increase our understanding, we pray,**

**and open our minds and hearts to receive you, Lord.**

Speak your word of peace to us

and let your love shine in our lives.

**May this worship which we offer in your name**

**be a worthy response to your love and your sacrifice for us. Amen.**

— written by Moira Laidlaw, and posted on the [Liturgies Online](#) blog, adapted

## Greet Someone New

*Music to Bring Us Back Together: Chorus of "Build Up*

## THE STORY

(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 Luke chapter 24 verses 36(b) – 48.

(Reader): *Look up these verses in your Bible and read it.*

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

**(ALL): Thanks be to God.**

Sermon in Song – SW MN Youth Band

“Forever Emmanuel”, “Healer”, “My Lighthouse”

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: “Hope of all Creation”*

## 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 Lent is for ELCA World Hunger.*

## Offering Song – "Welcome Table"

# 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.

(Leader): The gifts of God are...

**(ALL): Free**

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

Communion Songs: "Oceans" and "Everyone is a Child of God"

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 “Everyone is a Child of God” refrain

*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.*

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: “Go Now With God”

Go in peace – you are God’s beloved.     **Thanks be to God**

Music to Send You Out

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