

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare us for Worship

Opening Song – "God So Loved"

VERSE 1**VERSE 2**

CHORUS 1

3

20 C B \flat F Fsus F Fsus F

Son to save us. Who - ev - er be - lieves in Him will live for - ev - er.

24 **INTERLUDE** **VERSE 3** Fsus F F5 Fsus F5 Fsus F

Whoa, whoa. Whoa, whoa. 3. Bring all your fail - ures,

30 Csus

bring your ad - dic - tions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross. Je - sus is wait - ing there

34 **CHORUS 2** B \flat F Fsus F Fsus F Fsus F N.C. F

with o - pen arms. For God so loved the

38 C

world that ~~He~~^{God} gave us ~~His~~^{God's} one and on - ly Son to save us. Who - ev - er be - lieves in Him

42 B \flat F Fsus F Fsus F Fsus F F

will live for - ev - er. The pow'r of hell for -

46 C

ev - er de - feat - ed. Now it is well, I'm walk - ing in free - dom. For God so loved,

50 $B\flat$ F Fsus F Fsus F Fsus F F/A $B\flat$
2nd time to Coda

55 F C(4) F/A $B\flat$ F
 whom all bless - ings flow. Praise ~~God~~ God, praise ~~God~~ God for the won - ders of ~~God's~~ love.

60 C(4)/E

CHORUS 3

N.C. *D.S. al Coda*
 God so loved the world that ~~God~~ gave us ~~God's~~ one and on - ly Son to save. For

74 Coda Fsus F

VERSE 4

N.C.
 4. Bring all your fail - ures, bring your ad - dic - tions. Come lay them down at the foot of the cross.

79
 Je - sus is wait - ing, God so loved the world.____

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.

Congregant Survey Questions regarding Reconciling in Christ

Introduction: Over the past several months, a committee of River of Hope members has studied the idea and possibility of joining other ELCA churches to become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Partner. Please take a few minutes to ponder and answer the following questions and provide feedback in the comments as you see fit. This survey is completely confidential. Please reflect as we read together the River of Hope Welcome Statement:

Please reflect on the following:

River of Hope Welcome statement

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another, serving everyone with no strings attached. We welcome you to join us at River of Hope, no matter your ethnicity, age, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, political perspective, physical and mental ability, or socioeconomic position.

Wherever you are on your journey of faith, wherever you are in life (herbivore, carnivore, allergic to church, snarky, cranky)...you are fully welcome here. We mean it!

You are a beloved and unique child of God. Come gather for worship and prayer, to study God's Word, to embrace the work of racial equity, social and economic justice, and environmental care.

Together we are called to go out and transform lives through Jesus Christ

Please think about our welcome statement and fill out that portion of the survey.

How do you feel?

____YES, agree wholeheartedly

____YES, but I would appreciate more education

____YES, but I would appreciate more scriptural engagement

____NO, because I need more _____

Comments:

Were you aware of and did you attend or participate in the following opportunities that took place at River of Hope during the past several months?

1. Panel of River of Hope parents of LGBTQIA + children.

____aware

____attend

2. A discussion with Tommi, a female transgender Hutchinson community member.

____aware

____attend

3. The viewing of the movie "For the Bible Tells Me so".

____aware

____attend

4. Forum by Dr. Erin Knudtson on helping children navigate who they are.

____aware

____attend

5. Sermon and forum by Dr. Jim Olhoff about the use of Biblical passages used to exclude those within the LGBTQIA+ community and Biblical passages that preach the welcome and acceptance of the LGBTQIA+ community.

_____aware

_____attend

6. Book reading and study of One Coin Found.

_____aware

_____participate

Comments

A Reconciling in Christ church community commits to the following. Please check any of the statements you are willing to help our church commit to:

_____River of Hope explicitly states a welcome to people of “*all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions*” or “*LGBTQIA+*” and names it’s commitment to *racial equity or anti-racism* in its welcome statement.

_____River of Hope is *Open to calling* an LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) Rostered Leader

_____River of Hope will allow community space/sanctuary to be used for *LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings*.

_____River of Hope will make a *meaningful contribution* annually to support the national RIC program.

Comments:

And finally:

If River of Hope would take a vote today to become a Reconciling in Christ Partner, how would you vote?_____

And...

Do you feel your voice has been heard? _____ If not, how can this be remedied?

Comments/Questions:

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:

Let us pray,

Almighty and ever-living God, throughout time you free the oppressed, heal the sick, and make whole all that you have made. Look with compassion on the world wounded by sin, and by your power restore us to wholeness of life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: "God So Loved"

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. You are invited to follow along in your Bibles as we hear these words from Deuteronomy 5:12-15.

¹²Observe the sabbath day and keep it holy, as the LORD your God commanded you. ¹³Six days you shall labor and do all your work. ¹⁴But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, or your son or your daughter, or your male or female slave, or your ox or your donkey, or any of your livestock, or the resident alien in your towns, so that your male and female slave may rest as well as you. ¹⁵Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God brought you out from there with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm; therefore the LORD your God commanded you to keep the sabbath day.

Here ends the first reading. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit and follow along in your Bibles as we sing and then hear these words from the Gospel of Mark 2:23—3:6

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Haleluya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness. *End*

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²³One sabbath [Jesus] was going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. ²⁴The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" ²⁵And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? ²⁶He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." ²⁷Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; ²⁸so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."

^{3:1}Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. ²They watched him to see whether he would

cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. ³And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." ⁴Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. ⁵He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. ⁶The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

(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 – "There is a Balm in Gilead"

There Is a Balm in Gilead


Refrain




There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole;




there is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1 Some - times I feel dis - cour - aged and think my work's in vain,
 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour - aged, for Je - sus is your friend;



Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
 you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
 and if you lack for knowl-edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.



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 May is for "Seeds of Hope."*

Offering Talk: Arlyn Debruckyre

Offering Song: "There is a Balm in Gilead" (vs. 1 and refrain)

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: “Lord of the Dance” and “Healer of Our Every Ill”

F Dm Am Dm



1. I danced in the morn - ing when the world was be - gun, and I
 2. I danced for the scribe _ and the Phar - i - see, but they
 3. I danced on the Sab - bath and I cured the _ lame, _ the
 4. I danced on a Fri - day when the sky turned _ black; _ Its
 5. They cut Me _ down _ and I leapt up _ high, _

Gm C⁷ F Dm



danced in the moon and the stars _ and the sun, and I came down from heav - en and I
 would not _ dance and they would - nt fol - low Me; I _ danced for the fish - er-men, for
 ho - ly _ peo - ple _ said it was a shame; They _ whipped and they stripped _ and they
 hard to _ dance with the dev - il on your back; They _ bur - ied My bod - y and they
 I am the life that - ll nev - er, nev - er die; Ill _ live in _ you _ if youll

Am Dm Gm C⁷ B \flat /F F F Am



danced on the earth, _ at Beth - le - hem I _ had My birth. "Dance, then, wher -
 James and _ John; _ They came with _ Me and the dance went on.
 hung Me on high; And they left Me _ there on a Cross to die.
 thought Id _ gone, _ But I am the dance and I still go on.
 live in _ Me; _ "I am the Lord of the Dance," said He.

Dm F Gm C C/B \flat



-ev - er you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance," said He. "And Ill

F/A Gm⁷ F B \flat /D F/C C/B \flat F/A B \flat C⁷ F B \flat /F F



lead you all _ wher - ev - er you may be, and Ill lead you all in the Dance," said He.

Healer of Our Every Ill

Refrain



Heal - er of our ev - 'ry ill, light of each to - mor - row,



give us peace be - yond our fear, and hope be - yond our sor - row.



1 You who know our fears and sad - ness, grace us with your
 2 In the pain and joy be - hold - ing how your grace is
 3 Give us strength to love each oth - er, ev - 'ry sis - ter,
 4 You who know each thought and feel - ing, teach us all your

Refrain



peace and glad - ness; Spir - it of all com - fort, fill our hearts.
 still un - fold - ing, give us all your vi - sion, God of love.
 ev - 'ry broth - er; Spir - it of all kind - ness, be our guide.
 way of heal - ing; Spir - it of com - pas - sion, fill each heart.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: HEALER OF OUR EVERY ILL, Marty Haugen

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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.

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MILESTONES! Sing "On Eagle's Wings" Chorus

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.

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.

Blessing:

The blessing of God,
 who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,
 ☩ be upon you now and forever.

Amen.

Closing Song: "Trading My Sorrows"

Trading My Sorrows

Words and Music by
Darrell Evans

$\text{♩} = 116$ **CHORUS**

G C Em D G C

I'm trad - ing my sor - rows, I'm trad - ing my
I'm trad - ing my sick - ness, I'm trad - ing my

4 Em D/F# G C Em D G C

shame, I'm lay - ing them down for the joy of the Lord.
pain, I'm lay - ing them down for the joy of the Lord.

VAMP

8 Em D G C Em D G C

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord; Yes, Lord, yes, Lord,

12 Em D/F# G C Em D G C

yes, yes, Lord; Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord, a - men.

VERSE

16 Em D G C Em D

I am pressed but not crushed, per - se - cut - ed, not a - ban - doned,

19 G C Em D G C

struck down, but not de - stroyed; I am blessed be - yond the curse, for His

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22 Em D G C Em D

prom - ise will en - dure, that His joy's gon - na be my strength. —

25 D^{sus} D F

Though the sor - row — may last for — the night, His joy — comes with the morn -

28 1. C D.C. 2. C CHORUS G C Em D

-ing. ing. I'm trad - ing — my — sor - rows, —
I'm trad - ing — my — sick - ness, —

32 G C Em D/F# G C

I'm trad - ing — my — shame, — I'm lay - ing — them
I'm trad - ing — my — pain, — I'm lay - ing — them

35 Em D G C Em D INSTRUMENTAL G C

down for the joy of — the Lord. —
down for the joy of — the Lord. —

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

Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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