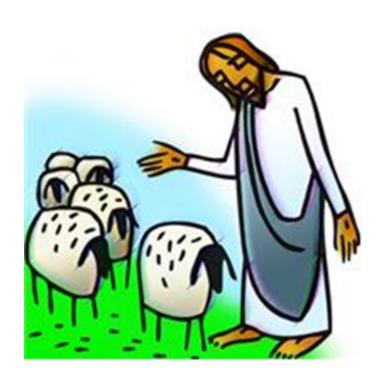
9th Sunday after Pentecost July 21, 2024





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Gathering

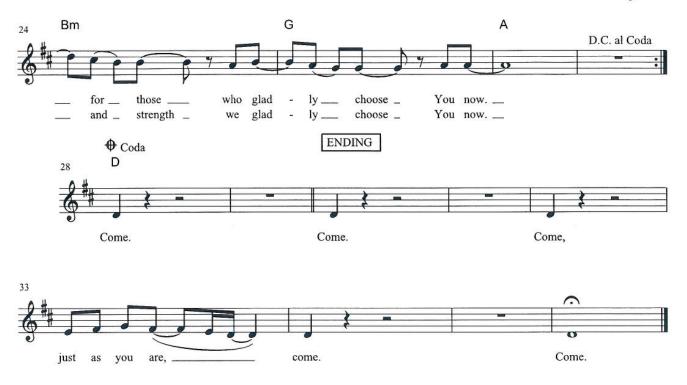
Music to Prepare us for Worship

Opening Song "Come Now is the Time to Worship"

Come Now Is The Time To Worship

Words and Music by Brian Doerksen





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.

Confession and Forgiveness

Amen.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God, our provider,

help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share.

We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live.

We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you.

We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you.

Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world.

Amen.

Beloved people of God:
in Jesus, the manna from heaven,
you are fed and nourished.
By Jesus, the worker of miracles,
there is always more than enough.
Through Jesus, + the bread of life,
you are shown God's mercy:
you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

Amen.

Greeting

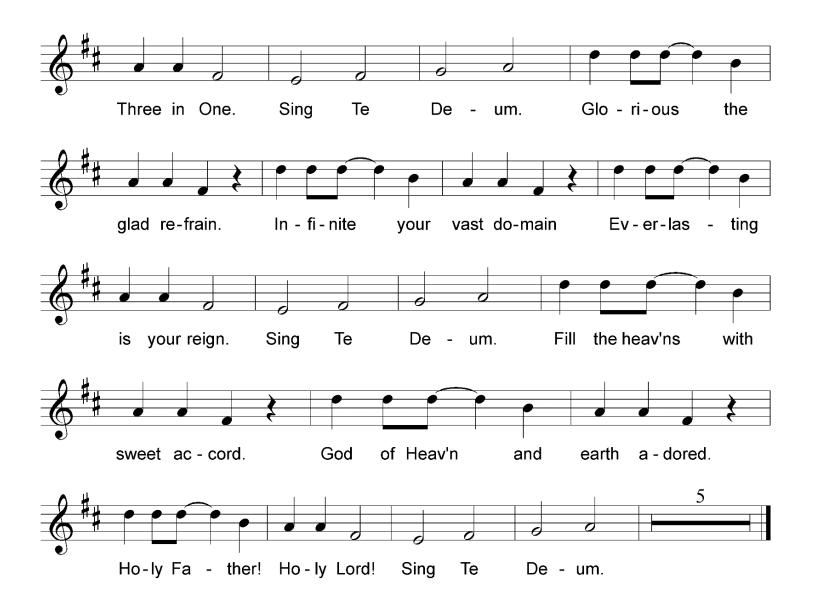
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you**.

Performance Note: In the "Kyrie" congregation sings parts that are capitalized ("KYRIE ELEISON" which means "Lord have Mercy") Also, *Te Deum* means "We Praise thee O God"









Prayer of the Day:

Let us pray,

O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: Last part of "Te Deum" beginning with "Lord Spare us we pray..."

Children's Time

The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with our Bible readings. Our first reading is from Psalm 23.

(Reader): The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

(Side 1): The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

(Reader): You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

(Side 2): Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

(Reader): You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

(ALL): Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

(Reader): Here ends our first reading. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit for our second reading which is from Ephesians 2:11-22.

(Reader): ¹¹Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—
¹²remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. ¹⁴ For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. ¹⁵ He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it.

(Side 1): ¹⁷ So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; ¹⁸ for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

(Side 2): 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God.

(ALL): ²⁰ built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone.

(Reader): ²¹ In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; ²² in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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

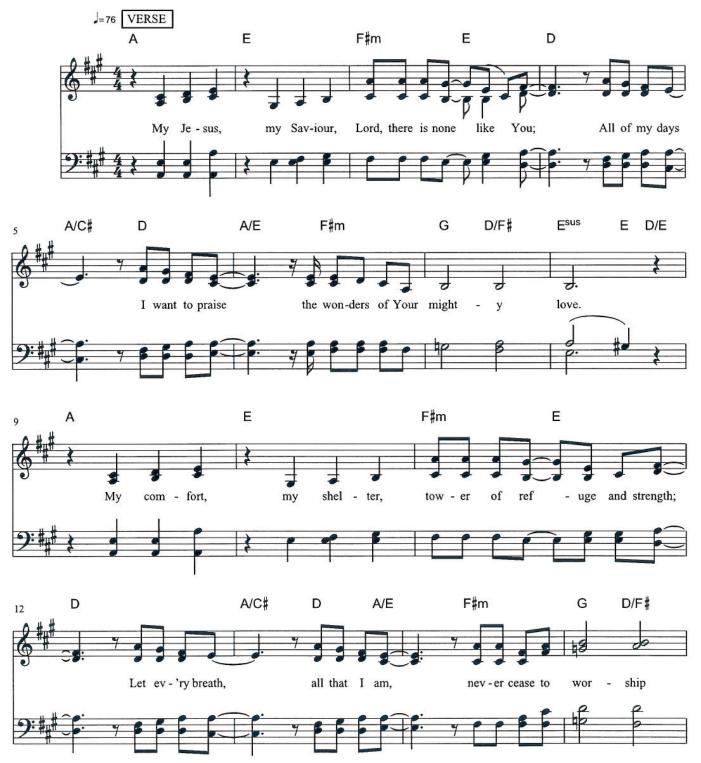
(ALL): Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Pastor Andy Evenson

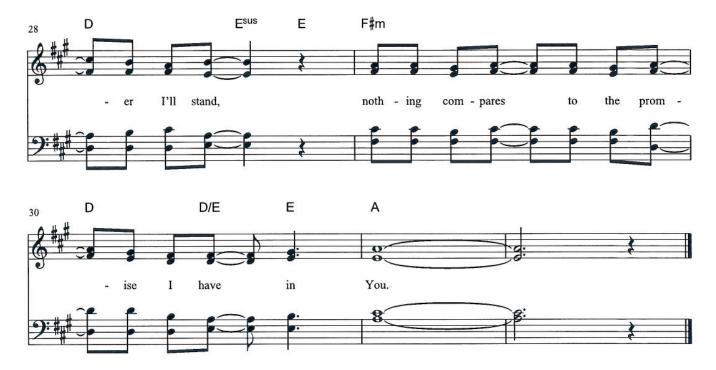
SONG OF THE DAY - "Shout to the Lord"

Shout To The Lord

Words and Music by Darlene Zschech







Prayers for the World

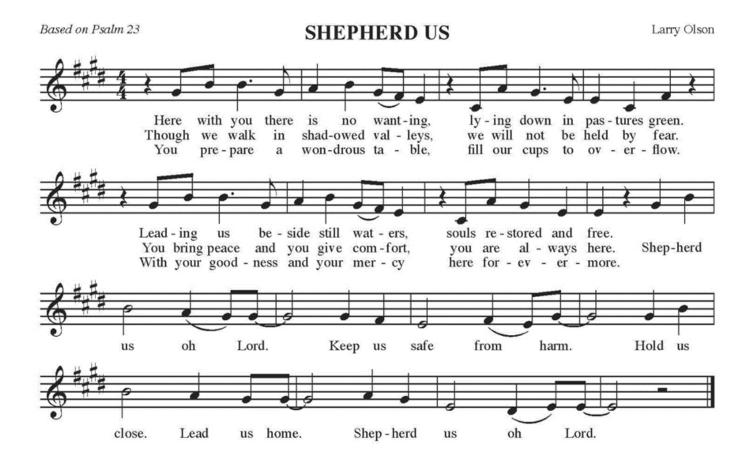
Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: God, who is mercy:

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 July is for "United Community Action Partnership (UCAP). Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Pastor Andy in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song: "Shepherd Us"



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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:

The Lord's Prayer

Our Creator, Our Mother, Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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.

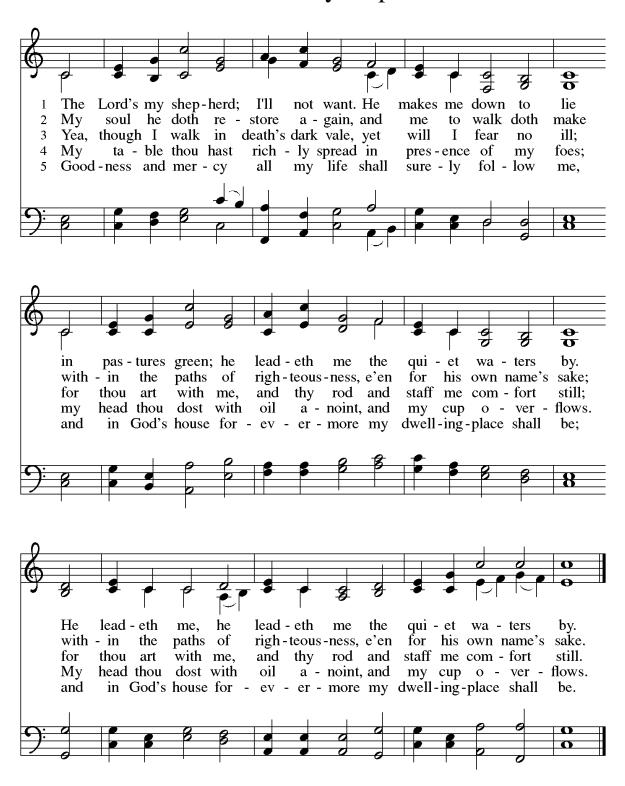
The gifts of God are...

(ALL): Free

Free indeed. And all are welcome to receive the sacrament.

Communion Songs: "The Lord's My Shepherd" and "The King of Love My Shepherd is"

The Lord's My Shepherd



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The King of Love My Shepherd Is



- 5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight; thine unction grace bestoweth; and, oh, what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

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

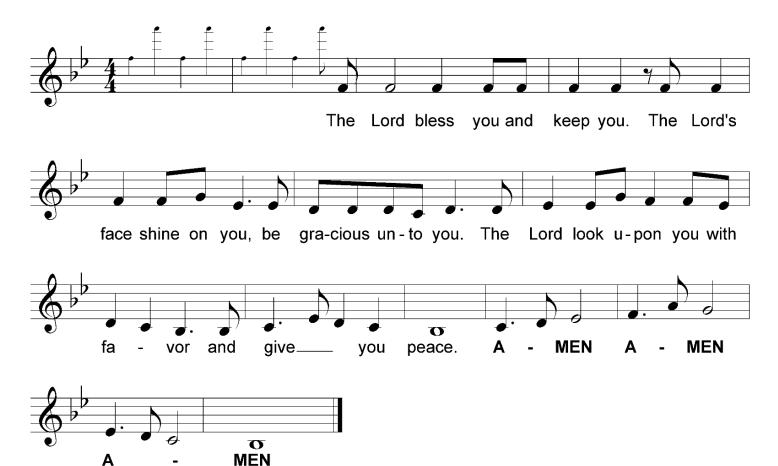
MILESTONES! Sing "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" vs. 1 It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.

Savior, like A Shepherd Lead Us



Performance Note: In the "Sung Blessing" congregation will join in on the three "Amen's" at the end.

Sung Blessing:

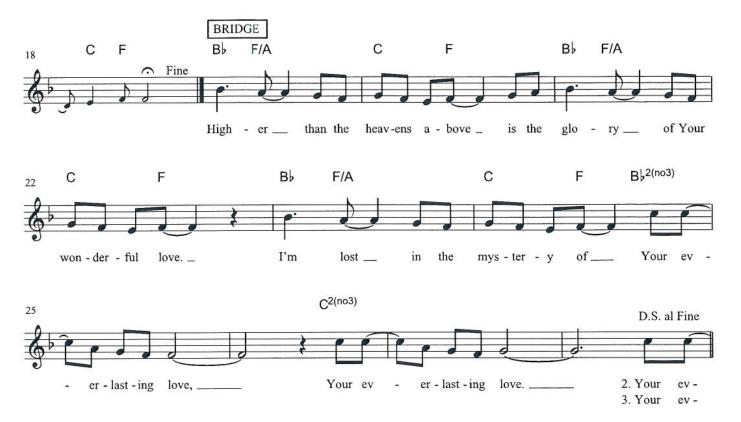


Closing Song: "Your Everlasting Love"

Your Everlasting Love

Words and Music by Bill Batstone





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

Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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