13th Sunday after Pentecost August 18, 2024



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Gathering / Music to Prepare us for Worship

(Ruth): Introduce yourself and Pastor Elizabeth. Explain that Hans is on vacation, and invite people to stand for our opening song.

Opening Song "Vagabonds"

Vagabonds

Words and Music by Stuart Townend, Mark Edwards & Phil Baggaley

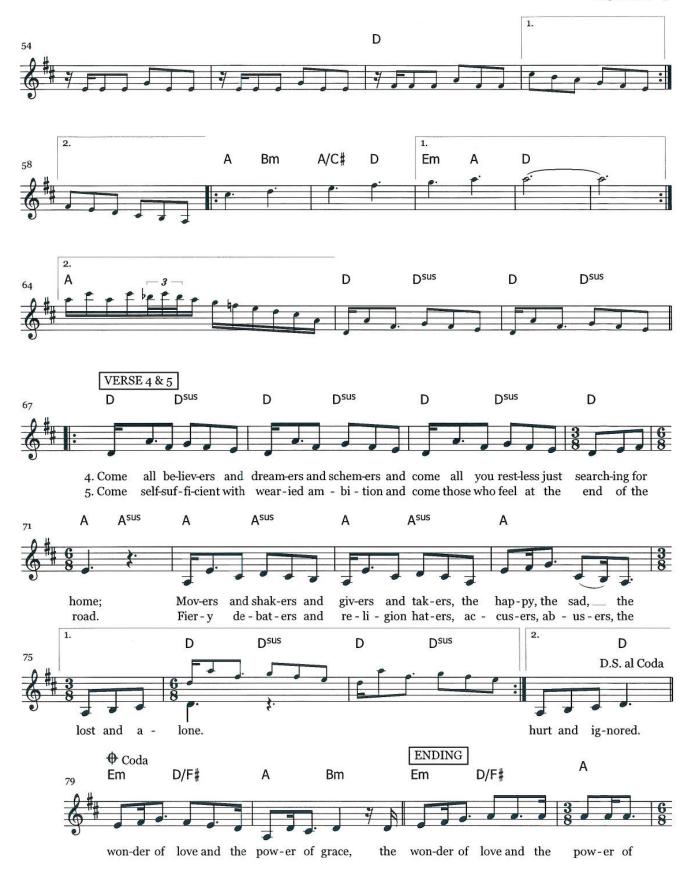


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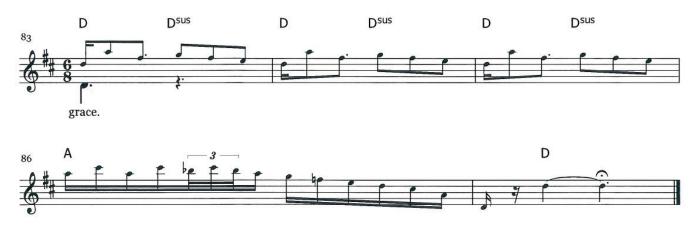
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Vagabonds - 4



(Ruth) 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

(Pastor Elizabeth): Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy. **Amen.**

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, \pm the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life. **Amen.**

Greeting

(Pastor Elizabeth): 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**.

Kyrie / Hymn of Praise "This is the Feast"









Prayer of the Day

(Pastor Elizabeth): Let us pray;

Ever-loving God, your Son gives himself as living bread for the life of the world. Fill us with such a knowledge of his presence that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life to serve you continually, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: Final refrain of "This is the Feast"

The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, a reading from Proverbs 9: 1-6.

(Reader): Wisdom has built her house, she has hewn her seven pillars.She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine, she has also set her table.She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls from the highest places in the town,

(Side 1): "You that are simple, turn in here!" To those without sense she says,

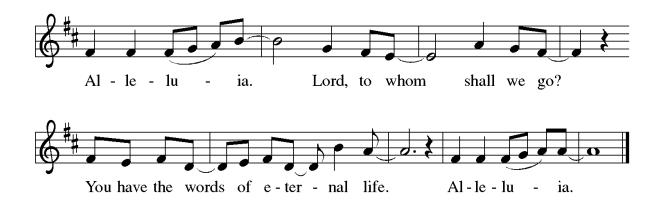
(Side 2): "Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed.

(ALL): Lay aside immaturity, and live, and walk in the way of insight."

(Reader): Here ends the first reading.

Children's Time (Pastor Elizabeth)

(Reader): You are invited to stand in body or in spirit for our second reading from the Gospel of John chapter 6 verses 51-58.



(Reader): Jesus said, ⁵¹"I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

⁵²The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying,

(Side 1): "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

(Reader): ⁵³So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. ⁵⁴Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; ⁵⁵for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink.

(Side 2): ⁵⁶Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.

(ALL): ⁵⁷Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.

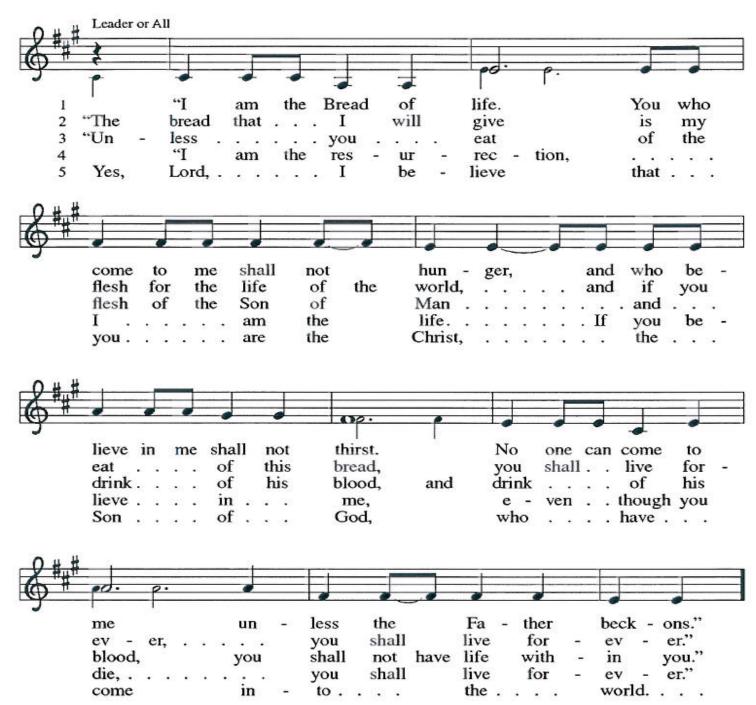
(Reader): ⁵⁸This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

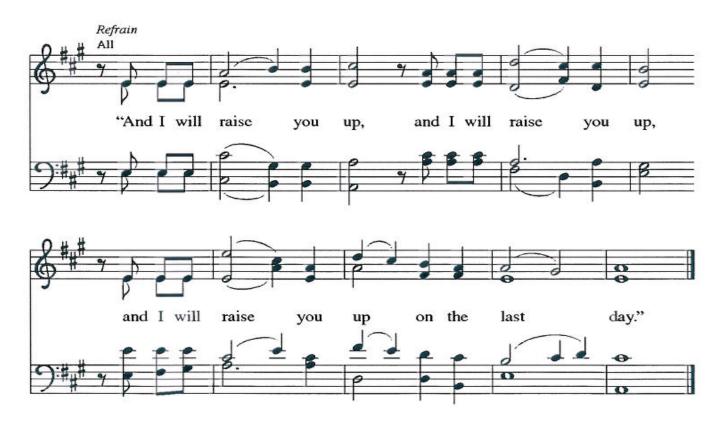
(ALL): Thanks be to God.

SERMON - The Rev. H. Elizabeth Becker

SONG OF THE DAY - "I am the Bread of Life"

I Am the Bread of Life



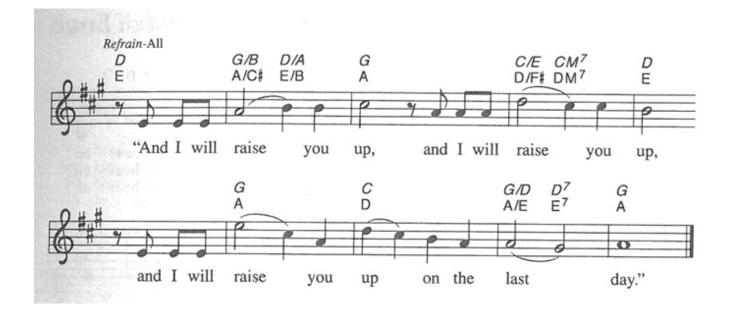


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I Am the Bread of Life





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 of Grace:

Congregational response: "Hear our prayer."

Offering

(Ruth): 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 August is for Common Cup. Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Pastor Elizabeth in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song: "Given and Shed for You"

(Pastor Elizabeth, during this song you will go to the back and assist the kids in bringing forward the communion elements and once they are gathered around the table, they will join you and the congregation in the table grace) GIVEN AND SHED FOR YOU

John Ylvisaker

("Worried Man Blues")

American Tune



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.

The Great Thanksgiving (Pastor Elizabeth)

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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God. Before our beginnings, you have always been, the three-in-one being who was and is and is to come. From before time, you have been dreaming us up, imagining a world, forming us into creatures who might come to love you in return.

By your breath and with your hands, you made us from the dust of the earth, and have written us into the long story of your love. Words of Promise (Pastor Elizabeth)

Around a table with the ones you called to carry on your story, you, Jesus Christ, took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to your disciples saying:

"This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Send your Holy Spirit upon this bread and upon us, we pray.

Take, bless, break, and give US, that we might be your body in the world.

After the meal had ended, you, Jesus, took the cup of wine. Again, you gave thanks and praise, and gave the cup to your disciples, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood, poured out for you and for ALL people for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me."

Send your Holy Spirit upon this cup and upon us, we pray.

Take, bless, pour, and give US,

that we might be your life flowing for the world.

Lord's Prayer (Pastor Elizabeth)

Lord, unite us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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: "Lord, Let My Heart be Good Soil" and "O Living Bread from Heaven"



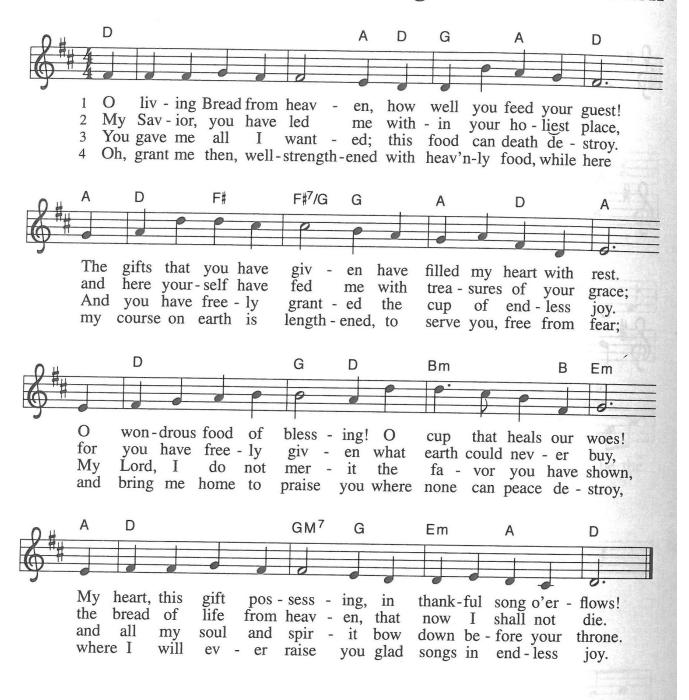
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O Living Bread from Heaven



Blessing after Communion

(Pastor Elizabeth): Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

(Pastor Elizabeth): Let us pray: Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table.

By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be your body in the world, that we may show Christ's love to all people. Amen.

Final Blessing

(Pastor Elizabeth): Brave, authentic, free, and disruptive siblings: You have been created to use your voice, to be a presence of hope,

to let your actions reveal the love of Christ throughout God's creation. May the blessing of God almighty, creator, + redeemer, and sustainer, send you forth to do amazing things, as creative and faithful disciples.

Amen. Thanks be to God.

The Sending

(Ruth): Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Purpose Sightings (Ruth)

(Ruth): MILESTONES! Sing "Children of the Heavenly Father" 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.



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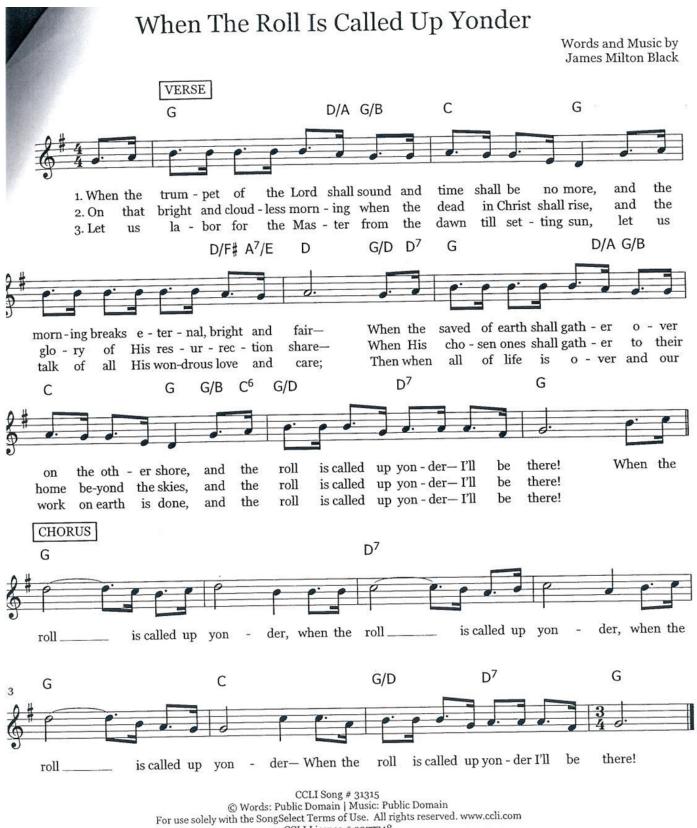
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un - to them his grace he show - eth, and their sor - rows all he know - eth. the lov-ing pur-pose sole - ly to pre-serve them pure and ho - ly.

Blessing (Pastor Elizabeth): The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen.

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Sending Song: "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder"



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(Pastor Elizabeth): Go in peace. Love your Neighbor. Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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