# 19th Sunday after Pentecost September 29, 2024

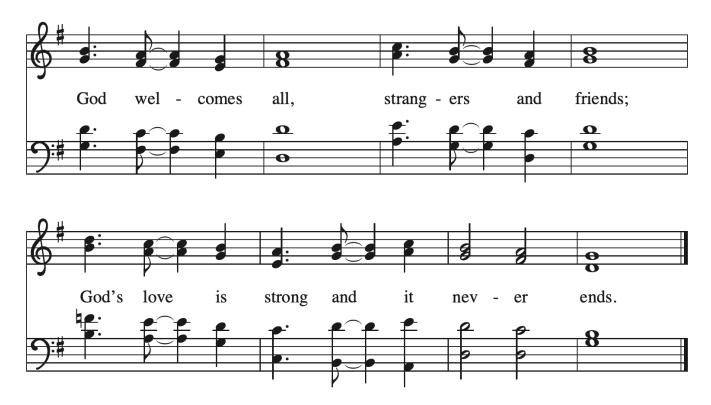




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Gathering Music to Prepare us for Worship Gathering Song "God Welcomes All"

## God Welcomes All



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### 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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of + Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven. **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**.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray;

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to Bring Us Back Together: "God Welcomes All"

Children's Time

## The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. Our first lesson is from Psalm 19: 7-14.

(Reader): The teaching of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the simple.

### (Side 1): The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

(Reader): The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever; the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

# (Side 2): More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

(Reader): By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is great reward.

### (Side 1): Who can detect one's own offenses? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

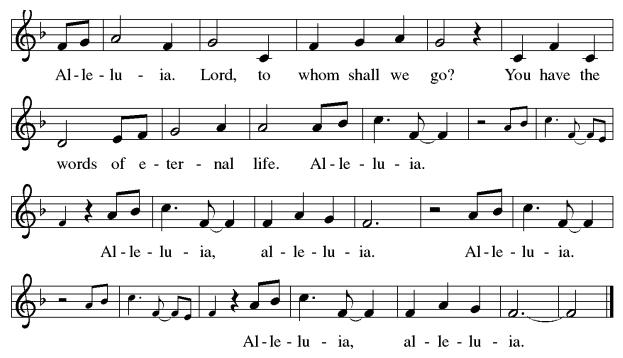
(Reader): Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me;

then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

# (Side 2): Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

(Reader): You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing the "Alleluia" to welcome our second reading from the Gospel of Mark 9:38-50.



(Reader): John said to Jesus,

## (Side 1): "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."

(Reader): But Jesus said,

#### (Side 2): "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us.

(Reader): For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched."

#### (ALL): "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

(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** - "Salt and Light"

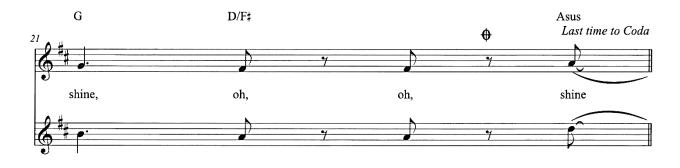
#### Salt And Light



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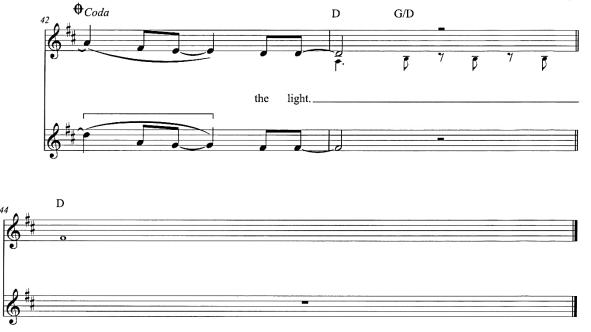








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### Prayers for the World

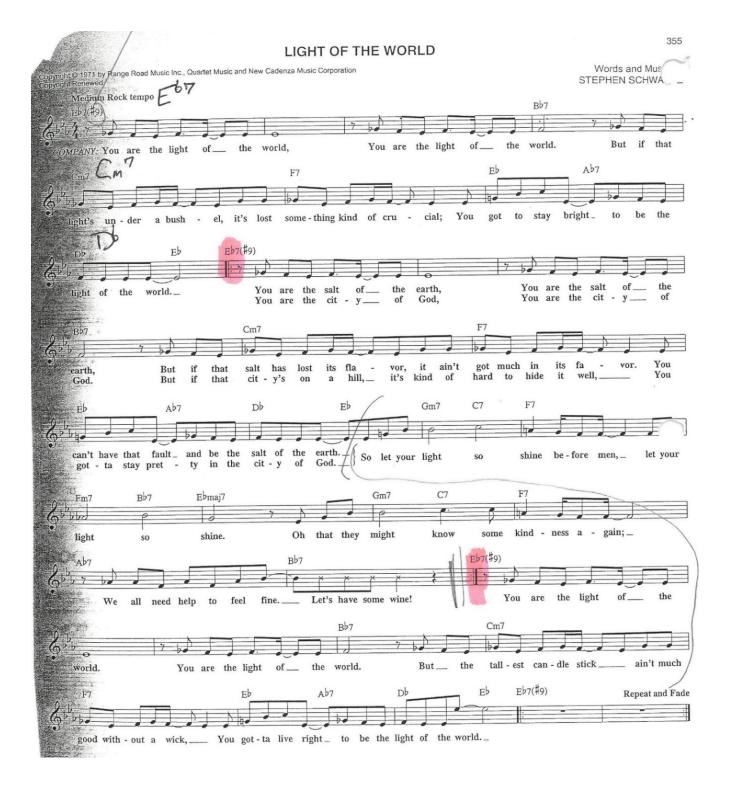
Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: "God, who is mercy:"

Congregational response: "Hear our prayer."

### Offering

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 September is for Laundry Love Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Pastor Hans in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song: "Light of the World"



## LIGHT OF THE WORLD

From "Godspell"

Words and Music by Stephen Schwartz

You are the light of the world, You are the light of the world, But if that light's under a bushel, it's lost something kind of crucial; You got to stay bright to be the light of the world.

You are the salt of the earth, You are the salt of the earth, But if that salt has lost its flavor, it ain't got much in its favor. You can't have that fault and be the salt of the earth,

> (CHORUS) So let your light so shine before men, let your light so shine. Oh that they might know some kindness again; We all need help to feel fine. Let's have some wine!

You are the city of God, You are the city of God. But if that city's on a hill, it's kind of hard to hide it well, You gotta stay pretty in the city of God. (Chorus)

You are the light of the world, You are the light of the world, But the tallest candle stick ain't much good without a wick, You gotta live right to be the light of the world. (Chorus)

## The Feast

Setting the Table the children lead us as we sing together:

Gracious God, we thank you for the food before us; the family (friends) beside us; the love between us; and your presence among us. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Table

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."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. 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: "O Jesus, I Have Promised" and "When We Walk With the Lord" (Trust and Obey)"

#### O Jesus, I Have Promised



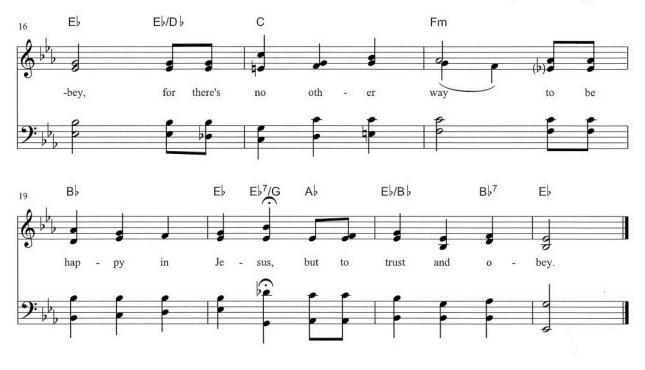
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Words by John Henry Sammis

Music by Daniel Brink Towner



When We Walk With The Lord (Trust And Obey) - 2



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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

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.

## 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

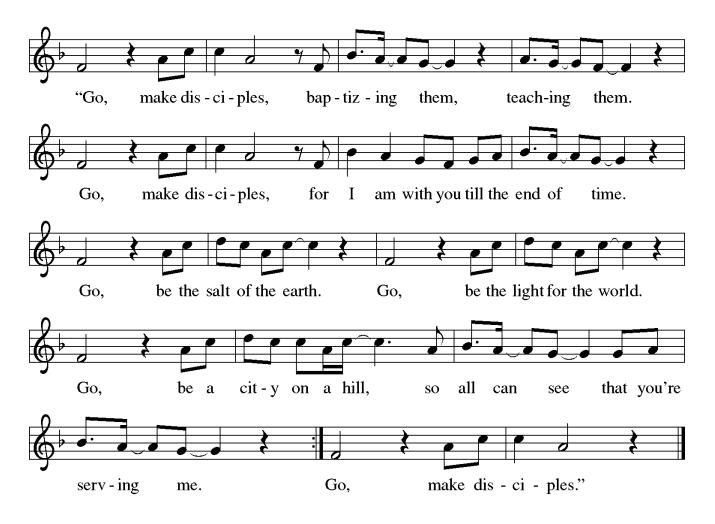
It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life.



Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt. Blessing The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, + be upon you now and forever. Amen.

Sending Song: "Go, Make Disciples"

## Go, Make Disciples



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### (Leader): Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

#### Thanks be to God

## Music to Send You Out

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