2nd Sunday After Epiphany January 19, 2025



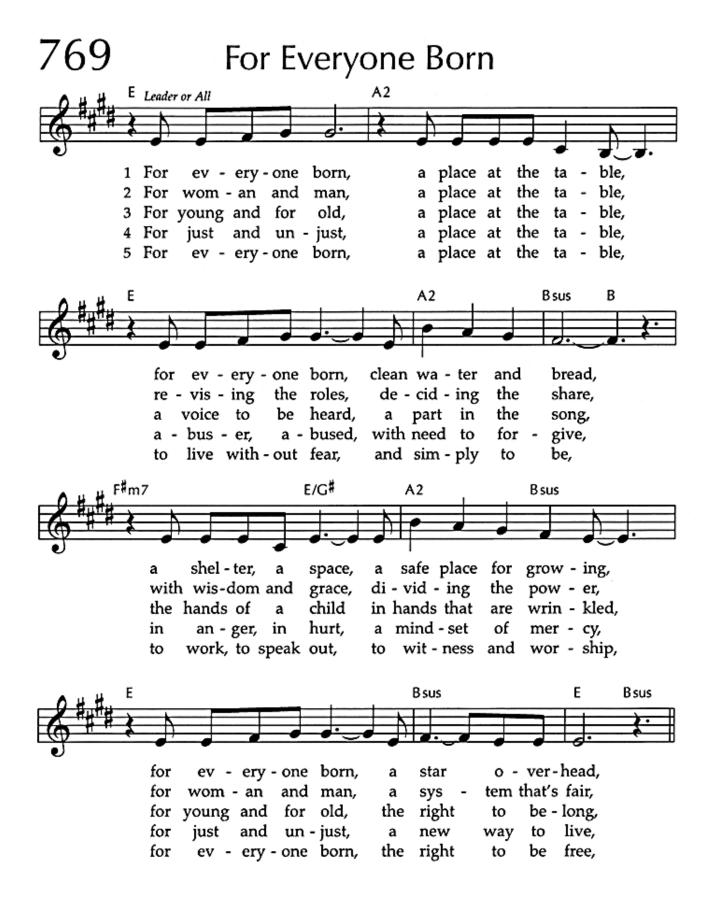


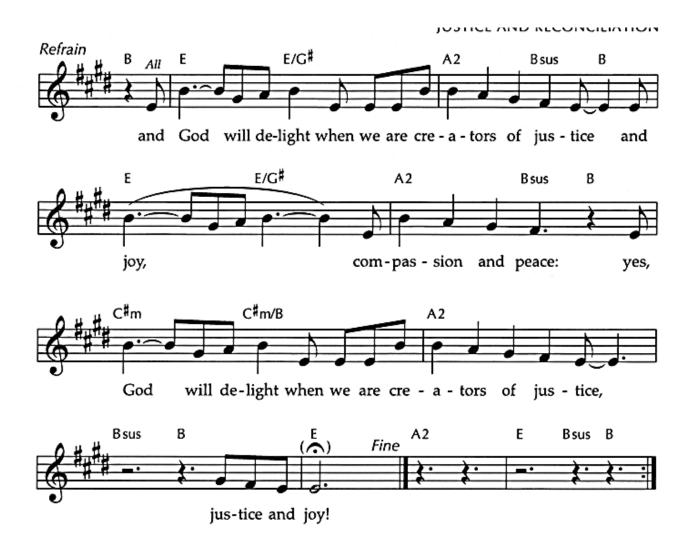
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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song "For Everyone Born" vs. 1, 3, 5







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New Zealand/U.S.A. 11.10.11.10. and refrain FOR EVERYONE BORN



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 L: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. C: And also with you.

Gathering/Land Acknowledgement/Call to Worship

L: We gather in the name of God, *†* Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

A: We gather on the traditional homelands of the Wahpekute peoples.

L: The roads that brought us here today were a place where Indigenous people walked and lived on this sacred land and still do today.

A: We gather to honor the Creator, and all creation–human, animal, plant, water, wind, earth, and sky–that belong to God.

Communal Lament

L: In response to the ways that people have been excluded and condemned for whom they love and their gender identities or expressions, let us call out to the God who knows the depths of our sorrows and shares the grief in our hearts. After each petition, you are invited to respond saying:

A: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: Let us pray: O God, when racism, intolerance, and queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia feel inescapable and it is hard to imagine justice and a love that welcomes all of your children to our community, you seem hidden and far away. Come closer and dwell among us, encouraging us as we build resilient and just communities.

A: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many beloved children, especially those whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of patriarchy. Challenge us to disrupt this way of treating people who need our love and support.

A: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many people, especially those whose race, ethnicity, or immigration status cause us to ignore needs as we tolerate racism, xenophobia, and the lack of equity in our society that keep many of your beloved children from full belonging.

A: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: Help us to remember that you see us: our troubles and grief, the broken relationships that undermine community, our weakness and lack of courage in confronting evil. You hold our pain. We can leave it all to you. You are our helper.

A: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: Help us to remember that you listen to our desires and calm our troubled hearts. We can cry out to you. You will not abandon us. A: Come near to us. Show us the way.

L: God, rise up and comfort us so we no longer have to be afraid. Lead us to trust in the hope and promise of a resilient community, with justice for the oppressed, afflicted, and excluded.

A: Amen!

Prayer for the Day

L: Holy God,

A: your Word teaches us, calls us, and shapes us, that we will become the wisdom of God and the body of Christ for others. On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday may your word turn us toward what is good and holy and just, that all your beloveds of all sexual and romantic orientations, identities, and expressions will know we are seen, known, and loved by you. May the example of Jesus continue to create words and action of courage in the work and ministry of antiracism. Amen.

Greet Someone New Music to bring us back together "For Everyone Born" Refrain

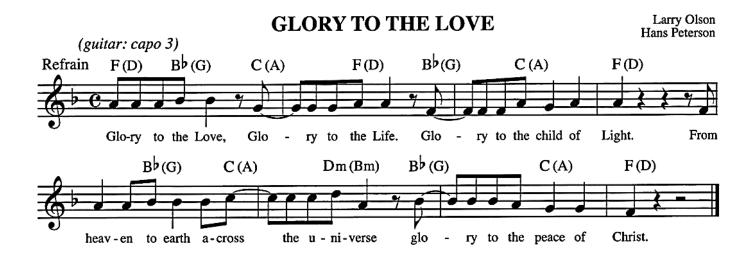
Children's Message

(Reader): You are invited to follow along in your Bibles as we hear our story and God's story continue today with a reading from the book of 1 Corinthians 12: 4-7

(Reader): 4 Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. 7 To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

(Reader): Here ends our first reading. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome our second reading from the Gospel of John 2:1-11.

Song to greet the Gospel - "Glory to the Love" (Refrain) 2X



(Reader): On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him,

(Side 1): "They have no wine."

(Reader): And Jesus said to her,

(Side 2): "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come."

(Reader): His mother said to the servants,

(Side 1): "Do whatever he tells you."

(Reader): Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them,

(Side 2): "Fill the jars with water."

(Reader): And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them,

(Side 1): "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward."

(Reader): So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him,

(Side 2): "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now."

(Reader): Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

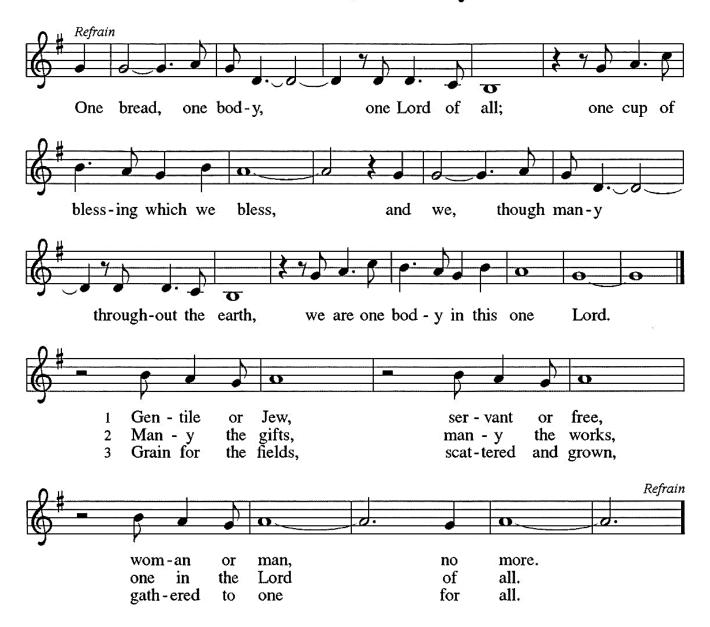
(ALL): Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Pastor Hans Peterson

For the sermon song...I may perform something as part of the sermon. Then if we could end with singing one verse of One Bread One Body: Refrain, vs. 2 ("Many the gifts...), Refrain

Song of the Day - "One Bread, One Body" (Refrain, vs. 2, Refrain)

One Bread, One Body



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Affirmation of Faith

L: God desires full life for all. As a church we recognize that beloved children whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of sexism and patriarchy are too often restricted from realizing abundant life. This church names as sin the social forces that silence, control, or devalue people on the basis of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. We affirm all people are created in God's image, and we reject any power, privilege, or prejudice that undermines our community and disrupts joy, gladness, relationships, and flourishing life for all people.

L: I invite you to profess your faith, renouncing the forces of evil and the power of sin. Do you renounce the powers of racism, sexism, queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, biphobia, and ableism?

A: We renounce them.

L: Do you renounce systems of oppression that harm God's children?

A: We renounce them.

L: Do you renounce the sins of silence that draw one away from God and neighbor?

A: We renounce them.

L: Do you believe in God the Creator?

A: We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

L: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

A: We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life. L: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

A: We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

Prayers for the World

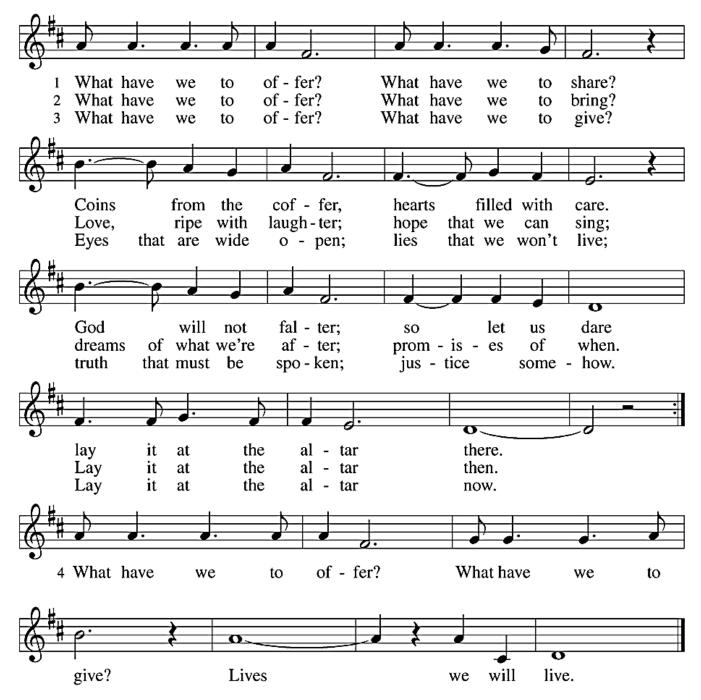
Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need. Each petition will close with the words: God, who is mercy: Congregational response: **Hear our Prayer**

THE 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 January is for "Reconciling Works" Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Pastor Hans in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song

What Have We to Offer?



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The Feast

(Pastor Hans): Setting the Table the children lead us as we say together: Gracious God, we thank you for the food before us; the family 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 (Leader): Our Creator, our Mother,

(ALL): 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.

The gifts of God are...

(ALL): Free

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

Communion Songs: "Bind us Together" and "Here is Bread Here is Wine"

Bind Us Together

Words and Music by Bob Gillman



Here Is Bread Here Is Wine

VERSE C E⁷ C/G G G/B Am F/A F/A Am G/B 1. Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with us, He is with us. 2. Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is with us, He is with us. Christ is with us, 3. Here we are, joined in one, He is with us. 1. E⁷ F/A C/G Ç G/B Am G С Fm/C 5 Ð Break the bread, drink the wine, Christ is with us here. Know His grace, find His peace, feast on Je - sus 'til He comes, We'll pro-claim, Je - sus cru - ci -CHORUS 2, 3. F^6 Gm7 BJ/C Fmaj⁷ Em⁷ Am⁷ Dm⁷ Gm⁷ С 9 Θ here. In this bread there is heal - ing, in this cup there's fied. A+7 F₿° Em⁷ BP/C С B₽/D C/E Fmaj⁷ 13 life In for this mo - ment, by Spir - it, 2 ev 2 er. the 2. 1. G^7 Dm⁷ С С 16 D.C. • 0 Christ is with us here. here.

Words and Music by Graham Kendrick Blessing after Communion

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

Communion Prayer

God of grace and mercy, in this holy meal you have fed us with wisdom, forgiveness, and grace, and we are full. By your Spirit send us out to become what we have received–new life in Christ–for the world. **Amen.**

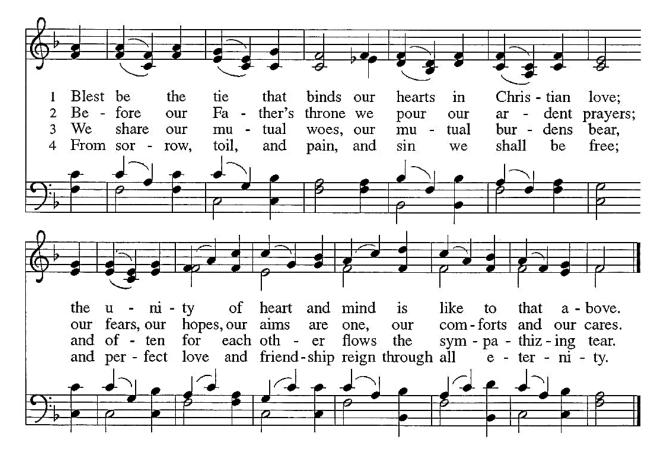
The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? **We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ**.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! Sing "Bless 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.

Blest Be the Tie That Binds



Text: John Fawcett, 1740–1817, alt. Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

Blessing

L: Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God you will want for nothing. God alone suffices. [Teresa of Avila] † May the blessing of God, Holy One and Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion.

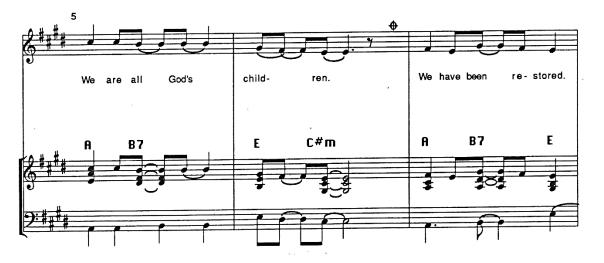
A: Amen.

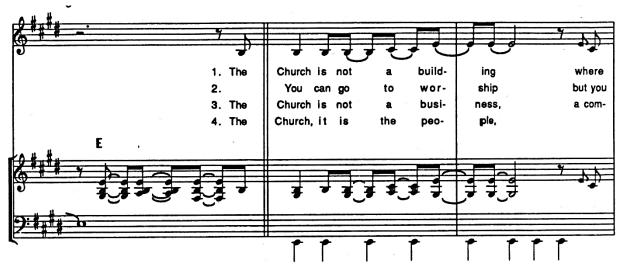
Sending Song: "The Church Song" (Invite children of all ages to come forward and play percussion during the Sending Song)

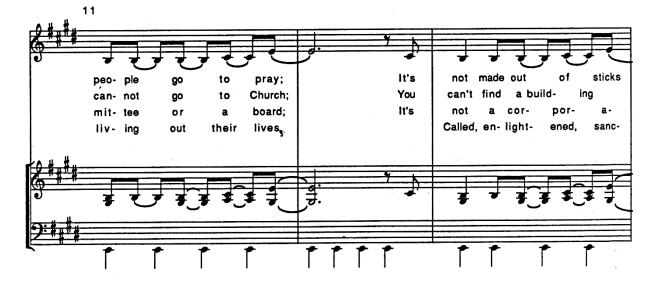
THE CHURCH SONG

by Jay Beech

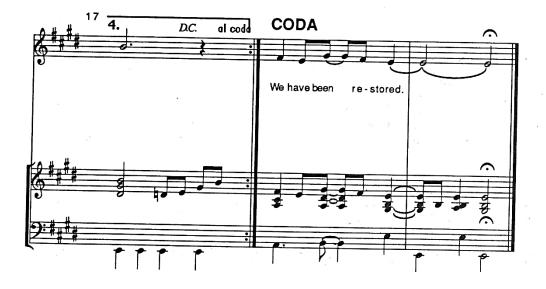












Sending L: Go in peace to practice resilient justice. Thanks be to God

Music to Send You Out

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