

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
March 16, 2025



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song: "Come and See"

# COME AND SEE

Hans Peterson

(guitar: capo 3)

Refrain F(D) C/E (A) Dm7(Bm7) F/C(D) B $\flat$ (G) F/A(D/F $\sharp$ )

Come and see what God has done. The earth is a - live;

Gm7(Em7) C(A) F(D) C/E (A) Dm7(Bm7) Am7(F $\sharp$ m7)

thanks to the sun. Ev' - ry plant that grows ev' - ry ri - ver that flows what a

Gm7(Em7) C(A) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) B $\flat$ (G) F(D) *Fine*

mir - a - cle gift of cre - a - tion! The

Verse C(A) F(D)

song of a wren, the flight of a hawk, a  
 Pon - der the vast - ness of the night sky. The  
 Look at a seed, it knows what to do; new  
 Peo - ple of Faith, Grace beck - ons you home to

Gm7(Em7) F/A (D/F $\sharp$ ) Dm (Bm) C(A)

ba - by's first bond with her moth - er; first  
 dis - tance you see is a - maz - ing. The  
 life will spring forth from its fall - ing.  
 E - den in all of its splen - dor. Do

F(D) F/A (D/F $\sharp$ )

flow - ers of spring a - rise and sing; the  
 light trav - els o - ver thou - sands of years be -  
 And we as peo - ple of the Di - vine can  
 you hear the call? Re - new the earth! With

B $\flat$ (G) F(D) Csus4 (Asus4) C(A) to Refrain

world is filled with won - - - der!  
 fore you see it star - gaz - - - ing.  
 lis - ten as we know our call - - - ing.  
 care now gar - den and tend her.

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 return to God, confessing our sin in the assurance of God's abiding love.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Compassionate One,  
**you are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love,  
but our lives do not always reflect you  
and your love for the world.  
We do not show others the tender compassion  
you have shown to us.  
We do not welcome others with the radical hospitality  
you grant to all people.  
We oppress others,  
even though you have set us free again and again.  
We squander the abundant gifts of the earth.  
Transform our lives  
and guide us again in the way of the cross.  
Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
God's arms are always stretched open wide  
to welcome the wandering ones home.  
In ✝ Christ your sins are forgiven.  
You have a place in God's house forever.  
**Amen.**

### 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.**

### Prayer of the Day

*(Leader): Let us pray,*

**(ALL): God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise  
everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and  
shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in  
your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with  
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together "Come and See" refrain

# THE STORY

(Reader): During the season of Lent we will be reading from the book "The Old Testament in Seven Sentences" which is part of the Java and Jesus Book Study that is being held on Tuesdays at 1:00 PM at Dunn Brothers in Hutchinson. This week is the first sentence in the book, you are invited to follow along in your Bibles for today's readings from the book of Genesis 12:1-3.

(Reader): The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your parents' household to the land I will show you.

**2** "I will make you into a great nation,  
and I will bless you;

I will make your name great,  
and you will be a blessing.

**3** I will bless those who bless you,  
and whoever curses you I will curse;  
and all peoples on earth  
will be blessed through you."

Children's Message

## LORD OF LIGHT

The Lord of light is my sal - va - tion.

Whom shall I fear? God's the source of life.

Though wars may rage and  
Wait, be still. God's

pain sur - rounds you, your heart will hope. God's the source of life. The  
strong arms keep you. Wait, be strong. God's the source of life.

For in the day of trou - ble,

God will keep me safe.

Though en - e - mies sur - round me,

I will sing to the Lord. The

(Reader): *Our story and God's story continues today with our second reading from Luke 13:31-35. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome the Gospel.*

## BE STILL

Hans Peterson

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and

know that I am God.

A - midst the cha - os of the dai - ly hear the small voice.  
A - bove the rag - ing of the na - tions you weep for peace.  
Just as a hen cares for her young ones your wings, our home.

(Reader): *At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus,]*

**(Side 1): “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”**

(Reader): *He said to them, “Go and tell that fox for me, ‘Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.’ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say,*

**(Side 1): ‘Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.’ ”**

(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 - “Loving Spirit” (Tune: “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”)





## Will You Let Me Be Your Servant



1 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney, we are trav - 'lers  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the night - time  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you laugh I'll  
 5 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me be as



Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to  
 on the road; we are here to help each oth - er  
 of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you,  
 laugh with you. I will share your joy and sor - row  
 Christ to you? Pray that I may have the grace to



let you be my ser - vant, too.  
 walk the mile and bear the load.  
 speak the peace you long to hear.  
 till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 let you be my ser - vant, too.

## Loving Spirit

- 1 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.
- 2 Like a mother you enfold me,  
hold my life within your own,  
feed me with your very body,  
form me of your flesh and bone.
- 3 Like a father you protect me,  
teach me the discerning eye,  
hoist me up upon your shoulder,  
let me see the world from high.
- 4 Friend and lover, in your closeness  
I am known and held and blessed:  
in your promise is my comfort,  
in your presence I may rest.
- 5 Loving Spirit, loving Spirit,  
you have chosen me to be—  
you have drawn me to your wonder,  
you have set your sign on me.

### 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

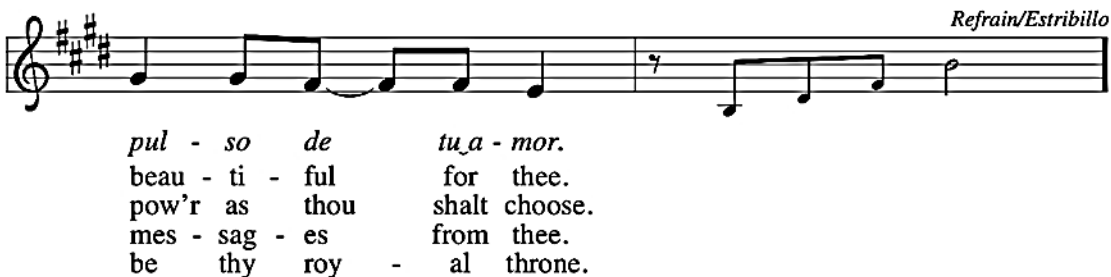
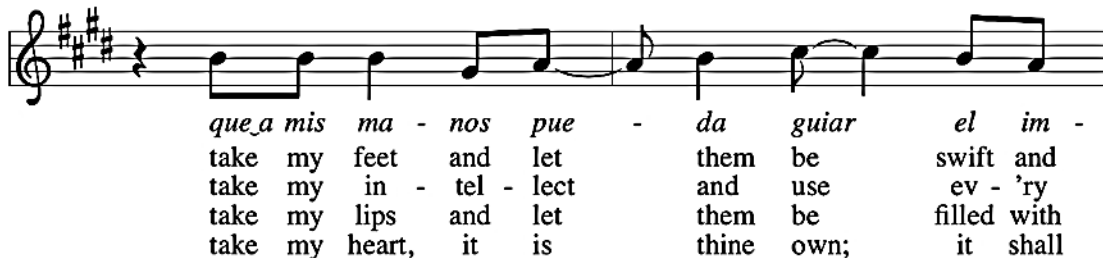
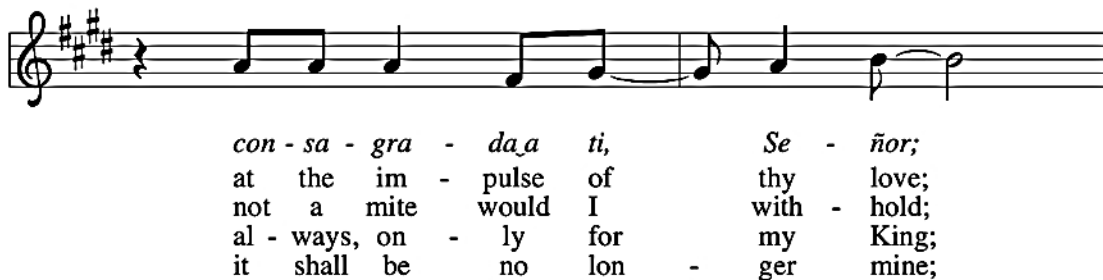
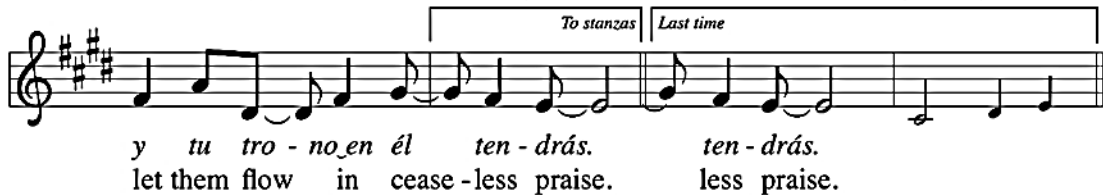
*Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office. The watering can during March is for "Good Courage Farm". Any children willing to help are Invited to meet Rev. Kerri in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.*

Offering Song - "Take My Life, That I May Be"

# Take My Life, That I May Be

## *Toma, oh Dios, mi voluntad*

*Refrain/Estribillo*



# The Feast

## 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

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.

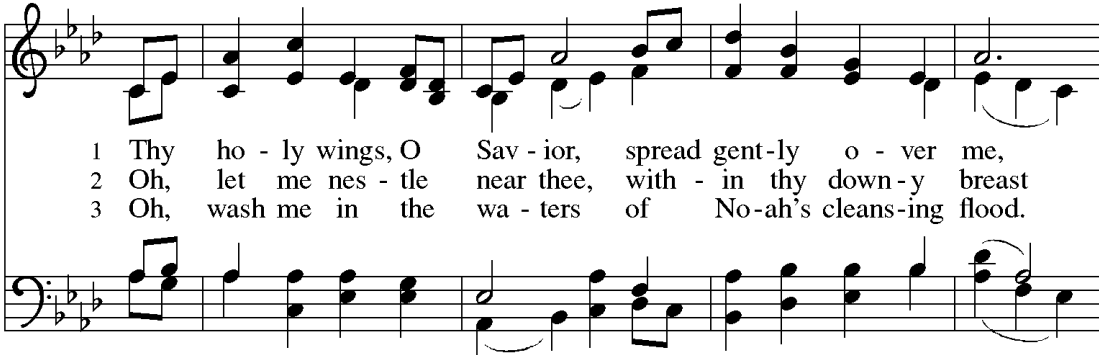
The gifts of God are...

**(ALL): Free**

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

Communion Songs: "Thy Holy Wings" and "Mothering God"

# Thy Holy Wings



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
 2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
 3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
 where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
 Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
 Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
 Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
 for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
 and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

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# Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth



1 Moth - er - ing God, you gave me birth in the bright  
2 Moth - er - ing Christ, you took my form, of - fer - ing  
3 Moth - er - ing Spir - it, nur - t'ring one, in arms of



morn - ing of this world. Cre - a - tor, source of ev - 'ry  
me your food of light, grain . . . of life, and grape of  
pa - tience hold me close, so that in faith I root and



breath, you are my rain, my wind, my sun.  
love, your ver - y bod - y for my peace.  
grow un - til I flow'r, un - til I know.

Text: Jean Janzen, b. 1933; based on Julian of Norwich, c. 1342–c. 1413

Music: NORWICH, Carolyn Jennings, b. 1936

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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

Nourishing God,  
at this table you have refreshed us  
with holy gifts of food and drink.  
Strengthen us for service,  
and send us out to embody your good news  
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.  
In the name of Christ we pray,  
**Amen.**

## The Sending

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

### Purpose Sightings

**MILESTONES!** – “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” refrain  
*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.*

*Refrain*

In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915  
 Music: NEAR THE CROSS, William H. Doane, 1832–1915

## Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God  
 ✠ bless you with joy,  
 anoint you with compassion,  
 and send you in love.

**Amen.**

## Sending Song: "Going Out To Love"

*(Invite children of all ages to come forward and play percussion during the Sending Song)*

# GOING OUT TO LOVE

Larry Olson

May your Ho - ly Spir - it come and lead us on our way,  
May we heed your call - ing us to fol - low you to - day,  
fill us with com - pas - sion, keep us ground - ed in your grace.  
touch the hurt - ing peo - ple that we meet a - long the way.  
May your mer - cy move us in this sac - red mys - ter - y,  
Bread for all who hun - ger, wa - ter for the thirst - ing souls,  
stir - ing us to jus - tice, bring - ing heal - ing, hope, and peace. We're go - ing  
kind - ness for the strang - er who needs help a - long the road.  
out in - to the world to love in the name of Je - sus, for  
ev' - ry - one. We're go - ing out in - to the world to love in the  
name of Je - sus we're go - ing out to love. We're go - ing out to love.

*2nd X D.S. al Fine*

Intro: 3x - A/C#, D, F#m, E  
1x - Bm7, A/C#, D, E

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Dismissal

L: Go in peace, Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God**

## Music to Send You Out

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