

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent  
March 23, 2025



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song: "You Never Let Go"

# You Never Let Go

Words and Music by  
Matt Redman and Beth Redman

♩ = 76

**VERSE**

A



1. E-ven though I walk through the val-ley of the shad-ow \_ of death, Your  
(2.) light that is com-ing for the heart \_ that holds on, a

D<sup>2</sup>/F#



per - fect love is cast - ing out fear, and e - ven when I'm  
glo - rious light be - yond all com - pare, and there will be an

A



caught in the mid - dle of the storms of this life, I  
end to these trou - bles, but un - til that day comes, we'll

**PRE-CHORUS**

D<sup>2</sup>/F#

F#m<sup>7</sup> E



won't turn back, I know You are near. And I will fear no e  
live to know You here on the earth.



-vil, for my God is with \_\_\_\_\_ me, and if my God is with \_\_\_\_\_



me, whom then shall I \_\_\_\_\_ fear? Whom then shall I \_\_\_\_\_ fear?

CHORUS

7 A

Oh no, You nev - er let go, through the calm and through the storm. \_

9 F#m7 E<sup>sus</sup> Last time to Coda ⊕

Oh no, You nev-er let go in ev - 'ry high and ev - 'ry low. \_ Oh no, You nev-er let go,

1. D<sup>2</sup> A E<sup>sus</sup> D<sup>2</sup>

Lord, You nev-er let go of \_ me. \_

2. And I can see a

15 2. D<sup>2</sup>

Lord, You nev - er let go of \_ me. \_ You

26 A E<sup>sus</sup> D<sup>2</sup> D.S. al Coda

keep on run - nin' and You nev - er let go. \_ Sing - in'

⊕ Coda D<sup>2</sup> A

28

Lord, You nev - er let go of \_ me. \_

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): Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world  
through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear  
your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our  
lives, through 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 "You Never Let Go" Pre Chorus and  
Chorus

## Children's Message

# 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 third sentence in the book, you are invited to follow along in your Bibles for today's readings from the book of Exodus 20:1-3.*

*(Reader): Then God spoke all these words: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me."*

*(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with our second reading from Luke 13: 1-9. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome the Gospel.*

Oh how beau - ti - ful on the moun - tains  
 are the feet of the one who brings good news.  
 Oh how beau - - ti - ful on the moun - tains  
 are the feet of the one who brings good news.

(Reader): Some who were present on that occasion told Jesus about the Galileans whom Pilate had killed while they were offering sacrifices. He replied,

**(Side 1): “Do you think the suffering of these Galileans proves that they were more sinful than all the other Galileans?”**

**(Side 2): No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did.**

(Reader): What about those eighteen people who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think that they were more guilty of wrongdoing than everyone else who lives in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you change your hearts and lives, you will die just as they did.” Jesus told this parable: “A man owned a fig tree planted in his vineyard. He came looking for fruit on it and found none. He said to his gardener, ‘Look, I’ve come looking for fruit on this fig tree for the past three years, and I’ve never found any. Cut it down! Why should it continue depleting the soil’s nutrients?’ The gardener responded,

**(ALL): ‘Lord, give it one more year, and I will dig around it and give it fertilizer. Maybe it will produce fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.’”**

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

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

Special Music – Voices of Hope Choir”

SERMON - Pastor Andy Evenson

SONG OF THE DAY - “Right By the Water”



# RIGHT BY THE WATER

Hans Peterson

*With a gospel feel (swing 8th notes)*

Refrain

C/E F G C Dm7

You are a tree right by the wa-ter with roots that came

G C C/E F G C

from a small seed. Drink deep from the source, sons and daugh-ters.

A7 G/B A/C# Dm7 C/E F G7 C F C/E Dm7 C

Bear fruit, reach for who you can be.

Verse

G7 Dm7 G C F

Come one and all, lost, lone - ly, poor. Blest are you;

Christ stands be - side, calls out your name: "I am with

The riv - er brings a proph - et's dream: "Let jus - tice

E Am Am/G F G

God's realm is yours. All hun - gry souls you  
you in your pain." May liv - ing wa - ters  
flow like a stream." Love has come so

C A7 Dm7 C/E F G C to Refrain

will be fed. All you who weep will laugh in - stead.  
make you whole. May you find peace for your soul.  
all may live. In - spir - ed we joy - ful - ly give.

## 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 - "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

# Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

## *Refrain*



Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by



morn - ing new mer - cies I see; all I have need - ed thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me.

Text: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866–1960

Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957

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# 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: "The Wonderful Cross" and "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

# The Wonderful Cross

Words by  
Isaac Watts, J. D. Walt  
and Chris Tomlin

Music by  
Lowell Mason, Chris Tomlin  
and Jesse Reeves

## VERSE

♩ = 88    D $\flat$



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the  
2. See from His head, His hands, His feet, sor - row and  
3. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were an



Prince of Glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I count but  
love flow min - gled down; Did e'er such love and sor - row  
of - f'ring far too small. Love so a - maz - ing, so di -



loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride. crown? O the  
meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a all.  
vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my

## CHORUS



won - der - ful cross, O the won - der - ful cross bids me come and die and find

23 D<sup>b</sup>/F A<sup>b</sup> G<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>/F

that I may tru - ly live. O the won - der - ful cross, O the

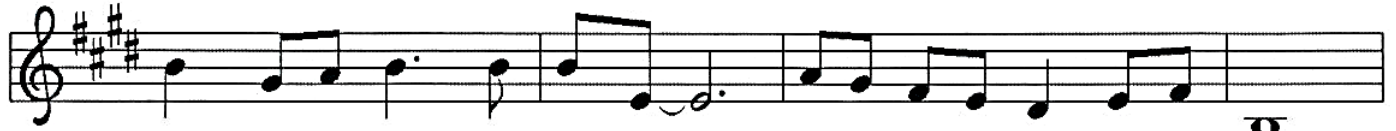
28 G<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>/F G<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>/F

won - der - ful cross; All who gath - er here by grace draw near and bless

32 A<sup>b</sup> D<sup>b</sup>

Your name. \_\_\_\_\_

# Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil



Lord, let my heart be good soil, o-pen to the seed of your word.



Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is un-der-stood.



When my heart is hard, break the stone a - way. When my heart is cold,



warm it with the day. When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.



Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

Text: Handt Hanson, b. 1950

Music: GOOD SOIL, Handt Hanson

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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"

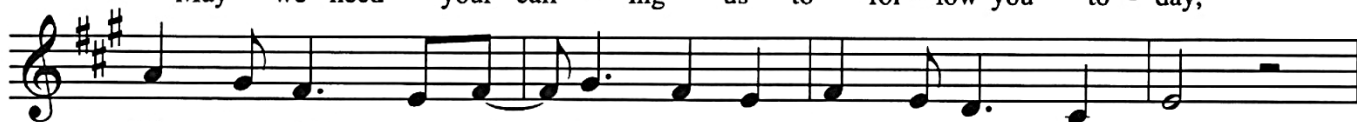
*(Invite children of all ages to come forward and play percussion during the Sending Song)*

# 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.

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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