

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent  
March 30, 2025



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song: "Prodigal"

# Prodigal

Words and Music by  
Ben McDonald, David Frey  
and Seth Mosley

## VERSE 1

♩ = 122 G



It's been a long time since you felt peace in the val - ley you made



where you're not meant to be, where the shame throws shad - ows on you.



But don't you for - get that you're head - ed to more but you've set - tled for



less. Don't buy the lie, "It's as good as it gets." The same feet that left you lost and a -



lone are the ver - y same feet that can bring you back home. Wher - ev - er you are,

## CHORUS

C  
%

D

G

Em



what - ev - er you did, it's a page in your book, but it is - n't the end.

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21 D C D G Em  
*2nd time to Coda*

Your Fa - ther will meet you with arms o - pen wide. This is where your heart be - longs;

25 D C D G Em

Come run - ning like a prod - i - gal. Come run - ning like a prod - i - gal.

**VERSE 2**

30 D G

There will be nights when you hear whis - pers of the life you once knew;

34 Em C G C

don't let it lin - ger. 'Cause there's a grace that falls up - on you. Don't you for - get

38 D G

in the plac - es you're weak He is ver - y strong. Don't ev - er be - lieve you don't de - serve love.

42 Em C G

The same God that pro - tects you when you're lost and a - lone is the ver - y same

45 C D G *D.S. al Coda*

God that is call - ing you home. Wher - ev - er you are,

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): Lord God, You clearly show no partiality among those whom  
you have created. May our joy be even a fraction of yours at the  
restoration of those who have wandered away from your promises  
and the joy of your abundant life. In Jesus' name, Amen.**

Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: "Prodigal" 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 fourth sentence in the book, you are invited to follow along in your Bibles for today's readings from the book of 1 Samuel 13:13-15a.*

(Reader):

**13** Samuel said to Saul, "You have done foolishly; you have not kept the commandment of the Lord your God, which he commanded you. The Lord would have established your kingdom over Israel forever, **14** but now your kingdom will not continue; the Lord has sought out a soul after God's own heart, and appointed them ruler over God's people because you have not kept what the Lord commanded you." **15** And Samuel left and went on his way from Gilgal.

(Reader): *Our story and God's story continues today with our second reading from Luke 15:1 - 3, 11b - 32. 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): *Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying,*

**(Side 1): “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.”**

(Reader): *So he told them this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father,*

**(Side 2): ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’**

(Reader): *So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." ' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves,*

**(Side 1): 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.**

**(Side 2): And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;**

**(ALL): for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!**

(Reader): *And they began to celebrate. Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you,*



*and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him,*

**(ALL): 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'** ”

(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 - "Savior's Song"

# SAVIOR'S SONG

Larry Olson  
Karol Baer


(guitar: capo 3)

F(D) Dm7(Bm7) Gm7(Em7) C(A) F(D) Dm7(Bm7)




Sing to the one who has known us for-ev - er. Dance to the rhythm of

Gm7(Em7) C(A) F(D) Dm7(Bm7) Gm7(Em7) C(A)




free-dom and love. Rest and be sure in the arms of for-give - ness.

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) Dm7(Bm7) Gm7(Em7) C(A) *Fine-F(D)*



Join in the Sav - ior's song.

Gm7(Em7) Am7(F#m7) Bb(G)



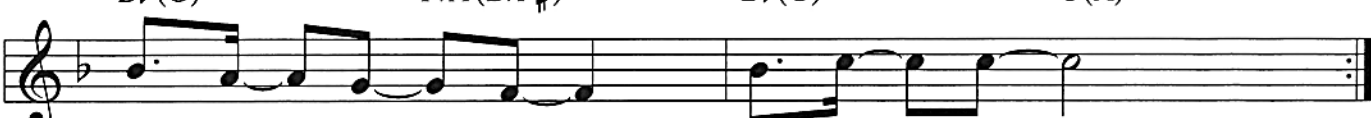
I'm hop - ing for a brand new day where we stop all the fuss  
There's noth - ing that can take a - way all the love of the one

F/A(D/F#) Gm7(Em7) Am7(F#m7)



and the fight - ing long e - nough to look in each oth-er's eyes and see the  
who has saved us. We may walk, we may run or fall, but God is

Bb(G) F/A(D/F#) Bb(G) C(A)



pre - cious gift of ev - 'ry life.  
right here with us through it all.

## 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

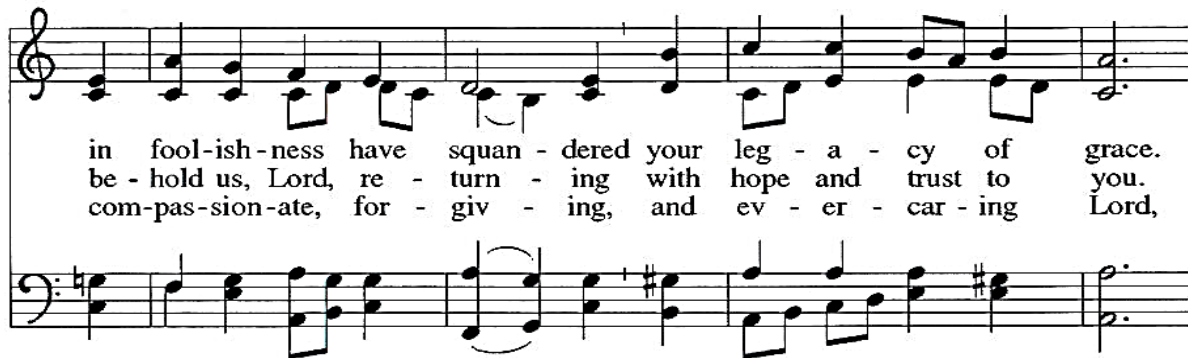
*Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for simply giving or give online or drop a check off at the church office. The watering can during March is for "Good Courage Farm". Any children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

Offering Song - "Our Father, We Have Wandered"

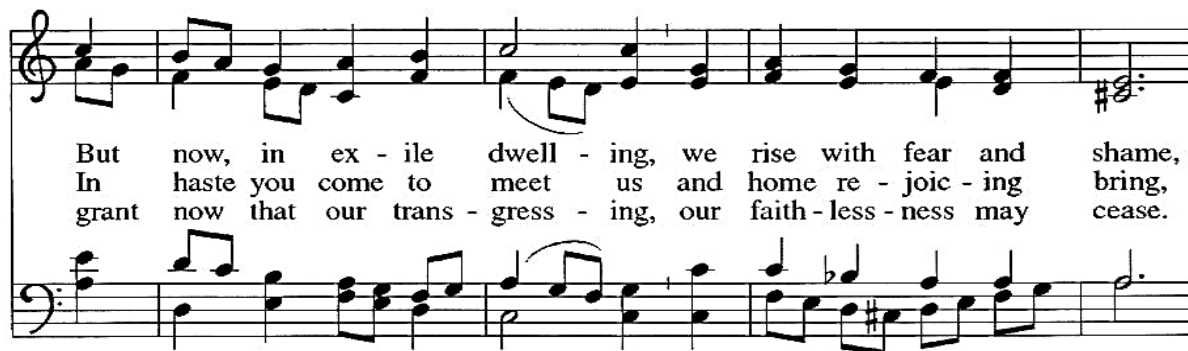
# Our Father, We Have Wandered



1 Our Fa - ther, we have wan - dered and hid - den from your face;  
2 And now at length dis - cern - ing the e - vil that we do,  
3 O Lord of all the liv - ing, both ban - ished and re - stored,



in fool - ish - ness have squan - dered your leg - a - cy of grace.  
be - hold us, Lord, re - turn - ing with hope and trust to you.  
com - pas - sion - ate, for - giv - ing, and ev - er - car - ing Lord,



But now, in ex - ile dwell - ing, we rise with fear and shame,  
In haste you come to meet us and home re - joic - ing bring,  
grant now that our trans - gress - ing, our faith - less - ness may cease.



as, dis - tant but com - pel - ling, we hear you call our name.  
in glad - ness there to greet us with calf and robe and ring.  
Stretch out your hand in bless - ing, in par - don, and in peace.

Text: Kevin Nichols, 1929–2006

Music: HERZLICH TUT MICH VERLANGEN, Hans Leo Hassler, 1564–1612; arr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685–1750

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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

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."

## 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: "Undo" and "Love Lifted Me"

# Undo

Words and Music by  
Scott Davis, Wes Willis  
and Kevin Huguley

$\text{♩} = 80$  **VERSE**

$B\flat$   $F^6/A$

1. I've been here be-fore, now  
(2. I) fo-cused on the score, but

3  $Gm^7$   $F^6/A$   $B\flat$

here I am a-gain stand-ing at the door,  
I could nev-er win. Try-ing to ig-nore

6  $F^6/A$   $Gm^7$   $F^7$

praying You'll let me back in.  
a life of hid-ing my sin.

9  $E\flat^2$   $F$   $B\flat$   $B\flat/D$

To la-bel me a prod-i-gal would be on-ly scratch-ing the sur-face of who  
To la-bel me a hyp-o-crite would be on-ly scratch-ing the sur-face of who

**CHORUS 1**

12  $E\flat^2$   $F^7$   $B\flat$   $Gm^7$

I've been known to be. Turn me a-round, pick me up, un-do  
I've been known to be.

15  $E\flat$   $F^{sus}$   $B\flat$   $Gm^7$   $E\flat$   $F^{sus}$

what I've be-come. Bring me back to the place of for-give-ness and grace. I need You,





# Love Lifted Me

Words by  
James Rowe

Music by  
Howard E. Smith

## VERSE

A $\flat$

E $\flat$ 7



1. I was sink - ing deep in sin, far from the peace - ful shore, ver - y deep - ly  
 2. All my heart to Him I give, ev - er to Him I'll cling, in His bless - ed  
 3. Souls in dan - ger, look a - bove, Je - sus com - plete - ly saves; He will lift you

6

A $\flat$



stained with - in, sink - ing to rise no more; But the Mas - ter of the sea  
 pres - ence live, ev - er His prais - es sing; Love so might - y and so true  
 by His love out of the an - gry waves; He's the Mas - ter of the sea,

11

D $\flat$

A $\flat$

A $\flat$  maj7/C

A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  E $\flat$ 7



heard my de - spair - ing cry, from the wa - ters lift - ed me now safe am  
 mer - its my soul's best songs; Faith - ful lov - ing serv - ice, too, to Him be -  
 bil - lows His will o - bey; He your Sav - ior wants to be, be saved to -

## CHORUS

16

A $\flat$

A $\flat$

E $\flat$ 7

A $\flat$

D $\flat$

B $\flat$ m

D $\flat$



I. Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me! \_\_\_\_ When noth - ing  
 -longs.  
 -day.

22

A $\flat$

A $\flat$ /C

1.  
B $\flat$ 7

E $\flat$

E $\flat$ 7

2.  
A $\flat$ /E $\flat$

E $\flat$ 7

A $\flat$



else could help, Love lift - ed me! \_\_\_\_ Love lift - ed me!

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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)*



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

# 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.

## Dismissal

L: Go in peace, Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God**

## Music to Send You Out

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