

2nd Sunday of Easter
April 27, 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) Bb(G) F/A(D/F#)

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#m7)

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

Gm7(Em7) C(A) Bb(G) F(D) Bb(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#) 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#)

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

Bb(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.

Greeting

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

C: And also with you.

Prayer of the Day:

One Voice:

God formed Adam out of clay
and blew into their nostrils
the breath
of life.

One Voice:

Jesus came and stood in their midst.
He too breathed on them.
He gave them
the Holy
Spirit.

All:

**Christ Jesus,
We also long for your Spirit and your peace.
Create new hearts in us
and fill us with your
very own
life.**

**Breathe your Spirit
upon us.
Amen.**

— written by Anne Osdieck, and posted on [The Center for Liturgy](#) of Saint Louis University,
adapted

Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: “Come and See” (Chorus)

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): You are invited to follow along in your Bibles for this reading from the book of Acts chapter 5 verses 27-32.

Throughout the Sundays of the fifty days of Easter, passages from Acts proclaim the ongoing power of Christ's resurrection, which is not a single day's event, but is the continuing power of God in the believing community. In this excerpt, the believers continue the ministry of Christ by testifying publicly to his death and resurrection with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit.

(Reader): 27 When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with our second reading from the Gospel of John, Chapter 20, verses 19-31. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome the Gospel.


SONG OF THE WORD "Canticle of the Sun" vs. 1, 2, 5, 3

Based on Canticle of the Sun
by St. Francis of Assisi

CANTICLE OF THE SUN


Hans Peterson

C Dm7 C/E F




Praise to you, O God most high from all who walk or swim or fly.
Praise to you from moth - er earth, grow-ing life and giv - ing birth.
Then when each one's life is through sis - ter death sings hal - le - lu. Let

Am7 F Dm7 C/E F




Broth-er sun, he lights the way for ev' - ry crea - ture sing - ing praise.
Broth-er fire so fair and strong prais - es you with bril - liant song.
ev' - ry liv - ing thing with breath, praise you God in life, in death.

Bb F C




Ra - di - a - ting light cre - at - ing day.
Burn - ing might - y bright the whole night long.
Let this life be sung in grat - i - tude.

Bb F G sus4 G



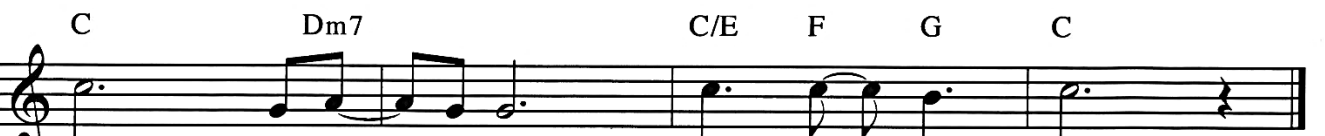
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Burn - ing might - y bright the whole night long.
Let this life be sung in grat - i - tude.

C Dm7 C/E Am G



Hal - le - lu jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

C Dm7 C/E F G C



Hal - le - lu jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

ional additional verses

Praise to you, O God most high.
From sister moon and stars of night.
You light up heaven clear and fair.
Creating beauty ev'rywhere.
Constellations circling the sky. (echo)

Brother wind, he praises you.
With rain clouds and with clear sky blue.
Storms blow in and then relent.
Your creatures find their nourishment.
Sister water pours out precious praise. (echo)

(Reader): *When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said,*

(Side 1): "Peace be with you."

(Reader): *After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again,*

(Side 2): "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

(Reader): *When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them,*

(Side 1): "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

(Reader): *But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him,*

(Side 2): "We have seen the Lord."

(Reader): *But he said to them,*

(Side 1): "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

(Reader): *A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said,*

(Side 2): "Peace be with you."

(Reader): *Then he said to Thomas,*

(Side 1): “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.”

(Reader): *Thomas answered him,*

(Side 2): “My Lord and my God!”

(Reader): *Jesus said to him,*

(ALL): “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

(Reader): *Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.*

(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 - “God of Stars and Distant Planets”

GOD OF STARS AND DISTANT PLANETS

Hans Petersen

(guitar: capo 3)

B \flat /C (Asus4) F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) F (D) C (A)

God of stars and dis - tant plan - ets, the far - thest reach - es of
Praise you God the cos - mic art - ist for daz - zling beau - ty con
Help us find with - in cre - a - tion, O God of crea - tures and

Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) Gm (Em)

night. Lead us home to re - dis - cov - er you, our Liv - ing
plex. Vi - brant col - ors fill the can - vas; your im - age it re -
trees, a new way to grow with na - ture; sort out our wants and

C (A) B \flat (G) F/A (D/F \sharp) E \flat (C) G (E)

Light. Ig - nite us with a pas - sion to be your liv - ing
fleets. You step back from your ea - sel call good what you first
needs. Trans - form our way of liv - ing, we pray in Je - sus

C (A) F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G)

sparks. May we ra - di - ate your splen - dor, rays of
saw. May we all for gen - er - a - tions live with
name. Turn our vi - sion in - to ac - tion that your

F (D) C (A) Dm (Bm) B \flat (G) F (D) C (A) F (D)

sun that shine in the dark, rays of sun that shine in the dark.
such a - ware - ness and awe, live with such a - ware - ness and awe.
work of art be sus - tained, that your work of art be sus - tained.

Blessing of James Rathbun to River of Hope 2025

James will come to the front of the worship space along with his sponsors, perhaps between the altar and the baptismal font if there is room.

James' sponsors introduce James.

Pastor Hans will invite any serving on the River Table to come forward and bless James.

Christian community sends us into the lives of other people. James, we are grateful that the Holy Spirit has brought you into our lives and woven you into the fabric of the community of River of Hope. We thank God for you! And at this time, we would like to bless you.

Receive the sign of the cross on your shoulders that you may bear the gentle yoke of Christ. +

Receive the sign of the cross on your eyes, that you may see the light of Christ, illumination for the world. +

Receive the sign of the cross on your feet, that you may walk in the way of Christ, inspired by God's Holy Spirit. +

Receive the sign of the cross on your ears, that you may listen for Christ in your neighbor. +

Receive the sign of the cross on your hands, that you may do the work of Christ in your daily life. +

Receive the sign of the cross on your heart, that God may dwell there by faith. +

Pastor Hans: Welcome James!

All: Welcome to River of Hope and the purpose we share: to transform lives through Jesus Christ. We join with you in this walk of faith, no matter the twists and turns, and celebrate with you this life of following Jesus together. Thanks be to God!

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



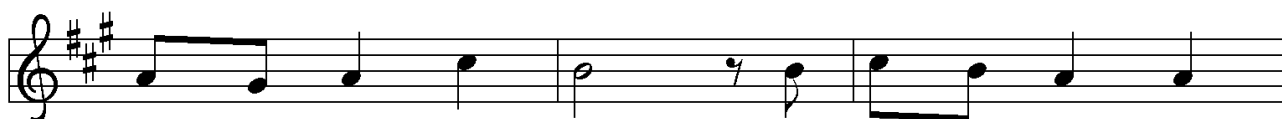
Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for "simply giving" or give online or drop a check off at the church office. The watering can during April is for laundry and diapers for the Somali family that we are supporting. Any children willing to help are invited to meet Pastor Hans in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song - "We Walk by Faith"

We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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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: "Crown Him with Many Crowns", "Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!"

Crown Him with Many Crowns

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
 3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
 4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
 5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,

hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
 whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
 and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
 No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
 but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
 thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Je - sus is ris - en! Trum - pets re -
 2 Walk - ing the way, Christ in the cen - ter tell - ing the
 3 Je - sus the vine, we are the branch - es; life in the
 4 Weep - ing, be gone; sor - row, be si - lent: death put a -
 5 Cit - y of God, Eas - ter for - ev - er, gold - en Je -

sound - ing in glo - ri - ous light! Splen - dor, the Lamb,
 sto - ry to o - pen our eyes; break - ing our bread,
 Spir - it the fruit of the tree; heav - en to earth,
 sun - der, and Eas - ter is bright. Cher - u - bim sing:
 ru - sa - lem, Je - sus the Lamb, riv - er of life,

heav - en for - ev - er! Oh, what a mir - a - cle God has in sight!
 giv - ing us glo - ry: Je - sus our bless - ing, our con - stant sur - prise.
 Christ to the peo - ple, gift of the fu - ture now flow - ing to me.
 O grave, be o - pen! Clothe us in won - der, a - dorn us in light.
 saints and arch - an - gels, sing with cre - a - tion to God the I AM!

Refrain

Je - sus is ris - en and we shall a - rise.

The musical score for the refrain is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line consists of a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with chords and moving lines, and a left hand with a steady bass line.

Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!

The musical score for 'Give God the glo - ry! Al - le - lu - ia!' is written for a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line consists of a single melodic line with lyrics underneath. The piano accompaniment features a right hand with chords and moving lines, and a left hand with a steady bass line.

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

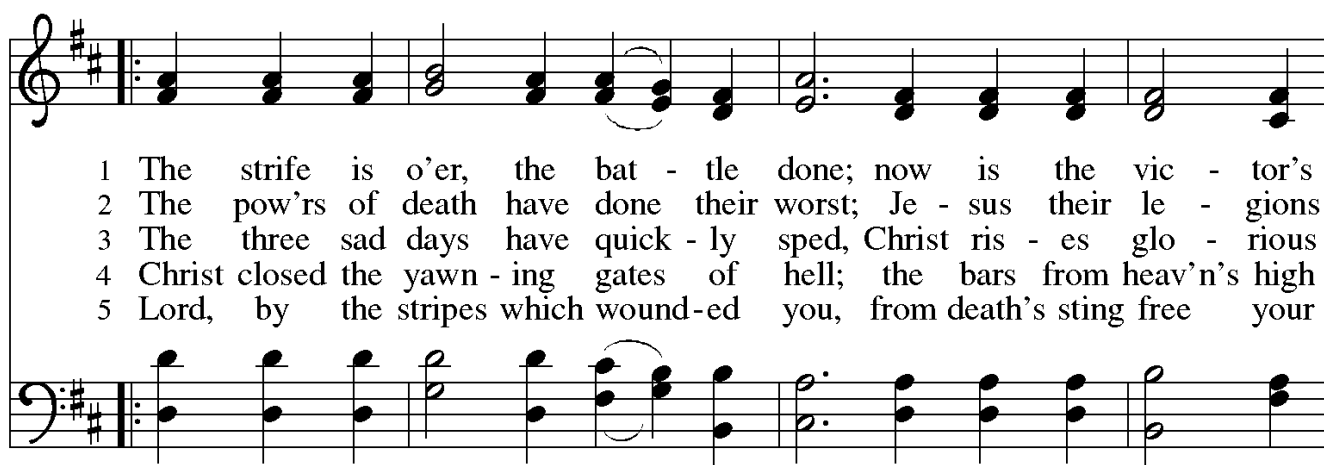
Why does our church exist? What is our purpose?

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

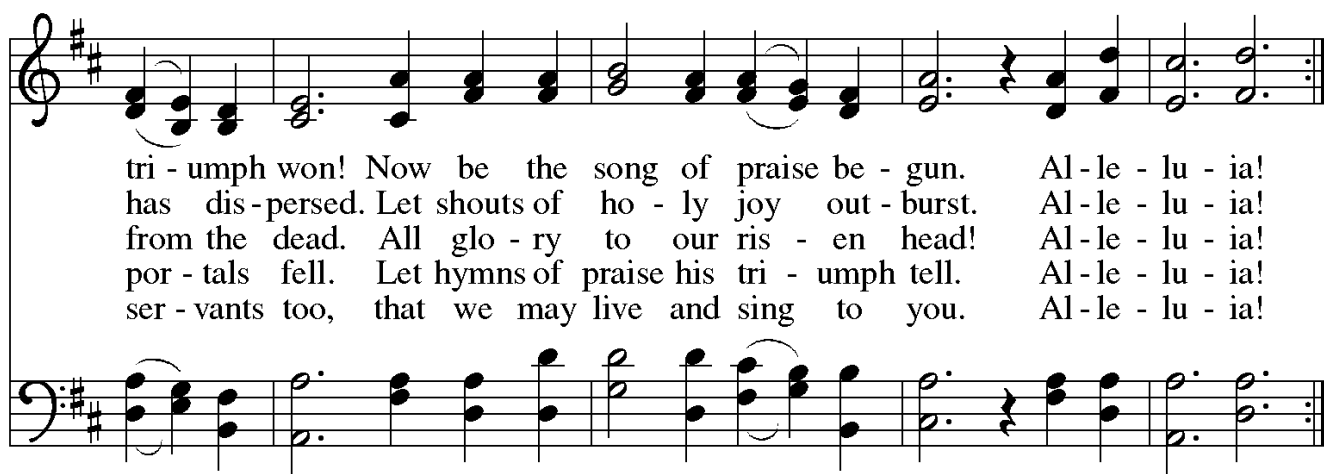
Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! – “The Strife is O'er, the Battle Done” 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.



1 The strife is o'er, the bat - tle done; now is the vic - tor's
 2 The pow'rs of death have done their worst; Je - sus their le - gions
 3 The three sad days have quick - ly sped, Christ ris - es glo - rious
 4 Christ closed the yawn - ing gates of hell; the bars from heav'n's high
 5 Lord, by the stripes which wound-ed you, from death's sting free your



tri - umph won! Now be the song of praise be - gun. Al - le - lu - ia!
 has dis - persed. Let shouts of ho - ly joy out - burst. Al - le - lu - ia!
 from the dead. All glo - ry to our ris - en head! Al - le - lu - ia!
 por - tals fell. Let hymns of praise his tri - umph tell. Al - le - lu - ia!
 ser - vants too, that we may live and sing to you. Al - le - lu - ia!

BENEDICTION

May God our Creator bless and keep you, may Jesus, child of the earth, walk with you, and may the Holy Spirit, wind and fire, give you hope and peace.

Amen.

Sending Song: "I Walk By Faith"

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

I Walk By Faith

Words and Music by
Chris Falson

$\text{♩} = 128$ **CHORUS**

A G^2

I walk by faith, each step by

4 D

faith; To live by faith, I put my

7 A 1, 3. 2, 4. Fine

trust in — You. I

VERSE

10 Bm A/C# D

Ev - ry step — I take — is a step — of faith;

13 E Bm A/C# D

— No wea - pon formed a - gainst — me shall pros - per.

17 E Bm A/C#

And ev - ry prayer — I make —

20 D E Bm

is a prayer _ of faith; _ If my God is for _

23 A/C# G E D.S. al Fine E+

_ me, who can be a - gainst _ me? I

Dismissal

Go in peace, care for all creation.

Thanks be to God.

Music to Send You Out

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