

7th Sunday of Easter
June 1, 2025



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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship = "Gonna Fly Now", Sweet Caroline", "Feels So Good"

Opening Song Medley = "Listen to the Music", "Lean on Me", "Higher and Higher"

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

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day: Let us pray.

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into your one will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found, your Son, Jesus Christ our 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: "Higher and Higher" mm.

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): *Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Book of Acts 16:16-34. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing before the reading.*

Song to Greet the Scripture = "My Sweet Lord"

(Reader): *One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out,*

(Side 1): “These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.”

(Reader): *She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit,*

(Side 2): “I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.”

(Reader): *And it came out that very hour. But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said,*

(Side 1): “These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.”

(Reader): *The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.*

(ALL): Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone’s chains were unfastened.

(Reader): *When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice,*

(Side 2): “Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.”

(Reader): *The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said,*

(Side 1): “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

(Reader): *They answered,*

(Side 2): “Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.”

(Reader): *They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God. 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 - “You've Got a Friend” / “They'll Know we are Christians by our Love”

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 love"
Congregational response **"Sing"**

"They'll Know we are Christians by our Love"

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And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our



love, by our love, yes they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love. _____

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 June is for "Habitat for Humanity". Any children willing to help are invited to meet Pastor Hans in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song - "Light of the World"

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: "Kum bay a", "Day by Day", "Jesus Christ Superstar"

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

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary 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 "Let it Be"

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.

Blessing

God bless you and keep you,
God smile on you and gift you,
God look you full in the face
and make you prosper.

Amen! Alleluia! Amen!

Closing Song Medley: "I'll Be There", "Takin' it to the Streets",
"Don't Stop"

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

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Peace Out.

Music to Send You Out = “My Life” “Dancing Queen”,
“Crocodile Rock”

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