Holy Trinity Sunday June 15, 2025



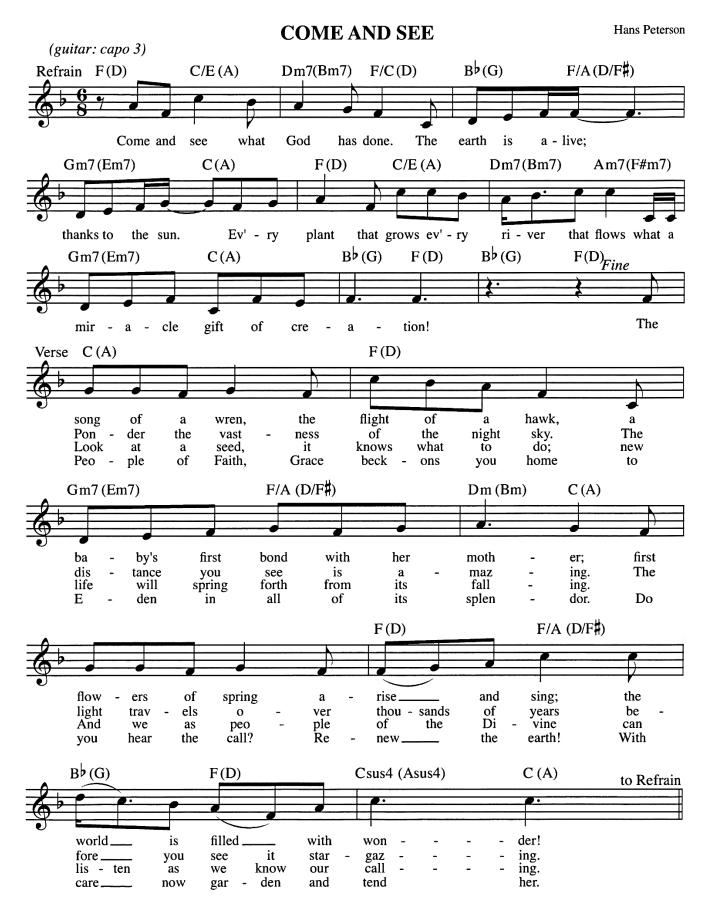


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Gathering

Music to Prepare us for Worship

Opening Song: "Come and See"



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Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures! Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all. (Hildegard of Bingen, 13th Century)

Confession

(Leader): Sisters and brothers, we come to the God of mercy mindful that the world upon which we all depend is suffering. The sacred creation given to us, the immense beauty surrounding us, the complex web of life supporting us has been broken, not only by others, but by our own hand. Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and one another. (silence)

Loving God, you have placed us as stewards within your creation. Instead, we have abused your gifts. The beauty and abundance of the earth is falling apart under us. God of all life....

(ALL): We confess our part in a broken world.

(Leader): You have multiplied your people beyond counting and have provided enough for all. But we have poisoned the waters, exhausted the soils and polluted the air. By our own hand we have spoiled the life-giving resources upon which we all depend. God of all life...

(ALL): We confess our part in a broken world.

(Leader): As Jesus' disciples, we are called to feed the hungry,

clothe the naked and tend to the sick. Instead, we have taken the wealth of the world into our own houses and left your children in hunger and need. God of all life...

(ALL): We confess our part in a broken world.

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.

Song: "The Earth is the Lord's"

(Sung to the tune of "Immortal, Invisible, God only Wise")

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Creation reminds us, O God, of your love. By grace we are learning, as year leads to year, We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.

Your rainforests nurture the world that we share. Your wetlands give animals shelter and care. Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.

You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.

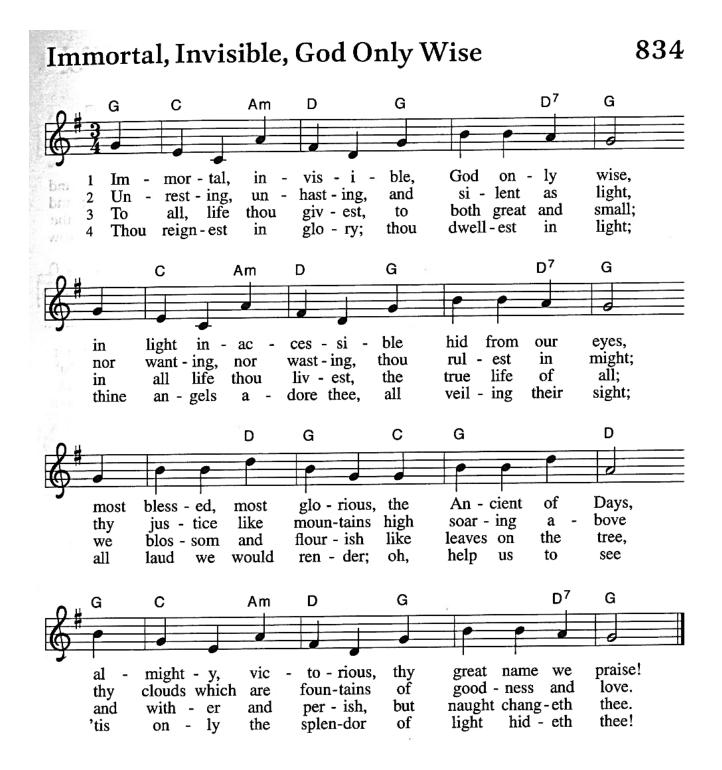
Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.

We fail to remember its beauty and worth.

We take from creation much more than we need, We threaten your world through indifference and greed.

May we be good stewards of all that you give, Protecting creation wherever we live.

May we be a church that renews and restores And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.



Prayer of the Day: Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Greet Someone New

Music to bring us back together: "Come and See" chorus

Children's Time

THE STORY

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with two readings. First, you are invited to follow along in your Bibles for a reading from the book of Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

¹ Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?
² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;
³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:
⁴ "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live. ²² The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

²³ Ages ago I was set up,

at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth—

²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,

when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,

so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,

³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race." (Reader): You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome our second reading, Psalm 8, which we will read responsively.



(Leader): O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

(ALL): you whose glory is chanted above the heavens out of the mouths of infants and children;

you have set up a fortress against your enemies, to silence the foe and avenger.

(Leader): When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

(ALL): what are mere mortals that you should be mindful of them, human beings that you should care for them?

(Leader): Yet you have made them little less than divine; with glory and honor you crown them.

(ALL): You have made them rule over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet:

(Leader): all flocks and cattle, even the wild beasts of the field,

(ALL): the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatever passes along the paths of the sea.

(Leader): O Lord our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

(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 - "O God, Within the Psalms" (Sung to the tune of "This is My Father's World") O God, within the Psalms are pictures of your love: There, young trees grow as waters flow and mountains rise above. The creatures with their young, the birds that fill the air, the gentle rain, the harvest grain proclaim your love and care.

And in the Psalms we see a Shepherd's love expressed. Lord, you provide and lead and guide, and we — your sheep — are blessed. You give us food to eat, and water — safe and clear. Yes, we're restored, O Shepherd Lord, by all you give us here.

Yet as we look ahead, we fear the things we see. As earth cries out through storm and drought, we wonder what will be. We take more than our share; we plunder and destroy. God, we confess we've made a mess of things that bring you joy.

We see within the Psalms a world where nature sings. Help us to share, and work, and care for all your growing things. O Shepherd, we've been blessed; may we be blessings, too. This is our prayer: May we take care of this good earth with you. 

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

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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: "...thank you God for sending us your Spirit, a Comforter, an Advocate for us all"

Congregational response sing...



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THE OFFERING

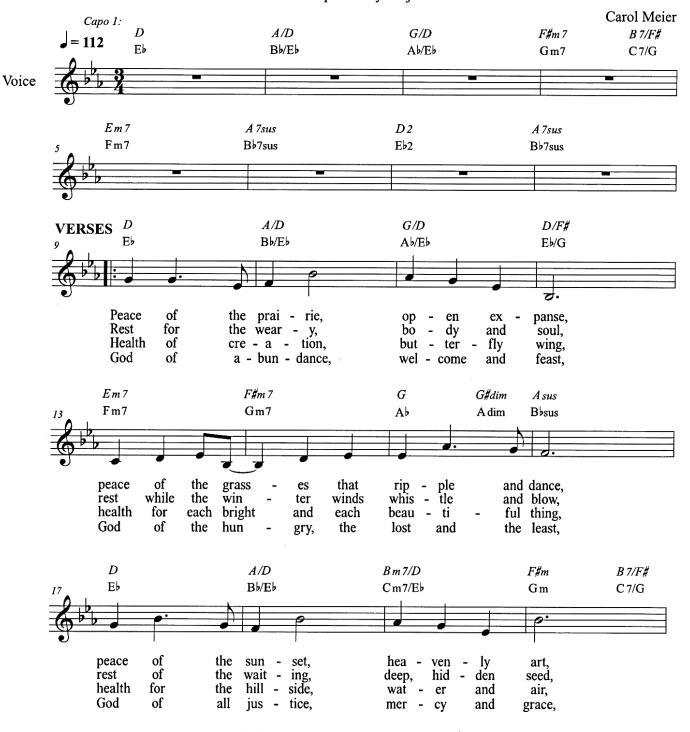
Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. You can contact the church office and sign up for "simply giving" or give online or drop a check off at the church office. The watering can during June is for "Habitat for Humanity". Any children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

Offering Song - "God of Shalom"

God of Shalom

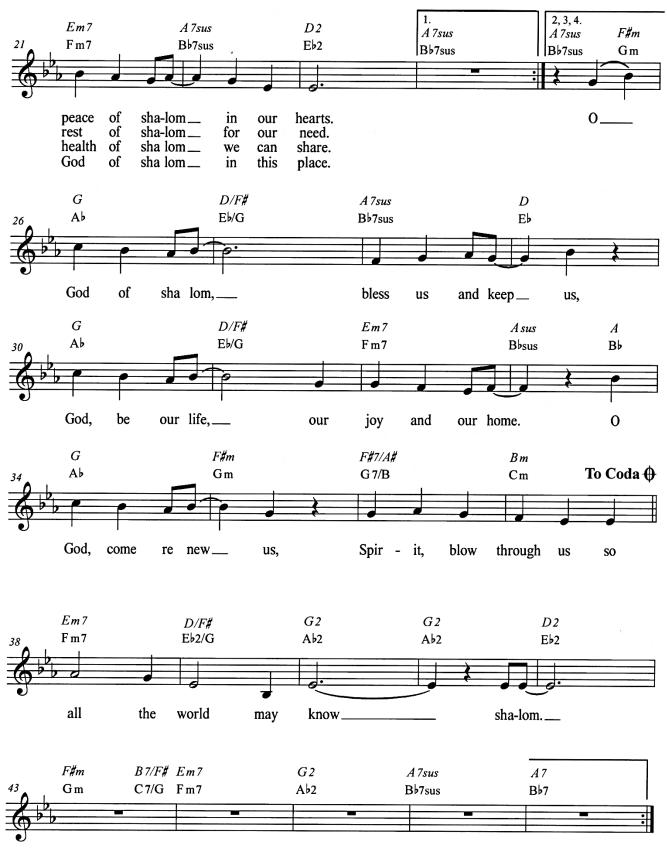
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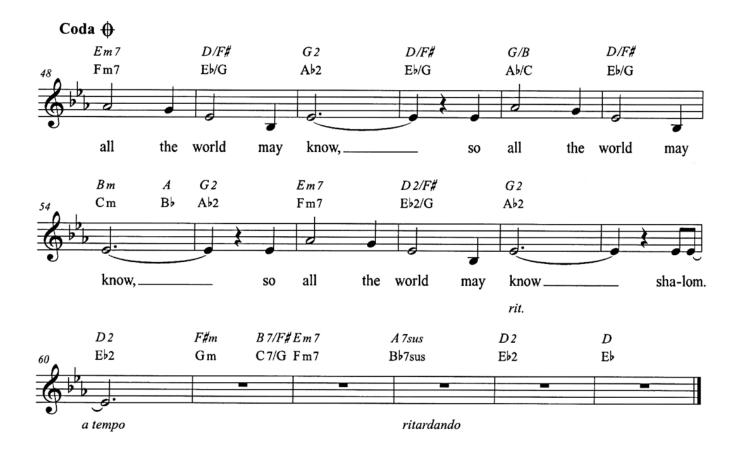
Prairie Spirituality Project 2023



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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: "Indescribable" and "Children of the Heavenly Father"

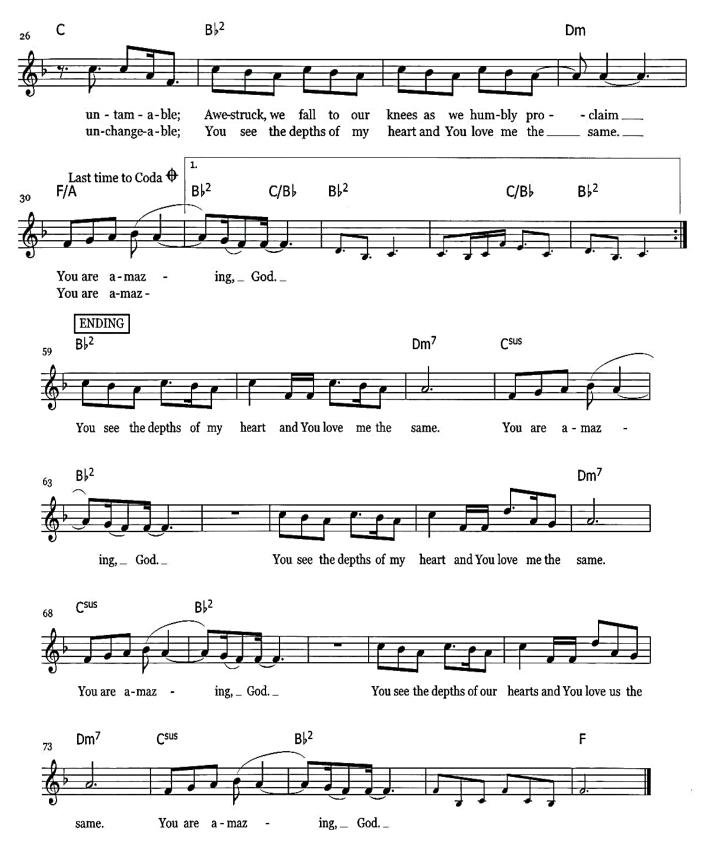
Indescribable

Words and Music by Laura Story and Jesse Reeves



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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

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 "God of Wonders" Chorus 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.

God Of Wonders

Words and Music by Marc Byrd and Steve Hindalong



BENEDICTION

May the God who established the dance of creation, who marveled at the lilies of the field, who transforms chaos to order, reshape our lives and the church. May the Creator give us ears to hear the voice of all creation which makes known the presence and power of God (adapted from the CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme)

Sending Song: "Your Everlasting Love"

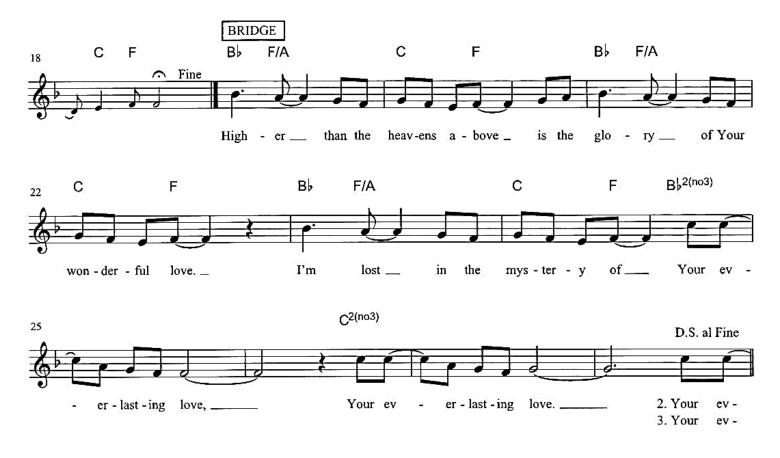
(Invite children of all ages to come forward and play percussion during the Sending Song)

Your Everlasting Love

Words and Music by Bill Batstone



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Dismissal Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Music to Send You Out

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