## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After Pentecost June 22, 2025



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

GATHERING SONG - "Amazing Grace, (My Chains are Gone)"

## Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Words and Music by John Newton, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio







Welcome \* Welcome Pads \* Post it Notes \* (Leader): Wherever you are on your journey of faith, we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.

Blessing of the Campers

## Greeting

(Leader): 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.

(Leader): Let us confess that God is God and we are not.

Pause for Reflection

(Leader – Nan Crary): This summer in honor of our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we will occasionally be using 3 sections of the "Messy Mass", which is a liturgy written by Nate Crary. Nate is Nan Crary's son and was a member of River of Hope about 10 years ago. This is how Nate describes the creating of "Messy Mass"

"I wrote this musical liturgy from a very personal place, as it provided me a medium to acknowledge, process, embrace and respond to my context at the time of writing it. Most of the music came to me (as chiche as that sounds) while waiting for the daily drama of my 7<sup>th</sup> grade Palestinian guitar students to simmer down on Tuesday afternoons. We're talking lots of down time alone in an echoey classroom. I like to blend old with the new, as I think the active participation in worshiping God connects us to everyone who is worshiping now and everyone who has worshipped in the past, remaining relevant to our current contexts while responding to the past as liturgy transcends place and time. My influences include Eustace the Dragon, Chris Koza, Nate Houge, Holly Hansen, Marty Haugen, Jay Beech, and Brian DeRemer." Confession and Forgiveness: "Only By Our Lonesome"

## Only By Our Lonesome



<sup>\*</sup>Whistle first time through

Only By Our Lonesome



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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF FORGIVENESS

(Leader): Hear this Good News! God who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love—loves you as you are. Because Christ commands us to forgive each other, it is through Christ that I declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the Father, + and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen** 

Kyrie



\*Whistle first time through

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New Music to Bring Us Back Together: Amazing Grace: Chorus

Children's Time

# The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with 2 readings. First, a reading from the Letter to the Galatians, chapter 3, verses 23-29.

(Reader): Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

(Side 1): There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free,

(Side 2): there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

(ALL): And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

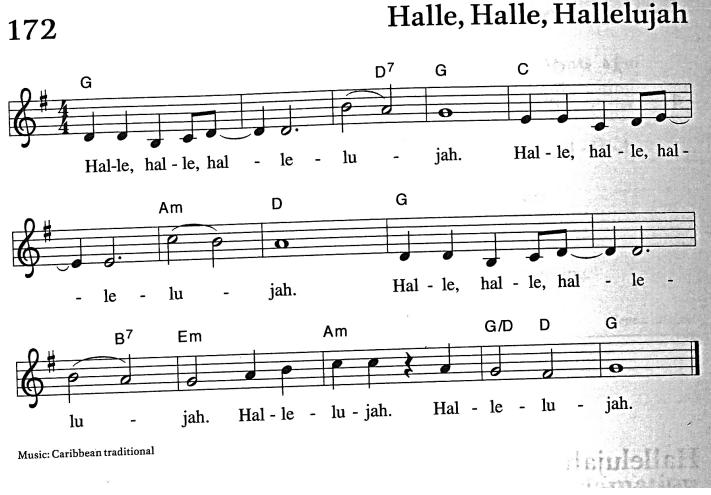
(Reader): You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome our second lesson from the Gospel of Luke chapter 8, verses 26-39.



## Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

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(Reader): Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice,

#### (Side 1- Man): "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"

(Reader): —for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him,

### (Side 2 - Jesus): "What is your name?"

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(Reader): He said,
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### (Side 1 - Man): "Legion";

(Reader): for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying,

# (Side 2 - Jesus): "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you."

(Reader): So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

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

#### (ALL): Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** - Pastor Andy Evenson

**SONG OF THE DAY** - "Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven"

## Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven





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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: "God, who is mercy,"

Congregational response "Hear our Prayer"

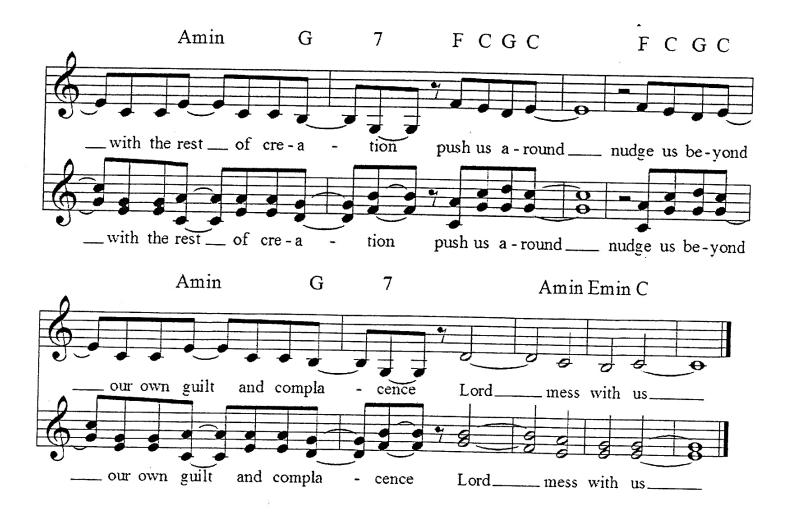
Offering

Offering Song "Mess With Us"



## Mess With Us





## 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.

(Leader): 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: "One Bread, One Body" and "There is a Balm in Gilead"

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One Bread, One Body



## There Is a Balm in Gilead



Text: African American spiritual Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual



Blessing after Communion

Now may the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.** 

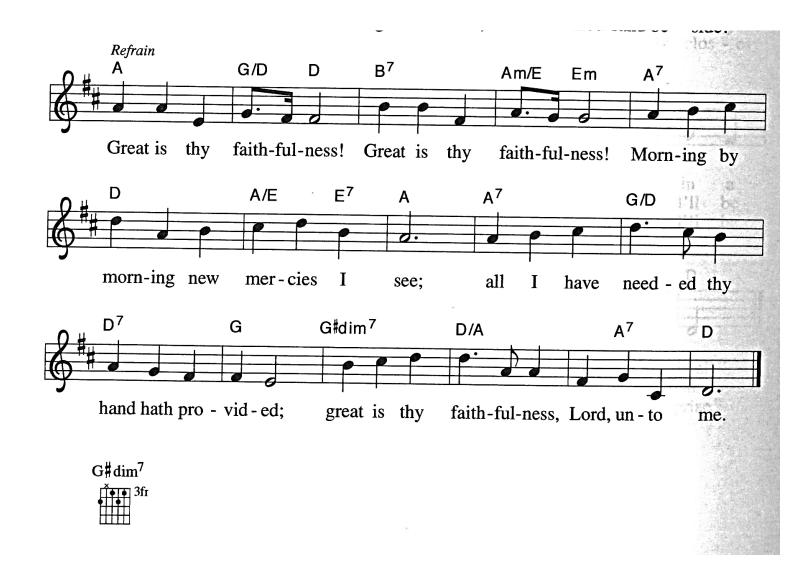
Prayer after Communion Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.** 

# The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? **We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ**.

Purpose Sightings

MILESTONES! Sing "Great is thy Faithfulness" Chorus 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

(Leader): Receive these words of blessing from God found in Isaiah 41:10
So do not fear, for I am with you.
Do not be dismayed for I am your God.
I will strengthen you and help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Amen.

Sending Song: "Trading My Sorrows"

## **Trading My Sorrows**

Words and Music by Darrell Evans



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(Leader): Go in peace, serve the Lord.. Thanks be to God.

Music to Send You Out

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