

14th Sunday After Pentecost
September 14, 2025



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Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song "Build a Longer Table"

Build a Longer Table



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2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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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.*

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.***

Confession

Blessed be the holy Trinity,✙ one God,
whose steadfast love endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path
but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,
we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,
we have too often passed by on the other side.**

Set us again on the path of life.

Save us from ourselves

and free us to love our neighbors. Amen.

Forgiveness

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins
but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves. **Amen.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O God, overflowing with mercy and compassion, you lead back to yourself all those who go astray. Preserve your people in your loving care, that we may reject whatever is contrary to you and may follow all things that sustain our life in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Greet Someone New *Music to Bring Us Back Together:*

“Build a Longer Table” vs. 1

Children's Time: Distribution of Bibles

Song: Thy Word is a Lamp

Thy Word Is a Lamp

Refrain

The musical score is written for a single system with a treble clef on top and a bass clef on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef. The chords are indicated by letters above the treble clef staff.

Chords: G, D/G, G, C, D, D7, G

Lyrics: Thy Word is a lamp un-to my feet And a light un-to my path.

(Leader): Here at River of Hope we believe that everyone grows when we dwell in God's word. In Baptism parents make a promise to place in their children's hand the Holy Scriptures. To support our families in this promise, age-appropriate Bibles are presented to our youth when they turn 3 years old, when they enter the 3rd grade and when they begin confirmation starting in 6th grade. It is our joy and privilege to present you with a Bible or bless the Bible you already have. When you read it, remember how deeply you are loved by God and all of us.

Distribution of Bibles

(Leader): *A reading from Proverbs chapter 3: “My child, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments; for length of days and years of life and abundant welfare they will give you.*

(ALL): Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

(Leader): *Receive the Word of God so that the story of God and God’s people may be with you wherever you are. Learn its truth. Here God reveals who we are. Here God leads us, strengthens us, and gives us purpose. Here God grants wisdom far beyond what any human can provide.*

Everyone is invited to hold their Bible to their chest or in the air.

(ALL): Gracious God, thank you for the Word. We accept it and treasure it as a lamp to our feet and a light for our path. Thank you for every person who has loved me, prayed for me, and invested in my spiritual development. Multiply the wisdom, skill, and faith you have shared through them. May it live and grow in me and in every person I influence. For the honor and glory of your Name. Amen.

The Word

(Reader): Our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of Luke 15: 1-10. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Celtic Alleluia

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Refrain

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A E D E A D E

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A E Bm E A D A

Music: Fintan O'Carroll and Christopher Walker

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(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: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them,*

(Side 2): ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.’

(Reader): *Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying,*

(ALL): ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’

(Reader): *Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”*

(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"**

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 August is for "House of Grace" in Montrose. Any children willing to help are invited to meet in the back to bring forth the Communion elements.

Offering Song "People Need the Lord"

people Need the Lord - 2

28 F G G/F C/E F C/E Dm7 G7sus G7 C

When will we re - al - ize peo - ple need the Lord?

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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

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

**Mystery beyond our knowing,
close to us as our breathing,
in humble awe we pray.**

Your Kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven

**We pray for your vision of justice and mercy
to be made real in our world even now.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**We pray for your vision of enough;
enough sustenance, enough warmth,
enough healing for all of your children.**

Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**We pray for the grace to let go of that which
is death dealing
as we embrace your vision for life,**

**that we might follow you safely through the
obstacle course.**

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours.
Now and for ever.

**Giving thanks for presence that defies
Definition in this life and beyond.**

Amen.

Amen.

~ written by Katherine Hawker (2004), and posted on Liturgies Outside. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

*(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: "Lovely Needy People" and "Amazing
Grace"

Lovely Needy People

Music by Gary Rand
Lyrics by Lenora Rand

The musical score is written in a single system with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The vocal line is written in a treble clef, and the piano accompaniment is written in a bass clef. The score is divided into measures, with measure numbers 5, 8, 11, 13, and 15 indicated. Chord symbols (Bb, Eb, F, Gm) are placed above the piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

B \flat

Oh you pris'-ners in your cells, All you in pri - vate hells, —

E \flat

Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. — All you hun-gry and ig-nored, Who

B \flat

thirst for some-thing more, — Ky-ri-e e - le - i-son. —

F **E \flat**

You who feel so lost but are a - fraid of be - ing found;
You who've giv - en up and can't see an - y - where but down.

F **E \flat**

You who are in chains but are a - fraid to live un - bound,
You who've lost all hope and think it's no - where to be found.

Gm **E \flat**

Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son, — Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. — For

19 $B\flat$ F

all us love-ly, need-y peo - ple Liv-ing in this world that's spin-ning
all us love-ly, bro-ken peo - ple

21 Gm $E\flat$

21 Round and round and round, Round and round and round. For

23 $E\flat$ $B\flat$ F

23 round and round and round. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy.

26 Gm *2nd Time to Coda* $E\flat$

26 Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. — You

29 $B\flat$

29 chil-dren ripped and torn, Bat-tered, bruised and worn, Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. —

32 $E\flat$

32 All who look hate in the face, Locked in hate's em-brace,

35 $B\flat$ $E\flat$ *Coda*
D.S. al Coda

Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son, — Ky-ri-e e - le - i - son. — There is

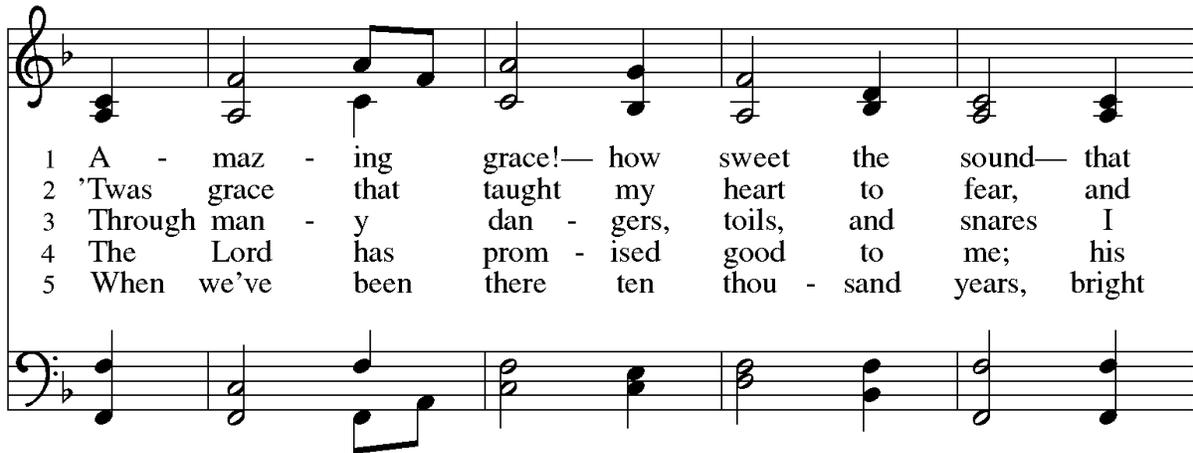
39 $B\flat$ Gm

mer - cy e - nough; there is grace e - nough. There is

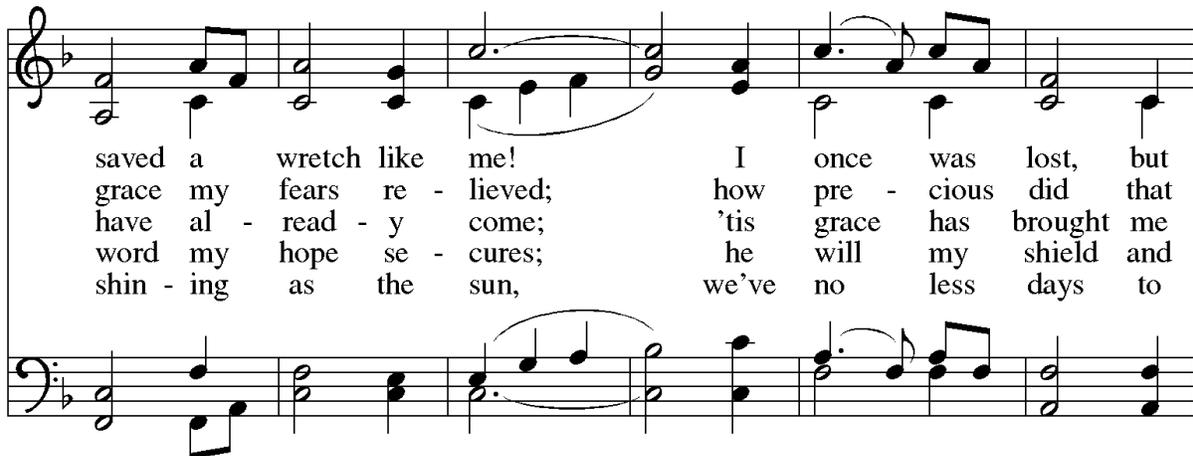
41 $E\flat$ F *Fine*

love e - nough for all of us. — There is

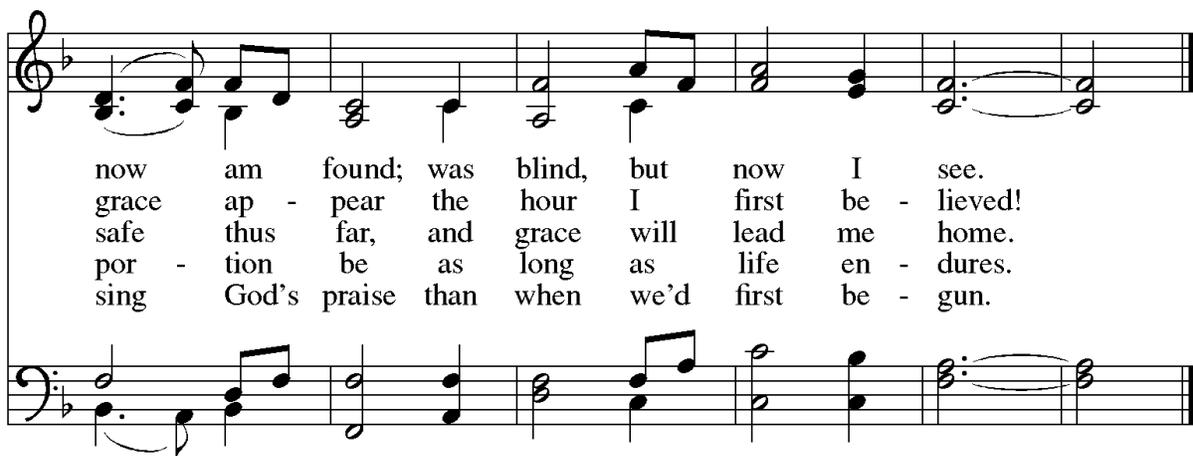
Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour, I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

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Capo 3: D
F

A⁷ Bm G D
C⁷ Dm B \flat F



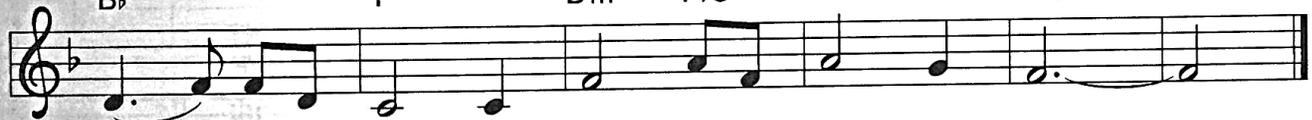
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A A⁷ F \sharp m/A D
C C⁷ Am/C F



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G D Bm D/A A⁷ D
B \flat F Dm F/C C⁷ F



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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 "Love Lifted Me" 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.

Love Lifted Me

Words by
James Rowe

Music by
Howard E. Smith

VERSE

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

5 A

ver - y deep - ly stained with - in, sink - ing to rise no more; But the Mas - ter
 in His bless - ed pres - ence live, ev - er His prais - es sing; Love so might - y
 He will lift you by His love out of the an - gry waves; He's the Mas - ter

10 D A A/C#

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

CHORUS

15 A/E E7 A A E7 A A/C# D Bm D

safe am I. Love lift - ed me! Love lift - ed me! When noth - ing
 Him be - longs.
 saved to - day.

22 A A/C# B7 E E7 A/E E7 A

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

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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!

Sending Song: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"

(Invite children of all ages to come forward and play percussion during the closing song)

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual
Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual

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I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1 I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
3 When I was in trou - ble, Sa - tan had me bound,
When I was in trou - ble,

Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
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sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Go in peace, serve the Lord.. **Thanks be to God.**

Music to Send You Out

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