16th Sunday After Pentecost

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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am

River of HOPE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Gathering

Music to Prepare Us For Worship

Opening Song "This Little Light of Mine"

G C/A G/B
1. This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
C G
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
G B B/D# Em
This little light of mine I'm gonna let it shine
G D C G
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

2. Won't let no one blow it out…
3. Shine it all around the world…
4. Shine it here in Hutchinson
5. Everyone whistle while Charlie does solo
6. This Little light

Last time:
G D Em A
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
G D Em A
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
G D C G
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

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,

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur - round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness, drive the gloom of doubt a - way.
Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, flow - 'ry mead - ow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our broth - er, all who live in love are thine;

Giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird, and flow - ing foun - tain call us to re - joice in thee.
teach us how to love each oth - er, lift us to the joy di - vine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852–1922
Music: HYMN TO JOY, Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770–1827, adapt.

Greet Someone New *Music to Bring Us Back Together:*
"This Little Light"…vs. 1

Children's Time Song "Lord of Light"

Psalm 27

LORD OF LIGHT

Hans Peterson

The Word

(Reader): *You are invited to follow along in your Bibles as our story and God's story continues today with a reading from the Gospel of Luke 17:5-10. You are invited to stand in body or in spirit as we sing to welcome the Gospel.*

Song to greet the Gospel: "Forever Emmanuel"
(CHORUS, vs. 1, CHORUS)

FOREVER EMMANUEL

Larry Olson

(guitar: capo 3)

(Reader): 5 The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" 6 The
Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could
say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it
would obey you.
7 "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in
from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and
take your place at the table'? 8 Would you not rather say to him,
'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat
and drink; later you may eat and drink'? 9 Do you thank the slave for
doing what was commanded? 10 So you also, when you have done
all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we
have done only what we ought to have done!' "

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

(ALL): Thanks be to God.

SERMON - Musical Message: Synod Youth Band.

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 "Just a Closer Walk With Thee"

(Refrain, Vs. 1, Refrain)

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

Text: North American traditional
Music: CLOSER WALK, North American traditional

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/

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: "Oceans (Where feet may fail)", "Goodness of God"

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

Words and Music by
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and Salomon Ligthelm

♩ = 60

Bm A/C♯ D A

VERSE

1. You call me out up - on the wa - ters, the great un - known where feet may
2. Your grace a - bounds in deep - est wa - ters, Your sov - 'reign hand will be my

4

G Bm A/C♯ D

fail. And there I find You in the mys - t'ry, in o - ceans
guide. Where feet may fail and fear sur - rounds me, You've nev - er

7

A G G D A

CHORUS 1

deep, my faith will stand. And I will call up - on Your name
failed and You won't start now.

11

G D A G D

and keep my eyes a - bove the waves. When o - ceans rise, my soul will rest in Your em-

14

A G A Bm A/C♯ D D/F♯ A A/C♯ G6 G6/A

INSTRUMENTAL 1

brace for I am Yours and You are mine.

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2
G A Bm A/C♯ D D/F♯ A G6 G6/A Bm A/C♯
INTERLUDE 1
20
Yours and You are mine. Oh. And You are mine. Oh.
D D/F♯ A G6 Bm G D A
INSTRUMENTAL 2
26
Bm G D
BRIDGE 1a
33
Spir - it lead me where my trust is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa - ters wher-
A Bm G
36
ev - er You would call me. Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith
1, 2
3
D A A
39
will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour. ence of my Sav - iour.
G D A
BRIDGE 1b
42
Spir - it lead me where my trust is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa - ters wher-
Em G D
45
ev - er You would call me. Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith
A Em Bm A
BRIDGE 1c
48
will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour. Spir - it lead me where my trust

51
D A Em
is with - out bor - ders, let me walk up - on the wa - ters wher - ev - er You would call me.
54
Bm A D
Take me deep - er than my feet could ev - er wan - der and my faith
56
A Em Em Bm A
1 2
INTERLUDE 2
will be made strong - er in the pres - ence of my Sav - iour. ence of my Sav - iour.
60
D A Em Bm A D
Yeah, yeah, yeah, yeah.
65
A Em G D A
CHORUS 2
Oh, Je - sus, yeah. My God. I will call up - on Your name,
69
G D A G D A
keep my eyes a - bove the waves. My soul will rest in Your em - brace. I am
73
G A Bm A/C♯ D A G6 Bm D
ENDING
Yours and You are mine.

Goodness Of God

(based on the recording by Jenn Johnson)

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CHORUS
D
E(4)
A
D2
A
8
of the good - ness of God.
in the good - ness of God.
All my life You have been faith - ful.
D2
A
E(4)
D2
12
All my life You have been so, so good.
With ev - 'ry breath that I am a -
A
E/G♯
F♯m7
D2
E(4)
A
A
15
Last time to Coda
ble I will sing of the good - ness of God.
I love Your voice.
BRIDGE
A/C♯
D2
E(4)
A
Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.

21
A/C♯ D2 E(4) A
Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. With my life
23
A/C♯ D2 E(4) F♯m7
laid down, I'm sur - ren - dered now; I give You ev - 'ry - thing.
25
A/C♯ D2 E(4) A E(4)
1 2
Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me. run - ning af - ter me.
28
A
D.S. al Coda
F♯m7 D2 E(4) A
Coda
TAG
30
I will sing of the good - ness of God.

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! *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*. Sing "Healer" refrain

HEALER

Larry Olson

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Sung Blessing

*A soloist could sing the first half with a choir
or ensemble entering on the word "peace" each time.
Altos sing the middle part wtih tenors on the bottom.
Sopranos and Basses could double the melody.

Sending Song: "Make a Difference"

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

Make a Difference

Rachel Kurtz
With rap by David Scherer

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

Music to Send You Out

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