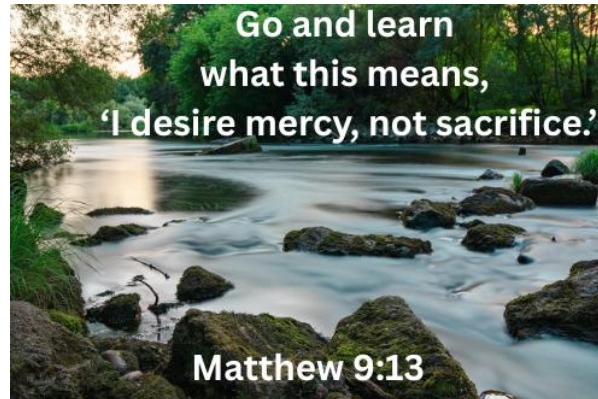


# Welcome to Worship by the River



## **Confession and Forgiveness**      **Based on Hebrews 12 and Psalm 51**

In this season of rest and renewal...*Silence is kept for reflection*  
Standing in the Sonlight, **we confess that we sometimes forget the great cloud of witnesses that surround us, whose faith teaches us about your grace and mercy. In this race of life set before us we trip over our pride, our selfishness and our discontent. We carry the weight of shame and strive for things that do not last. Forgive us O God. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us, illuminated by Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith.**

## **Opening Hymn**

## **Shall We Gather at the River**

Shall We Gather at the River, where bright angel feet have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God (refrain)  
(refrain) Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river; gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.  
On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever all the happy golden day (refrain)  
Ere we reach the shining river lay we every burden down grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown (refrain)  
Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace (refrain)

## **Greeting**

## **Prayer of the Day**

**God of New Life, in this season of summer, in this time of sabbath, renew in us a spirit of discipleship and teach us to rest in your love for us and all creation. Open our hearts once again to your Word and your world. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **Children's Message**

### **Centering Song**

#### **Sanctuary**

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living sanctuary for you  
It is you Lord who came to save the heart and soul of every human  
It is you Lord who knows my weakness Who gives me strength by thine own hand  
Lead me on Lord from temptation purify me from within  
Heal my heart with your Holy Spirit take away all my sin

#### **Welcome the Word**

Christ is able to make us one, at the table he sets the tone, teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express. Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

#### **Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 9:9-26**

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

Then the disciples of John came to him, saying, "Why do we and the Pharisees fast often, but your disciples do not fast?" And Jesus said to them, "The

wedding attendants cannot mourn as long as the bridegroom is with them, can they? The days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast. No one sews a piece of unshrunk cloth on an old cloak, for the patch pulls away from the cloak, and a worse tear is made. Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are ruined, but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she was saying to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And the woman was made well from that moment. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread through all of that district.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

### **Sermon**

### **Hymn of the Day**

### **Lord of Justice**

(refrain) Lord of Justice, Lord of Life help us to do what you know is right, oh oh oh. Lord of Justice, Lord of Life guide us through the day and night

To the stranger may we give welcome, to the hungry may we give bread  
To the naked may we give clothing, to the homeless, a place to lay their head  
(refrain)

To the wounded may we give healing, to the voiceless may we give words  
To the captives may we give freedom, to the tortured release from all the hurt  
(refrain)

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Merciful God, **receive our prayer**

**Peace**

**Offering**

**Offertory Response**

Let us talents and tongues employ reaching out with a shout of joy,  
Break is broken the wine is poured Christ is spoken and seen and heard, Jesus  
lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the Word around, loaves abound!

**Offering Prayer**

God our Provider, **we find comfort in the ways you sustain us with the daily bread we need. Trusting in your continual provision we return a portion of what you have entrusted to our care. Use it as you will to renew others as we prepare now to be renewed through this holy meal in Jesus' name.**

**Amen.**

**Words of Consecration**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Communion Distribution**

**Post Communion Response**

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt, gives us love to  
tell, bread to share; God, Immanuel, everywhere. Jesus lives again, earth can  
breathe again, pass the Word around: loaves abound!

**Post Communion Prayer**

Sustaining God, **in this meal we have been renewed in body, mind and spirit. Let this new-found renewal strengthen us to be your people in the places and lives that are most in need of knowing a full measure of your love and grace. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

**Announcements**

The radio broadcast today is sponsored by Nick and Kendra Weber in support of the radio ministry.

Chicken Tent is serving meals at Fun Fest today from 11AM-gone

A Midweek Contemplative Worship service with Holy Communion will be held Wednesday, June 10 at 7PM at Faith. Join us!

## **Blessing**

### **Sending Hymn**

### **What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace renewed in your call to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

### **What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774**

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

(refrain)

Leaning, leaning safe and secure from all alarms, leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way leaning on the everlasting arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms  
(refrain)

What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms.  
(refrain)

### **Announcements:**

Please remember to financially support the full summer of ministry happening through Faith and Rock Creek. Your offering makes the ministry we do possible! You can give in the offering plate, ACH, Tithely (on church website [rclcf.org](http://rclcf.org)) or Via Venmo



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