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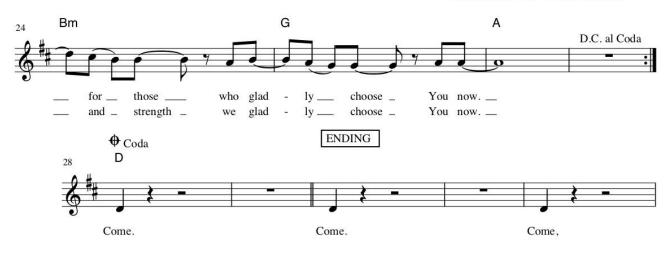


PRE-SERVICE MUSIC The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God. **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

GATHERING SONG

Come Now Is The Time To Worship







OPENING SONG

Blessed Be Your Name

Words and Music by Matt Redman and Beth Redman



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OPENING PRAYER

FIRST READING: 1 John 4:7-21

A Reading from First John

⁷Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

⁹God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹²No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

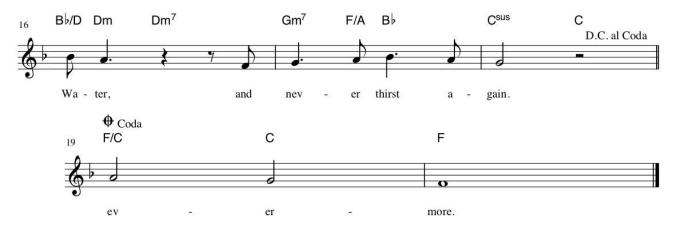
God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹We love because he first loved us. ²⁰Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

GOSPEL SONG

Come Just As You Are

Words and Music by Joseph Sabolick





GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-8

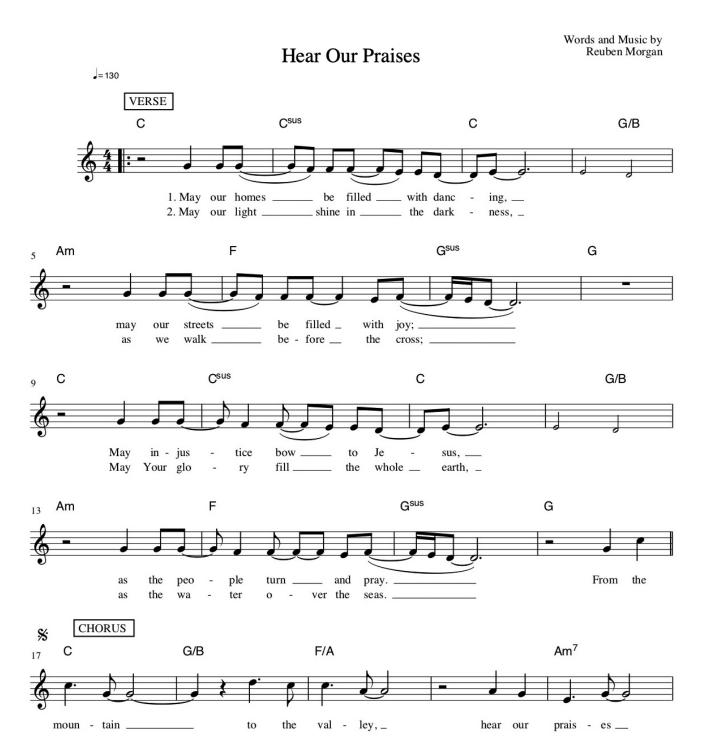
A reading from John.

¹I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁵If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁶My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

MESSAGE

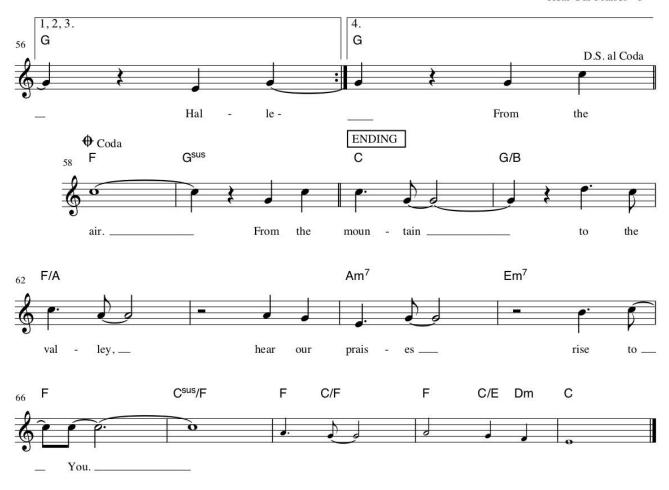
Joyful Branches

MESSAGE SONG



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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church around the world, for all ministers, and for the mission of the gospel. Keep all the newly baptized and confirmed in your care. Cleanse our hearts with your word and help us to abide in you always. For the well-being of the earth and of all created things: for rivers and lakes, streams and estuaries, melting glaciers and polluted waters. Renew the face of the earth and shower us with your goodness.

For the nations and all those in authority: for local, state, and national leaders, for elected representatives at every level, and for international organizations, that justice and peace may reign.

For all those in need: for any experiencing homelessness or unemployment, for those fleeing from oppression or seeking asylum, and for all who are ill or suffering We pray for any who are sick especially for those who have asked for our prayers and those most dear to us whom we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts (pause)...,

For this congregation: for the caring ministries of this faith community, for all who visit and minister to one another, for all who take communion to homes or care centers, and for all who seek to share your love with the world.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

With thanksgiving for the saints who rest from their labors. Help us, like them, to bear much fruit and to become your disciples, and at the last, bring us to that heavenly banquet where all will feast together at your table. Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING

Let us give thanks to God for our many blessings as we offer our monetary gifts for the mission and ministry of this community of faith. For those who are online, you can offer your financial support for our mission and ministries by going to our website livinglordfl.org and clicking on the give button at the top of the home page.

OFFERING MUSIC Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 5 Johannes Brahms

THE MEAL

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 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.

LORD'S PRAYER



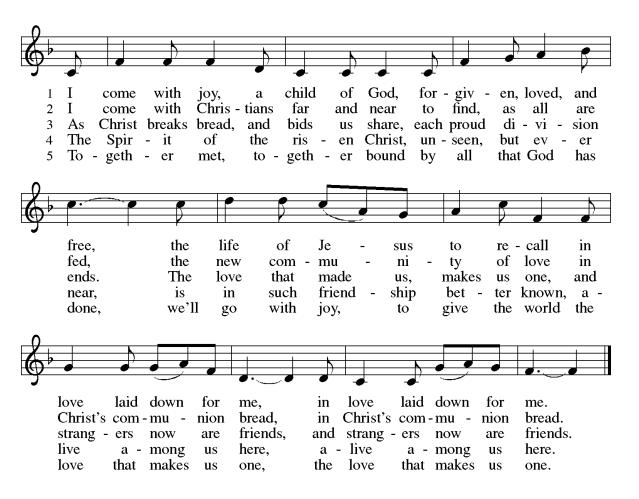
MEAL INSTRUCTIONS

Holy Communion here is just this simple: All are welcome because this is the Lord's table. It is Jesus who invites us to share in this meal. So, it doesn't matter who you are or how you are but that you simply come because God's gifts are... **C: Free**

MEAL SONG #1

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I Come with Joy



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Music: DOVE OF PEACE, W. Walker, Southern Harmony, 1835

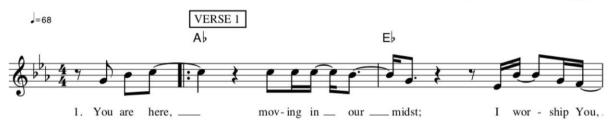
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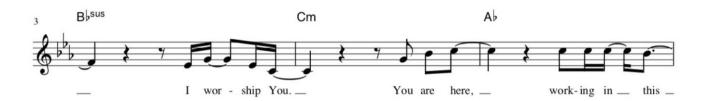
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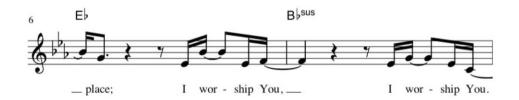
Way Maker

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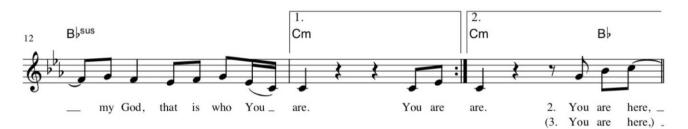
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BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

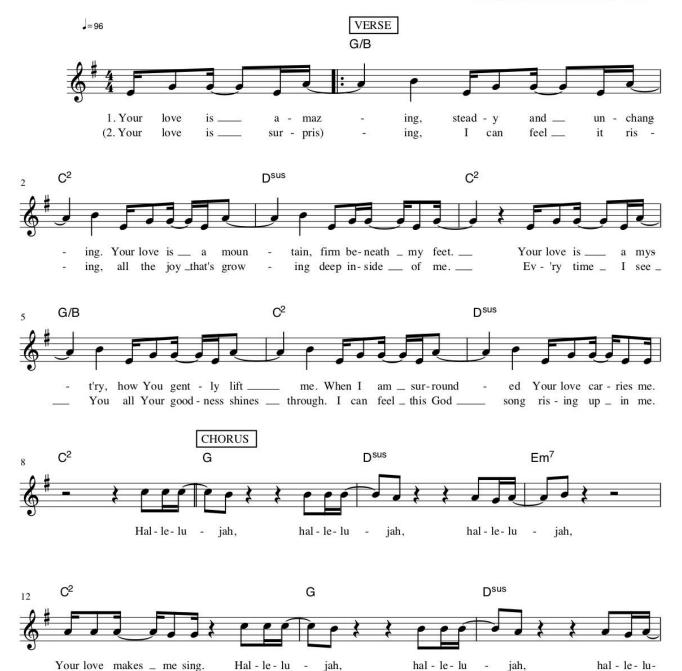
May this body and blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, strengthen you and keep you in God's grace now and forevermore.

C Amen

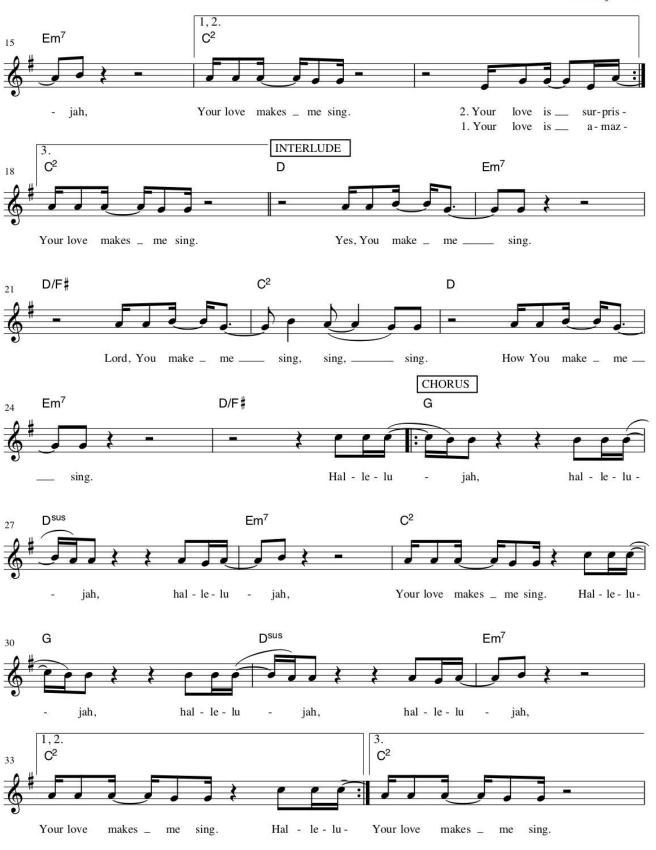
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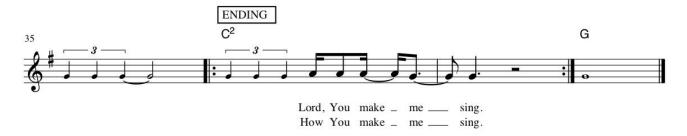
Hallelujah

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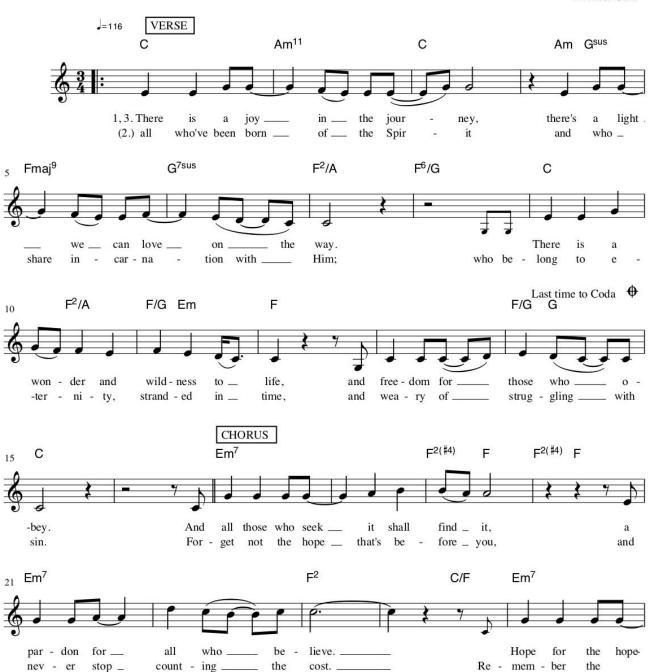


DISMISSAL

DISMISSAL SONG

Joy In The Journey

Words and Music by Michael Card



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The Altar Flowers are given by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in remembrance of our parents and brother.

The Eternal Candle for the month of April is given by Mike and Madelyn Tetmeyer in honor of their 57th wedding anniversary.

The Altar Guild Beverly Brockschmidt, Torrie Ann Campbell and Diane Buechner

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION All who have faith in the words, "given for you" and "shed for you for the forgiveness of sin" is really worthy and well prepared to receive this sacrament. Communion is by individual cup (wine or white grape juice and gluten free wafers are available). Let an usher know if you need communion brought to you.

The **Sunday bulletin** focuses on the what, when, and where of announcements and ministry opportunities for the upcoming week. Detailed information is available on our **Facebook** page, in the **Link**, which is published weekly, and in the **Voice**, our monthly newsletter, and on our **website** – <u>www.livinglordfl.org</u>. Extra copies of the **VOICE** are available in the Narthex in the mail bins on the south wall.

Financial Support Thank you for your continued support for our ministry and mission. Offerings can be mailed to the church.

Attendance Pads Please fill out the attendance register and pass it down the aisle and let us know you were here. Add your name and if you are communing place a "C" in the member or visitor column. Otherwise, simply place a checkmark ($\sqrt{}$) in that column. This is a change to satisfy our constitutional requirement to maintain a record of those who have communed. Thank you for helping us with this detail.

Covid-19 Guidelines Update:

The Worship Team's current guidelines include:

- The wearing of masks is optional. Each individual should choose what is right for them.
- The use of the common cup during communion distribution is suspended until further notice.

Fully participate in the mission and ministries here at Living Lord by helping: Live Stream, Sound system, Celebration of Life, Life Group Coordinator. Contact the office if interested.

SCRIP after each service. An ongoing fundraiser designated towards the purchase of an electronic sign. You can purchase gift cards at our table. Orders are placed every week for pick-up the following week.

<u>ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS</u> 10:05-10:50 am Teacher is Roger Raddatz. Class meets in the Activities Hall.

MONDAY "FAITH TALKS" Mondays, 10am-11:30 Join us. A newsworthy topic from *The Wired Word* curriculum will be the weekly focus of our adult education discussion. Bring your Bible. Last session May 6th.

<u>DIRECTOR OF JUBELLATION HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDED</u> This is a paid part-time position with practice one evening a week and performance in the Sunday service 1-2 times a month. If interested, please contact the office at (941)-753-9365. www.livinglordf.org.

A STITCH AND A PRAYER Thanks to all who generously participated in our recent Spring Handicrafts raffle. \$760 was made and given toward a new church sign. Join us Friday mornings at 10:30 for fellowship and fun while working on quilting, knitting, and crocheting projects for our community. Instructions can be given. Monetary and material donations are always welcome. If you or someone you know is in need of a prayer shawl or prayer lap quilt, contact Sue Chan at (612)743-3010 or Marsha Holloway at (352)843-0353.

<u>Are you on the Parish Life Team?</u> Remember, we meet the first Sunday of each month at 10:00 am in the Sanctuary Hall. We look forward to seeing you on Sunday May 5th!

LUNCH BUNCH INVITATION The second Thursday of every month the LLL lunch bunch meet at 11:30 am. The next luncheon will be on Thursday *May 9, 2024 at Skillets on State Road 64*. This luncheon is open to <u>all</u> who wish to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Diana Cubberly 941-773-3517.

<u>DAY CAMP VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u> Our annual Day Camp will be held from **June 10**th **-14**th right here at Living Lord. We have already secured Luther Springs Counselors to run the programming, but we need a chairperson to coordinate the event and volunteers to help with meals, crafts, registration, nursing, and security. Please contact the office if you can help. Day Camp Registration begins in April.

THE CALL COMMITTEE Please turn in your completed handout TODAY.



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