

**2. All the hearts who are content, and all who feel unworthy,  
and all who hurt with nothing left will know that You are holy. (to chorus)**

**Bridge: Shout it. Go on and scream it from the mountains,  
go on and tell it to the masses that He is God. (to chorus)**

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## We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

Offertory Prayer

We Offer our Gifts and Reverse Offering for Mid-Sioux

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Christian Education Fund which provides funds for the education of our children at one of our local Christian schools; this "fair share" contribution helps keep tuition down to a level that is affordable for most of our families.

The second offering plate that will come around today has food and household items to collect for Mid-Sioux Opportunity, Inc.'s food pantry. Please take one or more slips of paper and bring the item(s) back by May 24.

We Share our Joys and Concerns and Pray for One Another

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

\*Song: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" LUYH 928:1

\*Words of Dedication

\*Song: "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" LUYH 928:4

## We are Sent with God's Blessing

\*Benediction

\*Closing Song: "Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God" LUYH 921  
*Men lead in!*

### Worship Participants

Pastor: Kory Plockmeyer ♦ Piano: Sara Ploegstra ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries  
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# Eastertide

May 14, 2017



† *Arena at Arles* by Vincent Van Gogh.

### Matthew 5:36

"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd."

## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship

In you alone we put our hope,

**God the Father, Creator and Sustainer,  
who gives all good things seen and unseen.**

In you alone we put our hope,

**God the Son, Savior and Redeemer,  
who died for our sins and rose again.**

In you alone we put our hope,

**God the Spirit, Teacher and Comforter,  
who moves us to sing praises to you.**

**In you alone we put our hope.**

Opening Prayer

\*Songs of Praise: "Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing" LUYH 206:1,3,5  
"Hear Our Praises" LUYH 302

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

\*Song: "Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy"

***Come, you sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love, and power.***

***Come, you weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by the fall;  
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.***

***Come, arise, and go to Jesus, he will take you in his arms;  
In the love of your dear Savior you are safe from all alarms.***

Words: Joseph Hart, Music: W. Walker's Southern Harmony

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

Call to Confession (based on Matthew 11:28)

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We overlook the poor and hungry and pass by those who mourn;  
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace;  
we despise the weak and abuse the earth you made.

**Forgive us, God of mercy.**

**Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ,  
the risen Lord. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon (based on Psalm 145:8,14)

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## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "I Will Make You Fishers of Men"

***I will make you fishers of men, fishers of men, fishers of men.***

***I will make you fishers of men if you follow me.***

***If you follow me, if you follow me.***

***I will make you fishers of men if you follow me.***

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Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38

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Sermon: "Harassed"

Pastor Kory Plockmeyer

\*Song of Response: "All the Poor and Powerless"

***1. All the poor and powerless, and all the lost and lonely,  
and all the thieves will come confess and know that You are holy,  
and know that You are holy.***

**Chorus: And all will sing out "Hallelujah!"**

**And we will cry out "Hallelujah!"**

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