

"River in Judea"

Often times I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one everybody knows. Late at night I hear it ringing then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on, go on.

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

I believe it keeps on travelin', but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray.

When I'm weary and down-hearted, how I long for the song it sings, for the calm within its gentle blue, the peace that it brings, it brings.

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know.

May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore. 'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more:

There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to the river in Judea, hallelujah!

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



February 9, 2025

"Calling is not only a matter of being and doing what we are but also becoming what we are not yet but are called by God to be."
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 2, 2025

PRELUDE "Sweet Hour of Prayer" arr. by Dale Wood Dave Howland

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Chris Richards

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Minister: May the peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: **And also with you.**

Minister: Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

CHORAL INTROIT

*Stand in body or spirit

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Jody Scheller

Leader: We gather in this sacred space to worship God! We give thanks for the freedom to worship the Lord our Creator!

People: We gather in this sacred space to praise Jesus, our Lord, who joins us in solidarity with others, remembering that we are all God's children!

Leader: We gather in this sacred place, to live in peace, in the Spirit of God!

All: Come let us worship together!

GATHERING HYMN "Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him" #10

***UNISON INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER** Jody Scheller

Creator Lord, give us eyes and ears to see You; that we might gaze upon our world and others as You have created them. Teach us in Jesus to follow a path filled with promise, redemption and newness. In the name of the One who calls us to grow ever more inward and outward, we pray as one together:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Take, O Take Me As I Am" #319 (2 times)

SCRIPTURE READING: I Corinthians 15: 1-11 | Page #176 NT Jody Scheller

ANTHEM "River in Judea" by Jack Feldman arr. by John Leavitt Sanctuary Choir
(See back page for lyrics)

A TIME OF SILENCE & PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Chris Richards

CHORAL AMEN

OFFERTORY "Balm in Gilead" arr. by Joseph Martin Dave Howland

***DOXOLOGY** (sing in unison) #563

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavn'ly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***OFFERING PRAYER**

SERMON SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 5: 1-11 | Page #62 NT Rev. Chris Richards

SCRIPTURE RESPONSE

MESSAGE "Gone Fishing and Other Surprises" Rev. Chris Richards

***SENDING HYMN** "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore" #324

BENEDICTION Rev. Chris Richards

POSTLUDE "I've Got a Robe" Spiritual / arr. by Robert Powell Dave Howland

MUSICIANS: Dave Howland, Sanctuary Choir and Danny Reeves

GUEST MUSICIAN: Amber Rogers

TECHNICIAN: Scott Hokett | **GREETER:** Barbara Vanderhoff | **LITURGIST:** Jody Scheller

The flowers gracing the Meeting House this morning are given by Barb Campbell in memory of Dr. Stuart Rankin.

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for coffee, treats and fellowship following this morning's worship service. Host this morning is Denise Pearson.