

Sunday 17 May 2026 - Ascension

Sing-a-long with the Trailblazers

LET YOUR LOVE FLOW THROUGH ME

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SO MANY FOLKS ARE LONELY
LORD, THEY NEED SOMEONE TO CARE
AND WHEN I LOOK ABOUT AND SEE THEM
I CAN'T HELP MAKING THIS MY PRAYER

CHORUS:

**LET YOUR LOVE FLOW THROUGH ME, LET YOUR LOVE FLOW THROUGH ME
MAKE ME A BLESSING, LORD, WHEREVER I MAY BE
KEEP ME PURE, KEEP ME CLEAN SO THAT YOU MIGHT BE SEEN
LET YOUR LOVE, LET YOUR LOVE FLOW THROUGH ME**

AND WHEN I MEET A LOST ONE
GIVE ME ALL THE RIGHT WORDS I SHOULD SAY
LORD, HELP ME NOT BE MEEK OR TIMID
THEIR ONLY CHANCE MAY BE WITH ME TODAY

CHORUS

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LET YOUR LOVE, LET YOUR LOVE FLOW THROUGH ME

LET US PUT ON THE CLOTHES OF CHRIST

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CHORUS:

**LET US PUT ON THE CLOTHES OF CHRIST
AND LIVE AS EQUALS WITH EVERYONE
LET US PUT ON THE CLOTHES OF CHRIST
AND REUNITE THE FAMLY OF GOD**

CHORUS

JEW AND GREEK WILL LIVE SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE GARMENTS OF JUSTICE ON
EV'RY DOOR WILL BE OPEN WIDE IN THAT SWEET AND DELIGHTFUL DAWN
HATE AND FEAR SHALL NOT COME BETWEEN, OH, LET US UNITE IN LOVE
WE'LL CELEBRATE OUR DIVERSITY AS WE WELCOME THE REIGN OF GOD

CHORUS

ALL THE CAPTIVES WILL BE SET FREE WITH THE GARMENTS OF JUSTICE ON
DISCRIMINATION WILL CEASE TO BE IN THAT SWEET AND DELIGHTFUL DAWN
TO THE POOR WE WILL BRING GOOD NEWS, OH, LET US UNITE IN LOVE
OUR FAITH WILL TRAVEL BEYOND THE PEWS AS WE WELCOME THE REIGN OF GOD

CHORUS:
LET US PUT ON THE CLOTHES OF CHRIST
AND LIVE AS EQUALS WITH EVERYONE
LET US PUT ON THE CLOTHES OF CHRIST
AND REUNITE THE FAMILY OF GOD

MEN AND WOMEN WILL LIVE AS ONE WITH THE GARMENTS OF JUSTICE ON
WITH EQUAL PRIVILEGE FOR EVERY ONE IN THAT SWEET AND DELIGHTFUL DAWN
DOMINATION WILL FINALLY END, OH, LET US UNITE IN LOVE
THE PAINS OF HISTORY WE WILL MEND AS WE WELCOME THE REIGN OF GOD

CHORUS

OH, LET US RISE UP COMPLETELY NEW WITH THE GARMENTS OF JUSTICE ON
AND LIVING FULLY IN CHRIST WE'LL BLOOM IN THAT SWEET AND DELIGHTFUL DAWN
OH, LIKE THE THREADS OF A TAPESTRY, OH, LET US UNITE IN LOVE
AND WEAVE A JOYFUL COMMUNITY AS WE WELCOME THE REIGN OF GOD

CHORUS x2

EVERYBODY GET TOGETHER
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LOVE IS BUT A SONG WE SING, FEAR'S THE WAY WE DIE
YOU CAN MAKE THE MOUNTAINS RING, OR MAKE THE ANGELS CRY
THOUGH THE BIRD IS ON THE WING
AND YOU MAY NOT KNOW WHY

CHORUS

COME ON YOU PEOPLE NOW SMILE ON EACH OTHER
EVERYBODY GET TOGETHER, TRY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER RIGHT NOW
COME ON YOU PEOPLE NOW SMILE ON EACH OTHER
EVERYBODY GET TOGETHER, TRY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER RIGHT NOW

SOME MAY COME AND SOME MAY GO, WE WILL SURELY PASS
WHEN THE ONE THAT LEFT US HERE RETURNS FOR US AT LAST
WE ARE BUT A MOMENT'S SUNLIGHT
FADING IN THE GRASS

CHORUS

IF YOU HEAR THE SONG I SING, YOU WILL UNDERSTAND
YOU HOLD THE KEY TO LOVE AND FEAR ALL IN YOUR TREMBLING HAND
JUST ONE KEY UNLOCKS THEM BOTH
IT'S THERE AT YOUR COMMAND

COME ON YOU PEOPLE NOW SMILE ON EACH OTHER
EVERYBODY GET TOGETHER, TRY TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER RIGHT NOW x3

Baptism

Friends Giselle and David have some good news to share with us.

What's the good news?

We have a son.

Praise God! We have another life in our world.

Let all the people say, "Amen."

Amen!

What's his name?

His name is Léo Deschamps

Why do you bring him here?

We are bringing him here because we love our child
and recognize that he has been blessed by God
and we would like Roxboro's Faith Community to baptize him.

We rejoice with you in the gift of your child

**and we promise to be a Community of Faith where you will find
a circle of belonging in which Léo will be welcome.**

As friends, we will offer a home to worship God and learn the Sacred Story.

Commitments

To Giselle and David

Will you care for Léo, feed and befriend him, listen to and play with him,
keep him safe, and daily share your heart with him? We will!

Will you help Léo, by your example and your teaching,
to be honest, to be responsible, and to help others? We will!

Will you respect, encourage and guide Léo,
and will you put his true needs before your pleasure?

Will you try to order your lives so that love
and goodness will surround Léo? We will!

For the sake of Léo, will you remain together
and work at being good friends, even in conflict?

Will you say sorry when you are wrong and forgive when you are wronged? We will!

Do you dedicate Léo to God? We do!

Do you dedicate yourselves to God, and do you promise, by God's help,
to provide a spiritual home for Léo; to pray with him, to teach him about God,
who dwells within and all around us, and to encourage Léo

to know and serve God by caring for the earth and all life? We do!

To Dominique & Danielle

Will you be a continuing friend to Léo,
and be ready to help in times of special need?

I will!

Will you pray for Léo, and give him opportunities to ask questions
about your own journey through life?

I will!

Act of Baptism

Léo, God who created you has made this promise:

Don't be afraid; I have rescued you. I have called you by name; now you belong to me.

I am your God, the One who saves you. (Isaiah 43.1-2)

Léo Deschamps, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, one God, mother of us all.

Circling Prayer

Léo, be filled with the strength of heaven; light of sun, radiance of moon,
splendour of fire, speed of lightening, swiftness of wind, depth of the sea,
stability of earth, firmness of rock.

God's strength to pilot you, God's eye to look before you,
God's wisdom to guide you, God's way to lie before you,
God's shield to protect you from all who shall wish you ill;
far and near, alone or in a multitude;
from every power that may oppose your body and soul.

Circle him, God, keep harm without. Circle him, God, keep evil without.

Circle him, God, keep strife without. Circle him, God, keep lies without.

Circle him, God, keep hatred without.

Any individual may name something they wish to be kept out.

A candle is lit, to be given to Léo.

God's light will illumine and guide you. God with you; God before you;
God behind you; God in you; God above you; God beneath you;
God on your right; God on your left; God when you lie down; God when you sit down;
God when you arise; God to shield you; God in the heart of friend and stranger;
God as your light, every day of your life.

Circle him, God, keep peace within. Circle him, God, keep love within.

Circle him, God, keep trust within. Circle him, God, keep truth within.

Circle him, God, keep good within.

Any individual may name something they wish to be kept in.

Friends, this is Léo; a son of God!

Welcome, Léo!

Blessing

The Lord Bless Thee And Keep Thee **VU965**

Scripture

Acts 1.6-14 New Revised Standard Version, Updated Edition.
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6 So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” 7 He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” 9 When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10 While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11 They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

12 Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day’s journey away. 13 When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14 All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Song

Come Yo My Heart VU661

Another Voice

by Richard Wagamese from Embers

Returning is a wonderful thing when great friends are involved. Years dissolve and time is irrelevant in the light of true reunion. It means to become one again. It means to be joined. It means to be one spirit, one energy, one song. It means to be returned to the balance you find when friendships are struck - and the entryway is a hug.

It is love itself that brings us all together. This human family we are part of, this singular voice that is the accumulation of all the voices raised together in praise of all Creation, this one heartbeat, this one drum, this one immaculate love that put us here together so that we could learn its primary teaching - that love is the energy of Creation, that is take love to create love.

Song

Love Knocks And Waits MV94

Reflection

Coming Together

Offering Time

Musical Reflection

God Make Us One, by Gather Worship, performed by The Trailblazers

Offering Song

Holy Spirit, Hear Us VU377

Prayer of Intercession

by *Christian Maclean* from Holy Ground

God of place and of history

We pray for the broken and torn fabric of the earth as it yearns for healing.

**Jesus, who walked with farmers and fishers
and sat in village kitchens,
walk with us now.**

We hold before you those who have the privilege and responsibility of working on the land
and those who struggle to make a living.

**Jesus, who walked with farmers and fishers
and sat in village kitchens,
walk with us now.**

We hold before you those whose relationship with the earth is ruptured;
through conflict, poverty, stunted opportunities, and environmental degradation.

**Jesus, who walked with farmers and fishers
and sat in village kitchens,
walk with us now.**

We hold before you rural communities
where people feel isolated, marginalised and powerless
in the face of distant economic and political forces;
and we remember especially those who have lost all hope.

**Jesus, who walked with farmers and fishers
and sat in village kitchens,
walk with us now.**

We hold before you those whose policies affect the land, the earth and all of our lives;
and we pray that those in positions of power, in particular the leaders of wealthy nations, will
have the courage and vision to make hard decisions.

**Jesus, who walked with farmers and fishers
and sat in village kitchens,
walk with us now.**

Prayer Circle

Free prayers for those who need our prayers

Alan, Angela, April Barbara, David, Dot, Jim, Judy, Karen, Levi, Linda, Loidi, Mark, Nancy, Rona,
Ronda, Rudy, Russell, Shannon, Shawn, Valerie

God of the sheltering wings, hear these prayers today and fill us with your Spirit.
That we may live in peace with the earth and with each other.
That your Kingdom may come.

The Lord's Prayer (A Paraphrase) VU916

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be.

Father and Mother of us all, Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

Your commonwealth of peace and freedom

sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In time of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.

Song

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You **VU232**

Statement of Hope

Every child is a child of God!

Every child may be God's new Messiah!

The prophet Isaiah wrote at the birth of his own child,

“The spirit of God will give this child wisdom,
the skill and knowledge to lead God's people,
and the joy that comes with serving God.

This little child will lead them!” (Isaiah 11.2-4)

As we follow Léo into the world,

may God make safe for us each steep,

may Christ make open to us each pass,

may the Spirit make clear to us each road,

and may we travel hand in hand with God.

Music To Send Us On Our Way

As The Wind Song Through The Trees,
by Swee Hong Lim & Shirley Erena Murray, *performed by The Trailblazers*