



## **Our Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Friends**

Christian friendships are one of the best gifts the church can offer to people with hearing loss. Deaf people and people with hearing loss may feel isolated at Worship services. We can communicate in ways besides sound. Let's enjoy today's lesson in new ways!

### **Welcome: This is the Day**

[At the word rejoice, put hands up and wiggle your fingers]

Leader: This is the day

**All: This is the day**

Leader: That the Lord has made.

**All: That the Lord has made.**

Leader: Let us rejoice

**All: Let us rejoice**

Leader: And be glad in it.

**All: And be glad in it.**

**All: This is the day that the Lord has made.**

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it. REPEAT**



### **Greeting: Hello or Peace**

Hallo "Ha low" (German) \_\_\_\_\_

CIAO "Chow" (Italian) \_\_\_\_\_

Hello (English) \_\_\_\_\_

Ni háo "Nee how" (Chinese) \_\_\_\_\_

Hola "OH la" (Spanish) \_\_\_\_\_

Kamusta "Ka moose tah" (Filipino) \_\_\_\_\_

Shalom! "Sha lome" (Hebrew) \_\_\_\_\_

Salvete! "Sal veh tay" (Latin) \_\_\_\_\_

Habari "Ha bar ee" (Swahili) \_\_\_\_\_

American Sign Language see above \_\_\_\_\_

Boozhoo "Boo ZHOO" (Ojibwe) \_\_\_\_\_



### **Scripture:**

**Leviticus 19:4** You shall not revile the deaf or put a stumbling block before the blind; you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

**Exodus 15:20** Miriam, Aaron (and Moses) sister, took the timbrel in her hand. All the women went out after her with timbrels and dancing.

## Explore: Worship

Chuck Knows Church #37, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJDV\\_CzwoWo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KJDV_CzwoWo)



### Sing: Peace Like a River | United Methodist Hymn 2145

(See Music and Activity Page)



#### Discuss:

- The Reverend Leo Yates, Jr. grew up in a family with Deaf people. "Some Deaf and hard-of-hearing people like music," he says. "There are Deaf and hard-of-hearing people with some degree of hearing. Add loudness, vibrations, the right acoustics, dramatization, amplification, AND sign language. The music comes alive!"
- Name two more things so activities, classes and worship can come alive.
- Practice the sign for Jesus. [Poke index finger into palm of opposite hand. Do this with both hands]
- Practice the sign for God. [Have the thumb and palm of your right hand face your cheek. Swing it above head your head. Pull it down a little bit]
- Practice the sign for Thank You. [Put right hand fingers, palms up. Brush your lips. Swing them down in an arc. Smile]
- Practice signing Thank You God.
- Tap your fingers on a table or desk. Or use musical wooden spoons. Now tap and Say Thank you Jesus [1-2 | 1-2] Thank you God [1-2 | 1]
- Have you sat in the bleachers at a sports game? To get the fans excited, people stomp their feet. Try it. Can others feel the vibration on the floor?
- Name two things you can do to greet a person who is deaf or hard of hearing [wave, use your iPad or phone and type Hi, or . . .].
- **Bonus:** What is liturgical dance?



**Pray:** [reach up to God, bow, arms out to serve, hands pray at amen]

Thank you God,

For making us in your image.

Help us to honor your grace and love.

We want to serve you

By connecting with our neighbors.

Amen



**Song: Peace Like a River | United Methodist Hymn 2145**

[Zoom and in person: Swirl streamers overhead in Figure 8s - like a river]

I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river,  
I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got love like a river,  
I've got love like a river,  
I've got love like a river in my soul.  
I've got love like a river,  
I've got love like a river,  
I've got love like a river in my soul  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river in my soul.  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river,  
I've got joy like a river in my soul.

## **Activities:**

**Streamer Materials:** [1/2 to 1" x 12-36" dowels, 2-3" wide ribbon, eyelets or tape]  
For each streamer, cut ribbons into 2-3' lengths, pound a nail partially into tip of dowel to start a hole, then screw eyelet into hole, tie ribbons to eyelet, or affix ribbons to dowel with tape.

**Watch and Sing:** [This Little Light of Mine,](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRK3dFNGDv0)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MRK3dFNGDv0>

## **Before Next Time:**

**Pray.** When you pray, use your entire body. Look up to God. Bow down in respect to God. Hold out your arms to serve God. Put your hands together at chest level when you say Amen.

## **Learn more:**

Visit [UMDeaf.org](http://UMDeaf.org), the United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard-of-hearing Website. Or practice with the brochure that is in today's lesson kit.

**Watch** [See it, say it, sign it,](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiSL4w5-2r8&t=21s) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KiSL4w5-2r8&t=21s>.