

Worship Outline

GATHER

Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Participation Parables -
Matthew 21:1-17
Palm Procession
Psalm 118
Welcome 101, Connection Card
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Voices of Hope

WORD

Sermon
Preparation for Maundy Thursday
Apostles' Creed
Prayers for All People
The Lord's Prayer
Offering

SEND

Purpose
Blessing to Go
Sending Song



We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

March 29, 2015 - Palm Sunday

Lent 2015

Forgiveness
Laborers in the Vineyard
All Are Welcome?
Talents
Last Judgment
➡ Triumphant Entry



Discipleship Training

Welcome 101

Welcome. We are so glad you are in worship at River of Hope today.

Come as you are. Well, you're already here. We don't care what clothes you wear or what kind of shape your spiritual life is in. God meets you and loves you where you are.

Where everybody knows your name? We all wear name tags each week - not just the visitors. Even when we think we know everyone at River of Hope, it's simply not true. These name tags are our awkwardly friendly way to help us stick out our hand, say, "hello, you're new to me" and practice being the friendly church everyone swears we are. If we practice this awkward move here, we've got a shot at actually doing it in our everyday lives.

We like kids. No kidding. We think kids are leaders in worship and lives of faith. Just look around you.

Nursery care. Weeping and gnashing of teeth? Nursery care is available just outside the worship area.

Communion. You are welcome, without exception. If you are hungry and thirsty for unbounded grace, mercy, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Connection Cards. For visitors and regulars to communicate. We won't use your info to bother you. We promise.

Worship Style. We are an intentional intergenerational community. We sing hymns, we sing songs. We pray ancient words and words that are new to us. We actively practice faith during worship. Sometimes it's beautiful. Sometimes it's awkward. Sometimes it's both. It always "counts" as worship. Then we try it again next week. We are a pro-participation, anti-excellence community.

We Prepare For Worship

April River Guides:
Russ & Jeannine Borgendale

April 5th Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

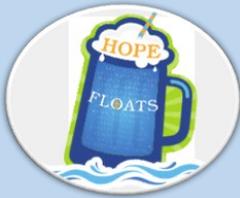
April 5th Singers: Mara Pollmann, Sara Nelson, Mike Weisenberger and Ruth Hamlow

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: "Victory Chant," "Jesus Loves Me" and "The Name of the Lord"

Song During the Mural: "Ah, Holy Jesus" and "The Wonderful Cross"

Sending Song: "Lamb of God"



River Team Schedule

January - Amazon
River guide: Ruth Hamlow
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rhamlow@hutchtel.net

February - Jordan
River guides:
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March - Nile
River guide: Kris Dobratz
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April - Tigris
River guides:
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Nancy Jorgenson
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May - Shenandoah
River guides:
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June - Amazon & Jordan

July - Nile & Tigris

August - Shenandoah & All

September - Amazon

October - Jordan

November - Nile

December - Tigris

River Conditions

Dear Hopeful People,

Sufjan Stevens is a favorite musician I listen to and he just released a song called "No Shade in the Shadow of the Cross." No, it's not a Christian song, per se. It's not praise music. I'm not sure what it's about, but the lyrics point to life that is messy. The last line of the song is the title - no shade in the shadow of the cross. Which is about right, if you let that title and song lyric sink in. We follow Jesus to the cross and even when the shadow of the cross falls over us, it is not a cool, relaxing shade we enjoy. It is the reality of faith: the cross casts a dark shadow. And there, we find life. We know darkness and hard times. And it's right there that we meet Jesus.

Without the cross, Jesus is just a devout Jew who made the government mad and fed the hungry. Without the cross, there is no Easter. You don't get to new life without dying first. You don't get to Easter without first betraying your closest friend, and then deserting him, and then, finally, watching him die.

So hear this plea: Don't skip holy week. Cuz you're skipping the cross, the hard and unpleasant stuff. Wherever you find yourself the week leading up to Easter, find a community to gather with that will mark this sacred time. It's what makes us Christian. Here is how you can gather here, in this community, to follow Jesus to the cross:

Communion Banquet Thursday, April 2: 7pm. At the RoH office. Bring 30 pieces of silver (any kind) and pieces for the Personal Care Kits. *Jesus and his closest friends eat together one last time.*

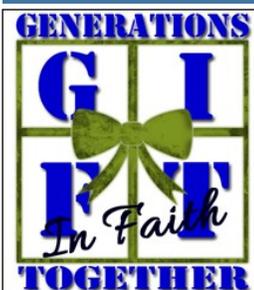
Good Friday April 3: 7pm at Vineyard United Methodist Church. *We'll huddle together in the aftermath of the crucifixion.*

Holy Saturday: Pray the 22nd Psalm or Psalm 51 today.

Easter Sunday: 10:30am - come and celebrate the risen Lord!

G.I.F.T. Worship

GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER.



River of Hope practices worship together with all generations, believing that faith and life are connected in a meaningful way when we worship together.

G.I.F.T. Worship is River of Hope's version of Sunday School for all ages. And it prepares us to go out into our lives, knowing Jesus Christ is transforming us and the world.

Invite

Easter

Invite a friend, a stranger, a co-worker to Easter Sunday worship. Same time, same place.

Instant Choir!

We will meet at 9:45 on the dates below for ONE PRACTICE to learn the music that will be performed that day. Come when you can and be part of the choir!

April 26 - riverKIDS (gr 1 through 6)
May 17 - Voices of Hope

Beer & Hymns

March 31, 2015, come to **Main Street Sports Bar** and experience community singing like you've never experienced it. Discover that we are called into all places, even bars, and we find God there, already at work. We start at 7pm.

55+ DINERS CLUB

What: A monthly or bimonthly opportunity for those 55 and over to get to know one another while exploring area dining.

Who: Anyone 55 and over - male, female, singles, couples, ROH member, non-member - **ALL are welcome.** Come when you can.

When & Where: Our next outing will take place on April 23, at 5:30 at The Lamplighter.

Men's Bible Study

The River of Hope men's bible study meets from 9-10 a.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Hardee's meeting room in Hutchinson. Join us at any time and we will give you a Master Builders Bible for Men. Information: Dave Pedersen at 320-328-9911 or dlpeders@msn.com. We email regular reminders.

(Simply) Giving Challenge

So what's this challenge?

A gift of \$2000.00 has been put on the table along with a challenge for the River of Hope community to increase our giving and start giving consistently.

SO. By June 2, 2015, this sweet gift is ours if...

- people signed up for Simply Giving grows from 56 to 70
- we close the remaining \$2000/ month gap

How will you help River of Hope live into its purpose? No gift is too small.

Be a Hospitality Host at ROH Office!

Greet people, maybe even make 'em a cup of coffee. Answer the phone, read a good book. Come for an hour or the whole time. Sign up for your shift at the Connect Cart.

Bishop Nominee Forum

April 26 2-4pm at Zion Lutheran Church, Litchfield

Synod bishop nominees will be introduced, give a prepared opening statement, and answer questions submitted by audience members.

Visit www.swmnelca.org for more details.

Discipleship Groups:

Disciple means learner. We are lifetime learners when it comes to living a life of faith. Be part of an intentional small group, a Discipleship Group, where you'll commit to monthly meetings, weekly readings, and to reflect on scripture as our story and God's story, intersecting. Email Pastor Laura your interest and we'll get another group going! Pastor Laura's email is: pastor@riverofhopehutchinson.org

Disciple

Holy Week Worship

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Ways to help the Hoffman family walk through cancer with Kristi

- Buy a "Team Kristi" necklace from Simply Metal, (Jamie Beffert and her mom Deb Calavera) 320-587-0968 or simplymetalmnnesota.com.
- Donate through YouCaring.com
- Eat Out! April 18th. Have breakfast or lunch at McCormick's between 9am-1pm and dinner at Main Street Sports Bar between 5-8pm. 20% from the sales in those hours will go to Team Hoffman.
- Continue to pray, send cards (864 Church St. Hutchinson), and hold hope for Kristi, Josh, and their incredible kids.

Send

Senior Recognition

Will you help celebrate the graduating seniors from River of Hope? We need a team of people to plan how we will recognize and support Shakira Nelson and Jacob Kraft. Contact Pastor Laura.

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Would you like to become a volunteer with Allina Health Hospice? Perhaps you know of a family member, a friend or a neighbor that has benefited from hospice. Our current patients and families could use your support and companionship. All volunteers are provided with free training and a flexible schedule. The next training begins on Saturday, April 11. For information, call Pam Ainslie at 320-484-9211.

Connect

Attendance and Offering

March 22, 2015

Attendance: 121

Mar 15-21 Automatic Deposits:

\$2527.50

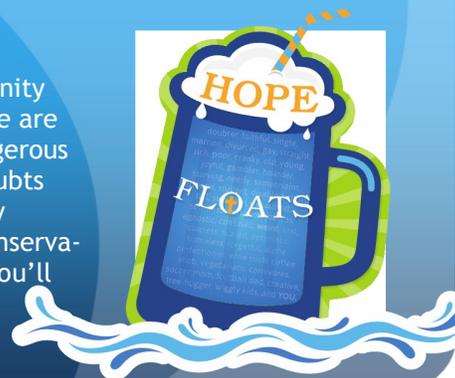
Regular Offering: \$1,144.00

Children's Offering: \$24.27



River of Hope Lutheran Church

We are the ELCA church in town. We are a purposely intergenerational community who is following Jesus out of the building and into the world where we live. We are learners (disciples) and practice-ers. Worship is a safe place to practice a dangerous gospel. And, believe us, it takes practice. Your questions, critical thinking, doubts and imperfect lives are welcome here. In fact, no matter your status in society (divorced, never-been-to-church, gay, straight, old, young, cranky, liberal, conservative, questioning, allergic-to-church, snarky) you'll be welcomed here. Then you'll be sent out, to live your life, transformed by Jesus Christ. And we believe, through the love of Jesus, you'll help to transform other lives.



Our purpose as a church:

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Our Guiding Principles:

(Disciple = learner)

God is God and we are not.

We are called to grow together as disciples: to forgive, to teach, to love.

Disciples are inspired by the Holy Spirit to take risks.

Disciples seek God's justice.

Disciples serve with no strings attached.

Disciples invite and welcome through loving acceptance.

We meet you where you are.



**IF YOU KEEP UP WITH BRANDS,
THEN YOU SHOULD KNOW WE
ARE PART OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA).
WE'RE PRETTY PLEASED ABOUT
THIS.**

| ~ March 2015 ~ | | | | | | |
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| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
| 29 9:45 Voices of Hope 10:30 Worship | 30 | 31 7pm Beer & Hymns @ MSSB | 1 9am Men's Bible Study @ Hardees 6pm Confirmation with Mentors @ UCC | 2 7pm Communion Banquet @ ROH office | 3 7pm Good Friday Service @ Vineyard | 4 |
| 5 10:30 Easter Sunday Worship | 6 | 7 7pm Discipleship Ron Johnson - Leader | 8 6pm Discipleship Sara Pollmann - Leader Jim Nelson - Leader Ruth Hamlow - Leader Jenny Tillmann - Leader | 9 | 10 Pastor Laura's Day Off | 11 |

Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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