

Worship Outline

GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Gathering Songs
Welcome, 101, Connection Cards
Children+Youth Help Introduce the Day
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Confession and Forgiveness
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

STORY

1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14
Sermon
Song After Sermon
Prayers of the People

FEAST

Offering
Offering Song
Setting the Table
Thanksgiving for Gifts
The Lord's Prayer
Invitation to the Meal
Communion
Communion Songs
Blessing and Prayer after Communion

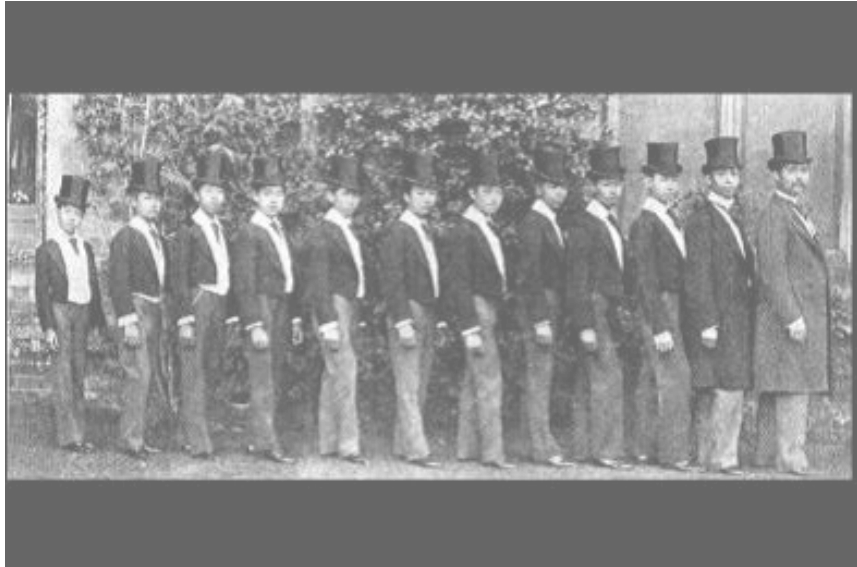
SEND

Purpose
MILESTONES
Blessing
Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



October 22, 2017



God's criteria for calling us is sight-defying!

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? There is a "cry room" available outside the worship area. The "Pray Ground," located in the worship space, is for those younger than kindergarten age.

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. "Sunday School" happens within worship! 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

October River Guides:

Chris & Lisa Kraft

October 29th Scripture: 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13

To find daily readings go to <http://clergystuff.com/category/daily-devotions/>

October 29th Singers: Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns

Today's Music:

Gathering Songs: Eagle's Wings & You Never Let Go

Song After Sermon: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Offering Song: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

Communion Songs: Create in Me a Clean Heart & We Are Called

MILESTONES: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

Sending Song: Mourning Into Dancing



River Team Schedule

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November - Amazon

River Guide:

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December - Jordan

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January - Amazon

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River Conditions



Dear Hopeful Ones,

The River and Vision Tables (leaders of this congregation) have met a few times this summer to pray and dream about how to invite River of Hope into deeper and more meaningful life together. A few exciting things emerged!

First, a theme of **Reforming Still - Transforming Always** that gives a nod to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation this fall. Martin Luther, our namesake, was a critical leader in trying to change the Catholic church. He didn't plan the Lutheran church, but the reformation led to a great change in the institution of church. That's the "reforming still" part of the theme. "Transforming always" is at the heart of our purpose as Christians. We even say it every week at the end of worship - *we go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ*. Not because we are powerful and transform our own lives, but because God, through Jesus, is always transforming our lives.

Second, an invitation emerged from our prayers and dreams. As part of this "Reforming Still - Transforming Always," you are invited to be part of a small group - called Discipleship Groups - this year through River of Hope! You'll get connected with other people and with the story found in scripture! Rob Bell's book "What is the Bible" is an incredible read and an invitation to just about anyone to find themselves in the story of the Bible. Even you!

Groups will meet 7 times between October - May for about an hour. There are a whole bunch of choices, from Sunday mornings, Wednesday evenings, Thursday evenings. Find the time that will work for you for the year and put it on your calendar. This would also be a great opportunity to invite someone along who might be church shy but curious about scripture or faith or just wants to be part of a small group to connect with other people.

You can sign up for a Discipleship Group at the Connect Table. Call or email Pam to get signed up too at 320-587-4414 or office@riverofhopehutchinson.org

It's such a privilege to be in this life of faith with you - reforming still - transforming always!

Love,

Pastor Laura

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

OCTOBER BEER & HYMNS IS CANCELLED. It will resume Tues. Nov. 28.

A Mighty Fortress: A Celebration in Song Commemorating the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Sun. Oct. 29, 6:30 pm, Christ the King Lutheran Church. This hymn sing program culminates with a mass choir rendition of "A Mighty Fortress". Treats & coffee will follow the program.

Martin Luther: The Idea that Changed the World. Free showing at Century 9 Theater, 2 pm, Sun. Oct. 29. RSVP required. See info on Connect Table.

Coming Together in Song, the fall fundraiser for Common Cup Ministries is Sun. Nov. 19, 4 pm, Christ the King. Poster on Connect Table.

Mass Choirs: All River of Hope members are invited to be part of the mass choirs on Oct. 29 & Nov. 19. Talk to Jim Nelson if you are interested. Both events will be held at Christ the King Lutheran Church.

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 10/15/2017

Worship attendance:	64
In-Worship Offering:	\$1,266.00
Laundry Love:	\$30.75
Auto Deposits:	\$575.00
September average attendance	84

Check out River of Hope's 2nd Quarter Report, available at the Connect Table.

Disciple

Trick or Treat for Food Shelf Grades 6-12, Oct 25, meet at Event Center at 5 pm. Pizza to follow. Sign up by calling Pam in the office or at the Connect Table. Talk to Ron Johnson or Beth Gasser if you have questions.

55+ Diners: Tues. Oct. 24, 5:30 pm, Applebee's. Sign up at Connect Table or connect with Portia Brandsoy via the RoH Facebook group.

Women of Hope: Wed. Nov. 1, 9:30 am, Andy Koenig's home

Men's Bible Study: Wed. Nov. 1, 9 am, Dunn Bros.

Living Creed prep: Wed. Oct. 25, 7 pm, RoH Office, 10th graders & mentors

Voices of Hope Choir will be singing in worship on Oct. 29 & Dec. 17.

Save the date! Riverpalooza is Sun. Nov. 19

From Seeds of Hope: Thank you for your warm welcome. River of Hope members now sponsor 8 students in El Salvador thanks to 2 new sponsors. Support is still needed for 2 students. Visit familyofchristonline.com or call Mark & Janice Laven at 952-451-4561.

Please consider joining us on the Mission Trip to El Salvador July 12-21, 2018. See Chanda Kropp for more info. Check out <https://seedsofhopeschools.wixsite.com/foc2017>

Discipleship groups have started, but It's not too late to sign up! Small groups will meet 7 times throughout the 2017-2018 school year. You will read Rob Bell's "What is the Bible?" which ultimately get you reading the Bible and asking questions. No experience or expertise necessary. Sign up at Connect Table or let Pam in the office know at 320-587-4414 or office@riverofhopehutchinson.org.



Purchase the book on Amazon by searching What Is the Bible? There is no right way to read this book - you may also purchase it for your e-reader or an audio version.

Will you be the one for October? As of the end of June, there have been 2 new Simply Givers (thank you!) and 6 have increased their giving to River of Hope (thank you!) Just one person at a time is what it takes to help us stand even more firmly on solid financial ground. Will you be the one to help River of Hope thrive? The Financial Stewardship Table has set a goal of one additional household signing up for Simply Giving each month. You can find forms for signing up at the Connect Table. If you have questions, talk to Treasurer Sue Benson (sbenson@hutchtel.net or 320-587-2907) or a member of the Financial Stewardship Table: Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser, Brian Tillmann, or Sue Peters.

Table Updates [Tables are groups of people meeting around things they have passion to do for the purpose of River of Hope's going out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. Would you like to be part of one? You are invited. We need you.]

Parish Personnel: Next date TBA, RoH Office

Financial Stewardship: Next date TBA, 7 pm, Sue Benson's home

Vision Table: Next date TBA

Vision Table & River Table: joint meeting, Thur. Oct. 26, 6 pm, Main Street Sports Bar

Financial Offering In addition to your Simply Giving or putting money in the plate (thank you!) consider these other ways to give back during worship:

Watering can - collects quarters (or any other kind of money) for Laundry Love

Backpack - pudding cups for Common Cup Backpack Program

Simply Giving To sign up or update your info, call Sue Benson at 320-587-2907, or go online to riverofhopehutchinson.org & click "give". New paper forms are on the Connect Table.

Did you know \$70 a month is paid for credit card fees through Simply Giving? Consider switching to your bank account so that \$70 can go to support Laundry Love and other "we go out" opportunities.

We Go Out



Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!" opportunity to put on your calendar the 3rd Tues. of every month. The next time is November 21. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts, extroverts & quarters needed. Two people per shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30; 3:30-6:30. Find the SignUp Genius link in our Facebook group or contact Allen Gislason at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com.

Did you know? In August, 45 families were served & \$679.00 was spent. We had 7 new families. The numbers are increasing each month!

Jim Nelson will be a leading a sing-a-long at Woodstone on Oct. 26 at 10 am. Please stay tuned for dates. Might you be able to assist the residents in getting to the place where we are singing, help them find the music in the songbooks or pass out rhythm instruments? Please call Jim at 320-552-9734 with any questions or just show up & help!



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.**

October 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
22 Worship 10:30 am	23 Staff Meeting 9 am	24 55+ Diners 5:30 pm, Applebee's	25 Living Creed Prep 7 pm, RoH Office Trick or Treat for Food Shelf, 5 pm	26 Sing-a-long 10 am Woodstone Vision/River Tables Joint Meeting 6 pm, MSSB	27	28
29 Worship 10:30 am Voices of Hope	30 Staff Meeting noon	31 	1 Men's Bible Study 9 am Women of Hope 9:30 am Confirmation 6 pm Living Creeds	2	3	4

Scan this code to make your financial gift to River of Hope.



Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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