

# River Source - Your Guide to Worship

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter--April 8, 2018



**Welcome. We are so glad you are here.**

*Everything you need to participate in worship is projected on the screen.  
If you read music, it is available on the usher stand in the hallway. Ask an usher or help yourself.*

## John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>20</sup>After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup>Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." <sup>22</sup>When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup>If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." <sup>24</sup>But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup>So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

<sup>26</sup>A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." <sup>27</sup>Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." <sup>28</sup>Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" <sup>29</sup>Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup>But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Here's what to expect at River of Hope:

**GIFT - Generations In Faith Together.** Worship is intentionally intergenerational. "Sunday School" happens within worship. You'll speak ancient words in new ways and sing old hymns that never get old. We practice the story together. We are actively engaged in questions, prayers, and singing together. We learn so much from each other when we worship together. It's a gift, isn't it? Remember, this isn't about excellence or perfection, it's about participation.

**Come as you are.** Well, you're already here. It doesn't matter what 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?** Name tags are awkward, right? We all wear them - not just the visitors. It's an effort to be open and to show this is a safe place to be called by name.

**We like kids.** No kidding. We think kids are leaders in worship, always teaching us how to live. Parents, please breathe easy. We are with you.

**Pray Ground.** Stay in worship with your kids. Join them on the pray ground. If it all falls apart, take to the halls. We'll pray for you. 😊

**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 regulars and visitors to use to communicate and pray. We won't use your info to bother you.

**Financial Offering.** Giving generously is part of an active faith life. It looks different for each person. River of Hope depends on your giving and is grateful for how and what you share.

- There is a card reader located at the back of the worship space. There are instructions with it. Go ahead and use it.
- Go online to [riverofhopehutchinson.org](http://riverofhopehutchinson.org). Click on "give."
- You can support Laundry Love by putting money in the watering can.

**On the way out...**You'll be handed the Weekly River News that includes prayers to pray and scripture to read for the week, along with a calendar and other goings-on in our life together.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHER

Music to Prepare Us  
Gathering Songs  
\*Introduce Theme of the Day  
Welcome 101  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
Practice Saying Hello  
Confession  
Promise of Forgiveness  
Greeting  
Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Hymn of Praise  
John 20:19-31  
Wade in the Word  
Sermon  
Prayers of the People  
Offering + Singing

### FEAST

\*Setting the Table  
Thanksgiving at the Table  
The Lord's Prayer  
Communion + Singing  
Prayer after Communion

### SEND

What is Our Purpose?  
Milestones!  
Blessing  
\*Sending Song  
\*Sending Charge  
Music to Send You Out to Serve

*\*Kids are invited to participate throughout worship, but especially in these spots.*

*You are invited to pray at the prayer stations at any time during worship today.*