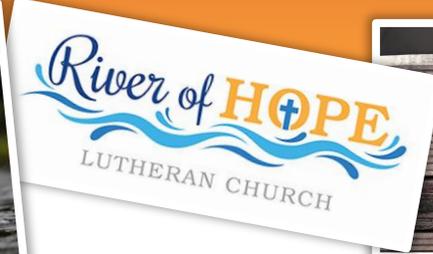


# River Source - Your Guide to Worship

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent—December 2, 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.*

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4; 3:3-6, 17-29 (From *The Message* translation of the Bible.)

**As the scripture is read to you, circle or underline the words or phrases that you notice most. What are your #questions to God? About the world?**

1:1-4

The problem as God gave Habakkuk to see it: GOD, how long do I have to cry out for help before you listen? How many times do I have to yell, “Help! Murder! Police!” before you come to the rescue? Why do you force me to look at evil, stare trouble in the face day after day? Anarchy and violence break out, quarrels and fights all over the place. Law and order fall to pieces. Justice is a joke. The wicked have the righteous hamstrung and stand justice on its head.

2:1-4

What’s God going to say to my questions? I’m braced for the worst. I’ll climb to the lookout tower and scan the horizon. I’ll wait to see what God says, how he’ll answer my complaint. And then GOD answered: “Write this. Write what you see. Write it out in big block letters so that it can be read on the run. This vision-message is a witness pointing to what’s coming. It aches for the coming—it can hardly wait! And it doesn’t lie. If it seems slow in coming, wait. It’s on its way. It will come right on time. “Look at that man, bloated by self-importance— full of himself but soul-empty. But the person in right standing before God through loyal and steady believing is fully alive, *really* alive.

3:3-6, 17-29

God’s on his way again, retracing the old salvation route, Coming up from the south through Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. Skies are blazing with his splendor, his praises sounding through the earth, His cloud-brightness like dawn, exploding, spreading, forked-lightning shooting from his hand—what power hidden in that fist! Plague marches before him, pestilence at his heels! He stops. He shakes Earth. He looks around. Nations tremble. The age-old mountains fall to pieces; ancient hills collapse like a spent balloon. The paths God takes are older than the oldest mountains and hills. I saw everyone worried, in a panic: Old wilderness adversaries, Cushan and Midian, were terrified, hoping he wouldn’t notice them.

## 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 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  
Welcome 101  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
Practice Saying Hello  
Confession  
Promise of Forgiveness  
Greeting  
Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Hymn of Praise  
Habakkuk 1:1-7, 2:1-4; 3:17-19  
Wade in the Word  
Sermon  
Prayers of the People (*Put your prayer in the "in box" in the waiting room.*)  
Offering + Singing

### FEAST

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

### SEND

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

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



*Walk the labyrinth anytime during worship. Please accompany children.*