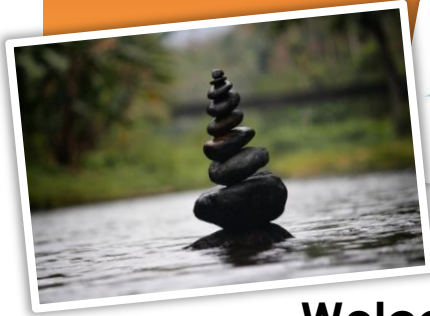


# River Source - Your Guide to Worship

Second Sunday of Epiphany — January 13, 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.*

## **Matthew 3:1-17**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

## 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  
Matthew 3:1-17  
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?  
Blessing  
\*Sending Song  
\*Sending Charge  
Music to Send You Out to Serve

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



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We’re pretty pleased about this.  
[ELCA.org](http://ELCA.org) for more information.