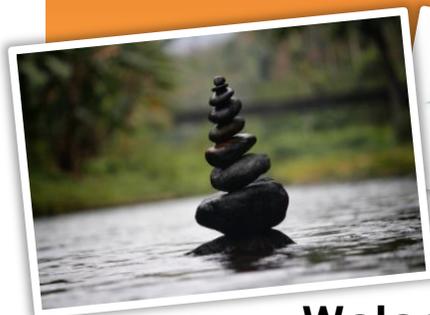


# River Source - Your Guide to Worship

Seventh Sunday after Epiphany — February 24, 2019



**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 14:13-33**

Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." And he said, "Bring them here to me." Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## 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 14:13-33  
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.