

# River Source

Your Guide to Worship

First Sunday in Lent — March 10, 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.*

### 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.

- Go online to [riverofhopehutchinson.org](http://riverofhopehutchinson.org). Click on “give.”
- You can support Laundry Love by putting money in the watering can.
- Use the envelope and put your offering in the globe when it passes by during worship.

**On the way out...** Take the latest issue of The Current and River News that includes prayers to pray and scripture to read for the week, a calendar and announcements.



Matthew 18:15-35 (Use the River of Hope pen to mark up this page!)

<sup>15</sup> "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. <sup>23</sup> "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup> When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup> and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." <sup>29</sup> Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." <sup>30</sup> But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?" <sup>34</sup> And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup> So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHER

Music to Prepare Us  
Gathering Songs  
Welcome 101/Intro theme  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
\*Practice Saying Hello  
Kyrie (Lord, have mercy)  
This is the Feast!  
Greeting  
Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Rapid River Players:  
Matthew 18:15 - 35  
\*Wade in the Word  
Sermon  
Statement of Belief  
\*Graffiti Prayers of the People (*Ask your children to draw or write or tell you what they want to pray.*)  
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.*

If you keep up with brands, we are part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).



We're pretty pleased about this.

*ELCA.org for more information.*