

River Source

Your Guide to Worship

Fifth Sunday in Lent – April 7, 2019



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. 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.

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.



Our theme for Lent - what's your backstory?

Matthew 25:31-46 (Use the River of Hope pen to mark up this page!)

³¹“When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, ‘Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ ⁴¹Then he will say to those at his left hand, ‘You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴²for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHER

Music to Prepare Us
Gathering Songs
Welcome 101/Intro theme
No Longer Strangers Prayer
*Practice Saying Hello
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Rapid River Players:
Matthew 25:31-46
*Wade in the Word
Sermon
*Children’s Time
The Rite of Holy Baptism
of Clara Kay Huseby
*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.*