

River Source

Your Guide to Worship

Sixth Sunday in Lent – April 14, 2019

Palm Sunday



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.



Matthew 21:1-17 (Use the River of Hope pen to mark up this page!)

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately." ⁴This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, ⁵"Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey." ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹⁰When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" ¹¹The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

¹²Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. ¹³He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer'; but you are making it a den of robbers." ¹⁴The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. ¹⁵But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David," they became angry ¹⁶and said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself'?" ¹⁷He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHER

Music to Prepare Us
Gathering Song
*Children's Time
Welcome 101/Intro theme
No Longer Strangers Prayer
*Practice Saying Hello
Greeting
Palm Processional
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Rapid River Players:
Matthew 21:1-17
*Wade in the Word
Sermon
*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.*