

# River Source



Your Guide to Worship  
August 11, 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. 😊

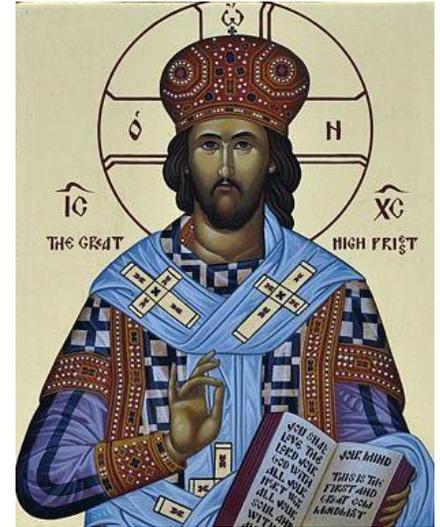
**Communion.** You are welcome, without exception. If you are hungry and thirsty for unbounded grace, mercy, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, you are welcome at Christ’s table.

**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.



## 9th Sunday after Pentecost Hebrews 11:1-16 (12:1-2)

(Use a pen to mark up this page!)

Narrator: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

**All: Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.**

Narrator: By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

**All: By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks.**

Narrator: By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God."

**All: And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.**

Narrator: By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith.

**All: By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.**

Narrator: By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

**All: For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.**

Narrator: By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.

**All: Therefore, from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."**

Narrator: All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

**All: If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.**

Narrator: But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

<sup>5</sup> When he entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, appealing to him <sup>6</sup> and saying, "Lord, my servant is lying at home paralyzed, in terrible distress." <sup>7</sup> And he said to him, "I will come and cure him." <sup>8</sup> The centurion answered, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; but only speak the word, and my servant will be healed. <sup>9</sup> For I also am a man under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." <sup>10</sup> When Jesus heard him, he was amazed and said to those who followed him, "Truly I tell you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith."

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### GATHER

Music to Prepare Us  
Gathering Songs  
Introduce the Theme with Kids  
Welcome 101/Intro theme  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
\*Practice Saying Hello  
Confession and Forgiveness  
Greeting  
Kyrie (Lord, have mercy)  
Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Hebrews 11:1-16  
Matthew 8:5-10  
Sermon  
Song  
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?  
Purpose Sightings  
Milestones!  
\*Song  
Blessing  
\*Sending Song & Charge  
Music to Send You Out to Serve

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