

River Source



Your Guide to Worship
August 25, 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. 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.



Creeds
Jesus Christ

11th Sunday after Pentecost

John 1:1-18

(Use a pen to mark up this page!)

Narrator: Our story and God's story continues today, with a reading from John 1:1-18.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Narrator: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Congregation: He was in the beginning with God.

Narrator All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.

Congregation: What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

Narrator: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

Congregation: There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

Narrator: He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.

Congregation: He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

Narrator: The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

Congregation: He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.

Narrator: He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.

Congregation: But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

Narrator: And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

Congregation: (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'")

Narrator: From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.

Congregation: The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Narrator: No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

John 1:1-18

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

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.*