

River Source



Your Guide to Worship
September 8, 2019

Welcome.
We are so glad you are here.

Everything you need to participate in worship is projected on the screen.

God's work.
Our hands.



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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.

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Genesis 2:4b-25

(Use a pen to mark up this page!)

Narrator: These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Side 1: In the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens, when no plant of the field was yet in the earth and no herb of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and there was no one to till the ground; but a stream would rise from the earth, and water the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being.

Narrator: And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east; and there he put the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the Lord God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

Side 2: A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold; and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

Narrator: The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die.” Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner.”

Side 1: So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.

Side 2: So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken.”

Narrator: Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked, and were not ashamed.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHER

Music to Prepare Us

Gathering Songs

Introduce the Theme with Kids

Welcome

No Longer Strangers Prayer

*Practice Saying Hello

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Genesis 2:4b-25

Sermon

Offering

FEAST

*Setting the Table

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord’s Prayer

Communion

Blessing after Communion

SEND

What is Our Purpose?

Blessing to Go and Serve

*Song

*Sending Song & Charge

Music to Send You Out to Serve

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