

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.

7th Sunday after Pentecost Hebrews 4:14 - 5:10

(Use a pen to mark up this page!)

Narrator: Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

All: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

Narrator: Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins.

Narrator: He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people.

All: And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

Narrator: So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

All: "You are my Son, today I have begotten you";

Narrator: as he says also in another place,

All: "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Narrator: In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission.

All: Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Men: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated.

Women: Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want."

All: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour?"

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 4:14 – 5:10 Matthew 26:36-40 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.