

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany  
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Worship on Facebook Premiere  
Sundays at 10:30am

# Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs – Come, Now Is The Time To Worship & Hallelujah

Welcome

*Wherever you are on your journey of faith,  
we believe God meets you right where you are, and you are welcome here.*

No Longer Strangers Prayer

Let us pray: **O God, show us your image in all who we meet, especially those whom we call stranger. Show us that when we welcome them, we welcome you. Amen.**

Time with Kids

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess that God is God and we are not  
*Silence is kept for reflection and prayer*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,**

**you know them;  
receive them in your divine mercy.  
Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!  
Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.  
Indeed, we are forgiven.  
In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.  
**Amen.**

### Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all. **And also with you.**

### Kyrie

This is the Feast

### Prayer of the Day

Let us pray: Mighty God, **You gave the law to free your people, not sink us further into bondage. May we seek your Spirit of truth in all that we do, that our lives may glorify you always, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen**

# The Story

**Narrator:** Our story and God's story continues with a reading from the gospel of Luke (Luke 6:1-16)

One sabbath while Jesus was going through the grainfields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. <sup>2</sup>But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" <sup>3</sup>Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? <sup>4</sup>He entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the

Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" 5Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath." 6On another sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. 7The scribes and the Pharisees watched him to see whether he would cure on the sabbath, so that they might find an accusation against him. 8Even though he knew what they were thinking, he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand here." He got up and stood there. 9Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" 10After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. 11But they were filled with fury and discussed with one another what they might do to Jesus. 12Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray; and he spent the night in prayer to God. 13And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: 14Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, 15and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, 16and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

Stay tuned for the continuing saga that is our story and God's story.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn- Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone

*As we sing together, we know that God hears all our prayers, those spoken aloud and those carried in the quiet of our hearts. For those gathering on the Facebook Premiere, you are invited to write your prayers in the comment section on the right side of your screen. Wherever we are this day, God is with us, and God hears our prayers.*

Prayers for the World

*Together we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.*

*Each petition will close with the words: God of Mercy  
And you are invited to respond: **Hear our prayer***

Offering

*Thank you for your continued generosity and for all the ways you support God's ministry here at River of Hope. If you'd like more information on how to participate in Simply Giving please contact [office@riverofhopehutchinson.org](mailto:office@riverofhopehutchinson.org)*

Offering Music – I Offer My Life

# The Feast

## Setting the Table

*As we prepare our tables with gifts of bread, wine/juice, the children lead us as we pray together. Let us pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.***

## Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you

**And also with you**

Lift up your hearts!

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

On the night in which he was betrayed...

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those**

**who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**and the glory**

**forever and ever. Amen.**

## Invitation to the Meal

*This is not my table or River of Hope's table, but rather this is Christ's table and all are welcome. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.*

*"This is the body of Christ given for you and the blood of Christ shed for you."*

Communion Songs – Lamb of God

Blessing and Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

**O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

# The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? **We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.**

**MILESTONES!**

*It's time for sharing milestones - a time where we join together as a community to share the big, small, good, and hard milestones in our life. Splash in the water this morning and remember that God joins us in hearing these milestones today. If you gather with us on Facebook Premiere you are invited to share your milestones in the comment section.*

Blessing

God the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

**Amen**

Sending Song – I'll Fly Away

Go in peace – serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God**



Music to Send You Out

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