

Third Sunday after Pentecost  
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Worship on Facebook Premiere, Sundays at 10:30am  
or YouTube anytime

# Gathering

Prelude

Gathering Songs – Eagle's Wings, I Could Sing of your Love Forever

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: **Gracious God, help us to see your image revealed in all of creation, especially in those whom we call stranger. Guide us as we seek to join you in journeying alongside all in need. Amen.**

Time with Kids

Confession and Forgiveness

P: Let us confess that God is God and we are not.  
*Pause for silence and reflection.*

P: Risen Lord,

**C: We admit that we are slow to believe, and even slower to follow where you lead us. We doubt your promise, divide your people, and fail to proclaim the power of your resurrection. We choose to live small lives when you have given us the biggest gift of all: your eternal life. Forgive us. Raise us up to a place where we can serve you faithfully.**

P: Christ is arisen, bringing gifts of life, mercy and pardon for sin! Believe that you are forgiven, and go out and live in the joy of your Lord's resurrection in the power of God's Holy Spirit.

**All: 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.**

Song: Kyrie & This is the Feast

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray together. **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

# The Story

**Narrator:** Our story and God's story continues with a reading from the Gospel of Mark. (Mark 4:26-34)

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup>and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

<sup>30</sup>He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Hymn: How Great Thou Art

*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.*

*For those gathering on YouTube, please feel free to lift up your prayers on our website at [www.riverofhopehutchinson.org/prayerplace](http://www.riverofhopehutchinson.org/prayerplace) Wherever we are this day, God is with us, and God hears our prayers.*

## Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

## 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 Life  
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: Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil

# The Feast

## Setting the Table

*As we prepare our tables with gifts of bread, wine/juice, the children lead us as we pray together: **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 your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours, now and forever. 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 Song: Lamb of God, What a Friend we have in Jesus

## Blessing and Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. **Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, 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! – Here I Am Lord

*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

The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us,

✠ be upon you now and forever. **Amen.**

## Sending Song: My Life Flows On

## Dismissal

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Music to Send You Out

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