



## SUNDAY SERIES

Michael Beschloss | May 21

**Award-winning Presidential Historian, *NBC News* and *PBS NewsHour* Contributor, *The New York Times* Columnist, and Best-Selling Author**

Michael Beschloss provides gripping tales and brilliant inside analysis, revealing the leadership secrets of great presidents and other towering figures in history. He tells original and unforgettable stories that illuminate the behind-the-scenes lives of American presidents and other titans, as well as describing the leadership skills essential to success.

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## Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital

The Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series continues with music for harp and organ featuring harpist Rachel Brandwein and organist Aaron David Miller.

The recital will feature music written especially for the concert. Rachel has composed an inventive new fantasy and Aaron has written an ethereal landscape work. Each piece approaches the combination of harp and organ differently.

The program will also feature works of Bach, Praetorius, and Grandjany.

**Sunday, May 7**

Elizabeth Chapel | 4 p.m. | Free

*Leaders and How They Changed America, 1789-1989, Jacqueline Kennedy: Historic Conversations on Life with John F. Kennedy* (co-authored with Caroline Kennedy), and two volumes on President Lyndon Johnson's secret White House tapes. With more than 110,000 followers, Beschloss has the largest Twitter audience of any historian and his site appears on *TIME* magazine's list of the world's top Twitter feeds. He is working on a major history of American presidents and wars from 1812 to the present, which will be published later this year.

**Sunday, May 21**

Sanctuary | 2 p.m. | Free

# It's Great to Be Back!

Reverend David A. Van Dyke

I cannot adequately express my gratitude to this congregation for the gift of my recent sabbatical. The three months took Nancy and me both around the world and back home, at least to our summer home in Michigan. It took us to places both exotic and familiar. Nancy and I joked before setting off on this journey that we'd never really spent this much time together and wondered how it would go. Would we get on each other's nerves? Or, more to the point, would I drive her crazy by week three? The good news is that it was wonderful to spend long, lazy days together, to eat three meals a day together, and to discover together places we'd never been. Knowing Gale Robb was at the helm freed me from worrying and wondering about activities at the church. So after almost 25 years in ministry, the three-month break from my normal routine was a gift I will always remember and one that has made me feel refreshed and certain about my future.

We left the United States on January 18 and flew to Hanoi, Vietnam. We spent a month in Vietnam traveling throughout much of that beautiful country. While there we made a four-day trip to Cambodia where we visited the incredible temples of Angkor Wat, dating back to the 12th century. I would certainly recommend both Vietnam and Cambodia as wonderful vacation destinations. We then flew home mid-February and headed to our place in Saugatuck, Michigan. We are accustomed to being there in the summer when it is busy with boaters and tourists and the restaurants are full. Being

there in the dead of winter is a different experience.

The huge population of geese standing on the frozen lake replaces the water view from our condo and had its own mesmerizing effect while sipping coffee in the morning. While in Michigan, I was able to write some, and we took advantage of seeing family, particularly Nancy's parents. We also took road trips to Chicago to see Hamilton and to Cincinnati to visit the very moving Underground Railroad Museum and Freedom Center. We also saw more movies in that three months than we tend to get to in a year.

In mid-March we left for Amsterdam, one of our favorite places. We indulged ourselves on art and Dutch history. A museum we'd not visited before and that we both loved is the Maritime History Museum, located in the former headquarters of the Dutch East India Company. From Amsterdam we went to Edinburgh, Scotland, which had been our home for two years while I was in graduate school. I was honored to preach at St. Giles' Cathedral in late March—the Presbyterian “mothership” and from John Knox's pulpit. We ended this sabbatical adventure in London, in a stunning, completely unexpected upgraded hotel suite that came with its own butler! What does one do with a butler? In a way, it seemed an appropriate “fairytale ending” to what really was a magical odyssey and one we will always cherish. Nevertheless, it's great to be back with you.

—David



## WORSHIP

10 a.m.

**Sunday, May 7**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Jeffrey T. Foels, preaching

**Motet Choir:**

*God Our Father, Christ Our Mother,*

Aaron David Miller

*Dixit Dominus, W. A. Mozart*

**St. Nicholas Choir:**

*Look to the Day, John Rutter*

**Sunday, May 14**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

**Motet Choir:**

*If Ye Love Me, Thomas Tallis*

*The Lord is My Shepherd (from Requiem),*

John Rutter

**St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Choirs:**

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You,*

John Rutter

**Bell Choir:**

*Beach Spring Stomp, Jeffrey Honoré*

**Sunday, May 21**

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

**Motet Choir:**

*Thee Will I Love, Kenneth Jennings*

*Kyrie and Gloria (from Kleine*

*Orgelmesse), F. J. Haydn*

**The Scholars:**

*O Love Divine, Benedetto Marcello*

**Sunday, May 28**

**Seventh Sunday of Easter**

David A. Van Dyke, preaching

**Music from the Motet Choir**





## EASTER SUNDAY

*Photos by Dick Crone*





# Choir School Update



House of Hope Choir School presents Beautiful Land, a program of American folk songs and spirituals on Sunday, May 14 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary. This concert is free and open to the public.

**Beautiful Land**  
**Sunday, May 14**  
Sanctuary | 2 p.m. | Free

## Do you know a child who loves to sing?

All children ages 4–18 are welcome to make a joyful noise in House of Hope Choir School. Musical skills are taught through choral music in rehearsal, worship, and performance. Previous musical training is not required and you do not need to be a House of Hope member to join.

Every Wednesday from September through May, choristers ages 4–18 gather for music and fellowship. Musical skills are taught in five different ensembles and classes including voice class, music theory, hand-bells, and Orff instruments.

See [www.hohchurch.org/choir-school](http://www.hohchurch.org/choir-school) for more information and contact Choir School Director Sofia Ardan at [SofiaA@hohchurch.org](mailto:SofiaA@hohchurch.org) to set up an audition.

Choristers grades 10–12 are invited each season to apply to be a Student Director. Interested choristers write an essay detailing why they would make a good leader. Student Directors assist with rehearsals, lead sectionals, lead grace at dinner, organize the Sunday processional and recessional, and act as role models for younger members.

Choir School's current Student Directors **Roland Berg**, **Liz Bolsoni**, and **Ian Boylan** have each participated in Choir School for nine years. "I've been in choir since before I can remember," says Ian, a sophomore at Highland High School. "Every Wednesday I look forward to singing." Liz, a sophomore at Apple Valley High School, concurs, "I remember watching the Choir School and Motet Choir process down the aisle, mesmerized. Now I get the opportunity to do that every Sunday!" Roland, a junior at Highland High School, notes that the environment is always positive and happy, and the music the choristers sing is challenging without being stressful.

Music education in a faith-based environment is the mission of the Choir School, and something that sets it apart from other music opportunities. All three Student Directors point to Choir School as being influential in their musical training, sense of community, and their faith. "We are all here with as



## Participate in Choir School!

Early Bird Registration  
May 21, drop in, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.  
May 22–23, by appointment

August Registration  
August 28–30, by appointment



*Choir School's Student Directors,  
Liz Bolsoni, Ian Boylan, and Roland Berg*

much or as little faith as we have—to sing, worship, and laugh together," says Liz, who adds that her Choir School friends are some of her best friends. "I've grown in my religion, as a singer, and as a musician," says Ian. Roland enjoys the singing, but also the music theory, conducting opportunities, and teamwork. He encourages those considering joining Choir School, "They absolutely should! Choir School is a great way to have fun while making amazing music. It provides a place for kids to learn about music in a fun and unique way."

# Adult Education and Events

## Men's Breakfast Groups

**Tuesdays, 7 a.m. | St. Clair Broiler**  
Study the lectionary for the upcoming Sunday's scripture lessons.

Contact Leo Sawicki (651) 481-9589,  
lbsawicki@comcast.net

**Thursdays, 7 a.m. | St. Clair Broiler**  
All House of Hope men are welcome.

Contact Bill Liike (651) 224-0631

## Bible Studies

**Wednesdays, 10 a.m. | Church Library**  
**Thursdays, 9:15 a.m. | Church Library**  
Except 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday in Kirby Lounge

## Loaves & Fishes

The House of Hope team will not supply food in May, but volunteers are always welcome. Go to [loavesandfishesmn.org](http://loavesandfishesmn.org) and click on "volunteer" to get to the St. Matthew's page.

For more info call Kay or Paul Solon  
(651) 398-0643 or [solon@macalester.edu](mailto:solon@macalester.edu)

## Kirk Club

**Sunday, May 28, 12:15 p.m.**  
Meet for Sunday brunch at Green Mill near the corner of Grand Avenue and Hamline Avenue. Parking is available in the lot across Grand Avenue.

Reserve by May 26: (651) 227-6311

## Hard Hats

**First Thursday of each month  
9:00 a.m. | Maintenance Shop**  
Volunteer to keep the church building and grounds in good condition.

Contact Facility Manager Jim Brzezinski for more information  
(651) 223-7559 or [JimB@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimB@hohchurch.org)

## Joy Davis' First Thursday Literature Seminars

**May 6 | 10 a.m. | Church Library**

All are welcome. RSVP not required

## Grief Support Groups

**Thursdays | 5:30–7:30 p.m. daily**  
Sponsored by Capital City Grief Coalition, for those who have suffered the loss of a loved one.

Beginning June 1: Groups meet at Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church in St. Paul

Contact Lois Knutson (651) 227-4430

## Faith & Fibers

**2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month  
6 p.m. | Church Library**  
Needlecraft, conversation, refreshments and devotions.

Contact Jan Dickinson (651) 647-1786

## Women's Breakfast Group

**Fridays, 7–8 a.m. | Kirk Parlor**  
Breakfast, comraderie, lively discussion of scheduled books.

Newcomers welcome! Call Jan Dickinson  
(651) 647-1786 or Elly Verhagen  
(651) 293-1924 for details.

## Mission Sewing

**May 4, 9:30 a.m. | Dining Rooms A&B**  
Bring a lunch if you'd like to stay for fellowship following our work.

## SAVE THE DATE

### Friday, November 3 Bash 2017

Come share in the blessings of food, fellowship, and fun, while lending your support to Mission Outreach efforts in our community and beyond.

## Centering Prayer

**Mondays, 11 a.m. | Kirk Parlour**  
Led by Julia Carlson. All are welcome. Introduction to the practice at the beginning of each gathering.

## Women's Advocates

**May 18, 6–7:30 p.m.**  
Join us for a craft project, bingo, and treats with the women and children at the women's shelter. If interested, call the church office (651) 227-6311.

## SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Summer office hours begin the week of May 22.

Monday: 9 a.m.–8 p.m.  
Tuesday–Thursday: 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m.–1 p.m.



## STAY IN TOUCH

Do you receive the HOH Enews?  
Sign up today for our weekly guide to upcoming activities and events!

**Visit [hohchurch.org](http://hohchurch.org) or call the office at (651) 227-6311.**

# Great Decisions | May 9, 4 p.m.

## Trade and Politics

### Todd Lefko, Speaker

The U.S. mood towards trade has turned sour. One needs to look no further than the 2016 presidential contest for the popular narrative: trade means that China wins at America's expense. But do the numbers support that conclusion? The metrics used to gauge economic strength, gross domestic product, and balance of trade have not kept up with the realities of modern manufacturing. Obtaining an accurate picture of the U.S. economic stature requires a critique of those numbers. Only then can the U.S. develop appropriate solutions for the challenges at hand.

**Todd Lefko** is president of International Business Development, an import-export firm dealing with water purification equipment, aeration systems, and new technologies. With homes in Moscow and Minnesota, he writes weekly articles for *Rossiske Vesti*, the political newspaper of the Russian presidential administra-

tion. He is also a contributor to *Rossiya al-Youm*, the Russian Arabic television channel for the Middle East.

Todd taught sociology and urban affairs at the University of Minnesota, as well as political science, international relations, and political philosophy at other Minnesota colleges. He has lectured at universities in Russia, China, Germany, Belarus, Kazakhstan, and Turkmenistan and is the co-founder of Global Volunteers.

Great Decisions is a non-partisan U.S. Foreign Policy discussion group established by the U.S. Foreign Policy Association and sponsored by Global Minnesota.

Register in the church office or  
(651) 227-6311.

**Great Decisions**  
Tuesday, May 9 | 4 p.m.  
Kirk Parlour | \$60 per family  
(includes companion book)

## Ordination and Installation

Newly elected officers will be ordained or installed during the 10 a.m. worship service on Sunday, May 21.

*Christ's ministry is the standard and foundation of all ministry, the pattern of the one who came "not to be served but to serve."*

(Matthew 20:28)

—*The Book of Order, PC(USA)*



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If you haven't already done so, go to [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org) and click "My HOH" to set up an account.

## A note from the Endowment Committee



Several years ago, fellow member Charlie Mahar and I were talking about how much it would cost for me to live the way I wanted. A non-essential budget line item was the annual dues to a golf club to which we both belonged. That substantial cost reflected the care of the course, club house, and staff at an inflationary increase; it did not reflect how much or how well I played. It was simply the price of belonging.

On the other hand, an essential line item was belonging to House of Hope. I realized, with shame, that my pledge was smaller than what I owed for my golf club membership. The Stewardship Campaign purposefully does not specify a per-family amount to sustain the church. We are asked to give what we can. I had not asked myself, "What can

I give and, more importantly, what do I want to give?"

Members have demonstrated great generosity for more than 110 years. They have given time, talent, annual support, capital support, and legacy gifts. And inside all that vibrant support is the question, "What can I give and what do I want to give?"

The church benefits all of us differently. The music lifts my spirit, even though I have a tin ear. I listen eagerly to the Didier Seminar for spiritual understanding of the world we live in. In this year's lead up to the seminar, Melvin Carter, Jr. who grew up in St. Paul's Rondo Neighborhood described his childhood disbelief when his family home was condemned for Interstate 94 and seeing his grandmother's spirit crushed when

she watched the St. Paul Fire Department burn it down in a training drill. I felt that little boy's confusion and his grandmother's anguish. Our seminar leader, Dr. Eddie Glaude, Jr. warned us not to rest on the idea of progress in race relations, not to hide behind a false color-blindness, not to "outsource" our responsibility to politicians or even ministers. He told us straight out that social change requires the loss of personal innocence and actual participation.

While the key to improving race relations is not a philanthropic proposition, it is a key to sustaining House of Hope's work. Thank you for all the pledges and endowment gifts. May the time be right for some of you to complete your pledges and for others of you to plan a gift to the Endowment. Do what you really want to do!

—*Barbara Roy*



# Children, Youth, and Family Programming



Middle and high school youth will give out flowers for Mother's Day on May 14. Stop by the Portland East Wing door to pick up a lovely Mother's Day flower from one of our youth!

After worship on May 14, we will recognize and congratulate our graduating high school seniors at a reception in the Kirk Parlour. There will be a table with pens and cards for anyone to fill out to give to the seniors. Thank you for being a part of their faith family!

On June 4, the youth will be raising money for their mission trip by offering parking for Grand Old Day in the House of Hope parking lots. If you plan to attend, please consider parking at the church and helping our youth make it to Detroit this summer!

## Ice Cream Social

**May 21, 11:15 a.m. | Kirk Parlour**

Celebrate spring with delicious ice cream and Dixieland jazz.

## Family Camp

**June 9–11 | Clearwater Forest**

Contact Jill Winter [jcwinter75@gmail.com](mailto:jcwinter75@gmail.com)

## Summer Camp in the City

**June 26–30 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.**

Day camp at House of Hope for children who have completed K–5, led by staff from Clearwater Forest.

## Mission Trip

**July 16–22**

HOH 8–12<sup>th</sup> graders will travel to Detroit to participate in volunteer opportunities.

Contact Jeff Foels [JFoels@hohchurch.org](mailto:JFoels@hohchurch.org) or Doug Snaza [DougS@hohchurch.org](mailto:DougS@hohchurch.org)

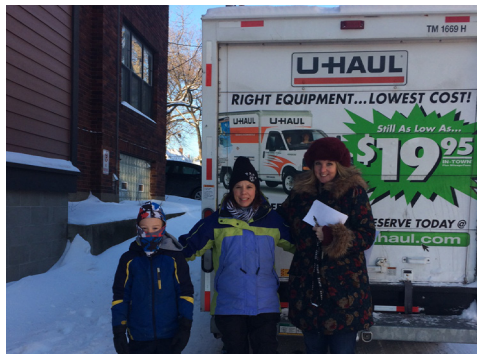
# Gifts of Hope—Sending Thanks in May!

Thank you—on behalf of all the families who received gifts this past Christmas from HOH families! Faces full of pure joy and gratitude greeted us when we unloaded the gifts you so carefully shopped for and wrapped last December.

The YMCA Transitional Housing Coordinator told us a heartfelt story as we were carrying in the boxes. Five years ago, one of the families was so touched by their gifts that they returned this year because they wanted to sponsor a child. They were so grateful for what they had been given that they wanted to carry that forward.

Little do we know, what our acts of kindness kindle in this world. Little do we know what ripple effect one shopping trip can make in the lives of others. Thank you to all who helped provide Christmas presents for 56 families.

*"Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love."*  
—Mother Teresa



# CLOISTER GALLERY



**Barbara Riegel Bend**  
**May 2017**

## Artist Statement:

*As a fiber artist, I am drawn to the rich heritage of cloth and the story it tells through its color, design, and cultural history. I work with fabrics that have their own integrity and voice. In my fiber sculptures, I explore the interplay of cross-cultural fabrics stitched side by side with a reconfiguration of contemporary "throw away items" that share the pattern, color, or texture. I look to these items, such as snaps, rollers, zippers, for their design elements and ability to attach and repeat creating a rhythmic pattern on these fiber sculptures.*

*I create the armature of my sculptural forms from welded metal, fencing, or electrical wire. The shapes are built by tightly wrapped strips of knit fabric to create a solid form. The result is a firm, self-supporting structure that can withstand the weight of the materials I use. This structure allows my forms to flare with movement to express the spirit of life and energy of emotions.*

**Visit [www.barbbend.com](http://www.barbbend.com) to view more of Barbara Bend's work.**

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## Thank you to House of Hope Bell Choir

The Bell Choir is a community within a community at House of Hope. Established nearly 40 years ago, the clear, resounding music of the Bell Choir has become a familiar and integral part of worship. The bells were cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in England and given to House of Hope by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Blumers in 1979. Ever since, the Bell Choir has been an essential part of the congregation's music ministry.

The Bell Choir is made up of an eclectic group of ringers, with a range of ringing experience and skill levels. Some members are new to the community and one member has been ringing with the choir since it started! The intimate size of the group supports members getting to know one another as well as the music.

The nature of ringing means that the entire group must play cohesively to create the melody and harmonies because each member rings a literal handful of notes. We are blessed to have a committed group of ringers who are very active in the church and community and bring that to our bell room—for example, last year we helped tie blankets for Project Home during our Spring Bell Party.

Traditionally, the Bell Choir rings during the prelude of the worship service. The prelude provides worshippers an opportunity to prepare for worship. People prepare for

worship in so many ways, some read scripture, some greet their neighbors, some reflect on the day's hymn texts, some pray. The music is chosen to reflect the current season of the church and aid people in their worship and meditation.

***Thank you for ringing beauty into our worship services at House of Hope.***

