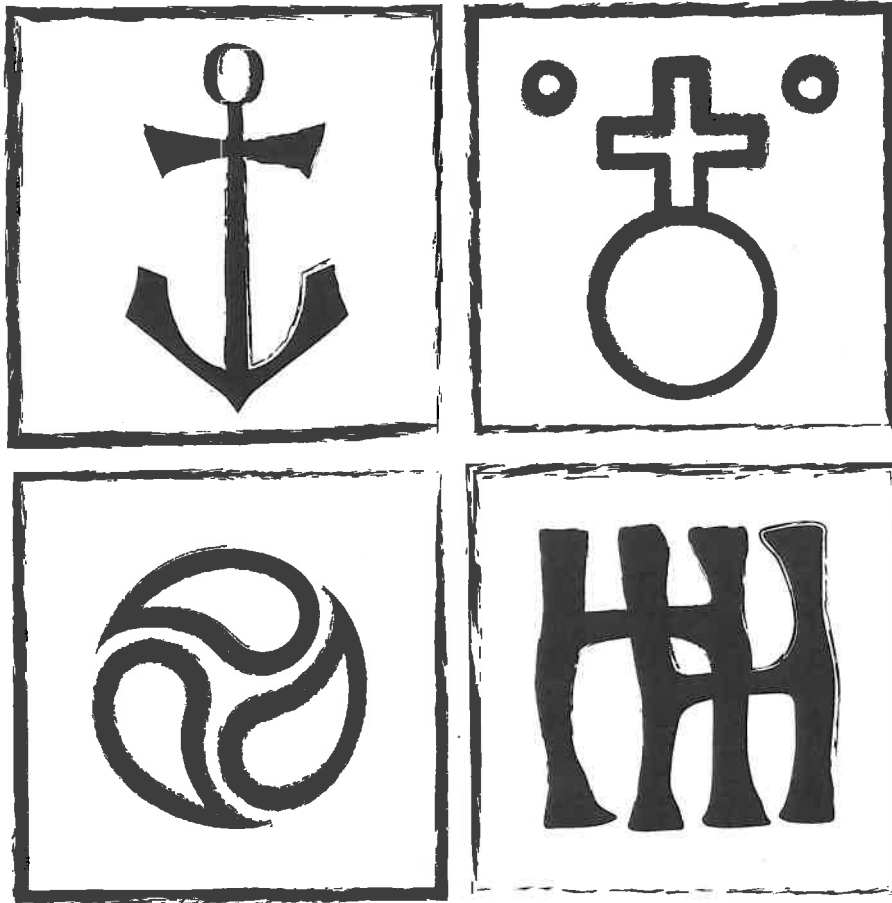


# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**SEPTEMBER 17, 2017 10 A.M.**

# 483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -  
2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy  
3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -  
4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy

a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of  
keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful  
tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and  
prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -

our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And  
eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!  
joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God  
wea - ried rais - es. Be joy-ful in the Lord, my heart, Both

ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:  
all is just and all is right:  
gent-ly leads the cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!  
soul and bod - y take your part:

\*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7

Sunday, September 17, 2017  
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Morning Worship

Ten o' Clock

THE APPROACH TO GOD

PRELUDE

Passacaglia and Fugue  
Aaron David Miller, organist

Christian Friedrich Witt

INTROIT

*Deo Gracias*  
The Motet Choir Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

William Byrd

\*°PROCESSIONAL HYMN 483 *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

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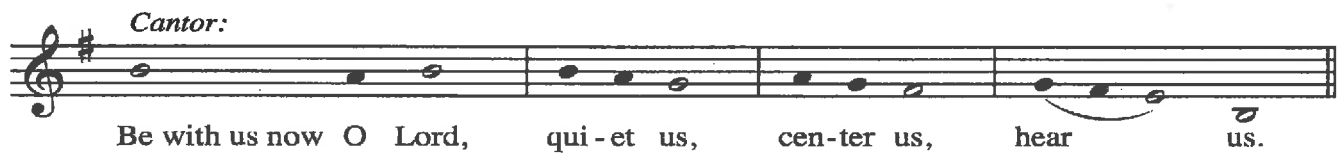
CALL TO CONFESSION (The Congregation sitting)

Jeffrey T. Foels

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

*Cantor:*

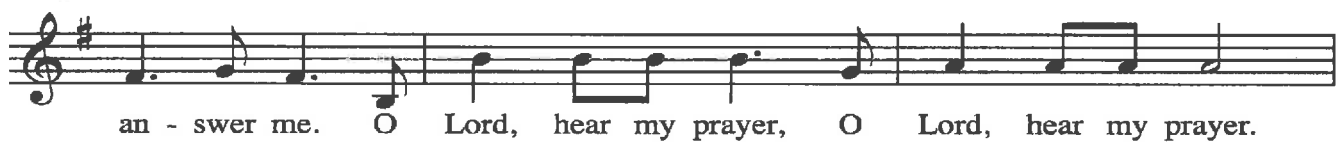


Be with us now O Lord, qui-et us, cen-ter us, hear us.

*Congregation:*



O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call,



an-swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.



Come and lis-ten to me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Loving and gracious God, trusting in the assurance of your love and grace, we come confessing our sins and shortcomings to you. Despite even our best efforts, we fail to live up to your ideal, and so we stand in need of your mercy. By your grace, forgive us Lord. In your compassion, make us whole. By the power of your Spirit, enable us to forgive others, as you have forgiven us.

*(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions...)*

KYRIE



Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us; Christ, have mer-cy u-pon us;



Lord, have mer-cy u-pon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

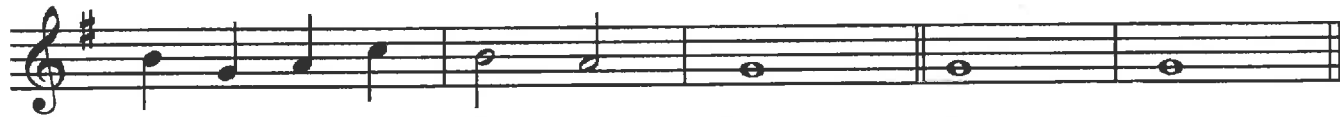
\*DOXOLOGY



Praise God, from Whom all bless - ings flow; praise God all crea-tures



here be - low; praise God a-bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise



Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

ANTHEM

*Cantate Domino*

Hans Leo Hassler

Cantate Domino canticum novum;  
cantate Domino omnis terra.  
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini eius;  
annuntiate de die in diem salutare ejus.  
Annuntiate inter gentes gloriam ejus;  
in omnibus populis mirabilia ejus.

*O sing unto the Lord a new song:  
sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth.  
Sing unto the Lord, and praise his Name:  
be telling of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his honor unto the heathen:  
and his wonders unto all people.*

## Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

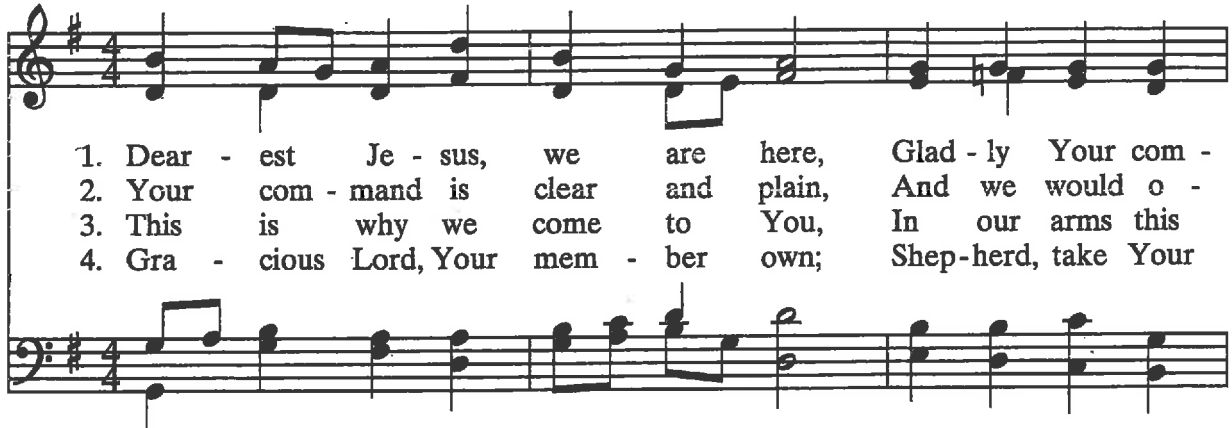
LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8

Benjamin Schmolck, 1704

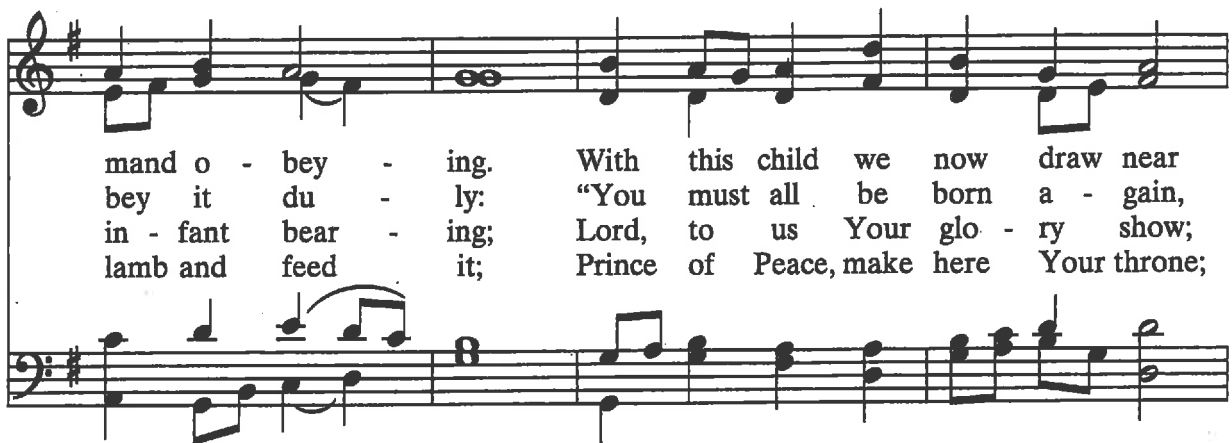
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664

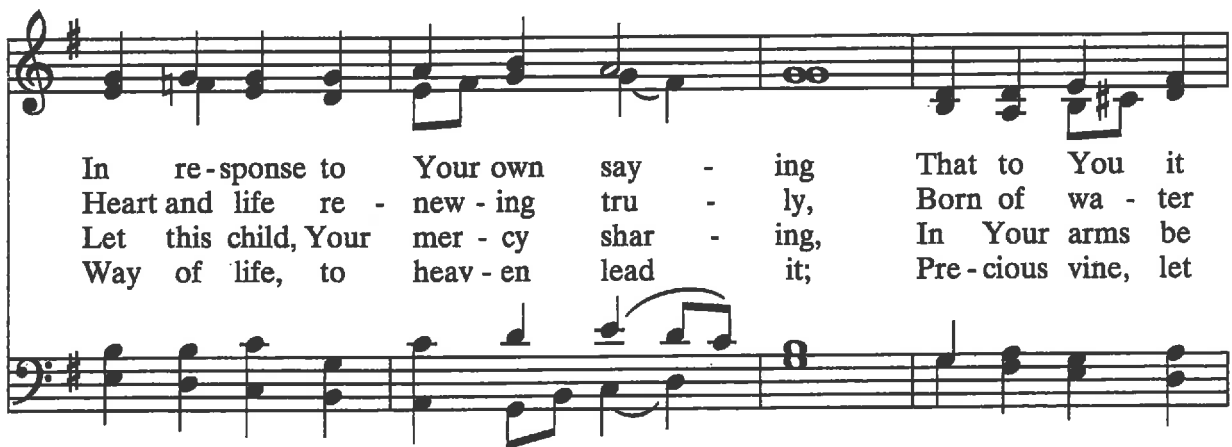
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.



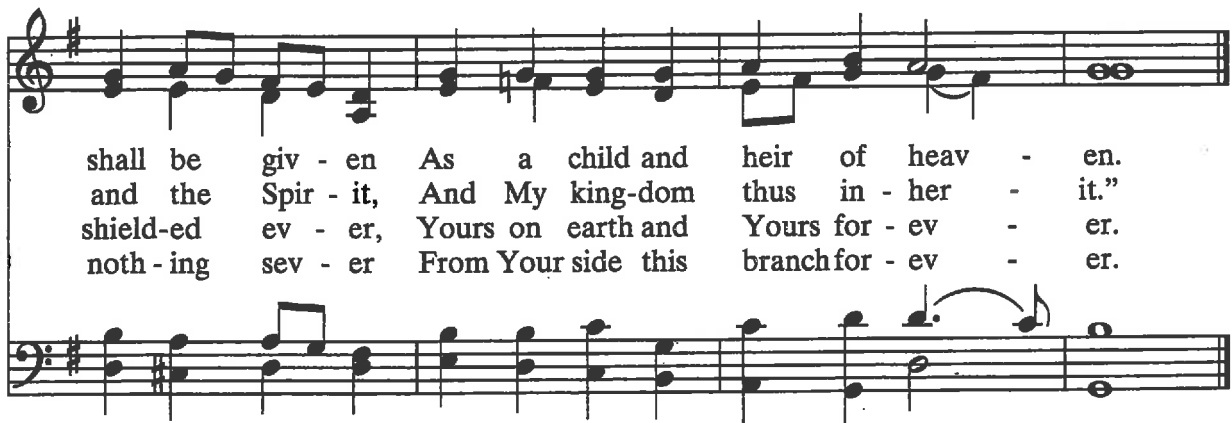
1. Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -  
 2. Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -  
 3. This is why we come to You, In our arms this  
 4. Gra - cious Lord, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your



mand o - bey - ing. With this child we now draw near  
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,  
 in - fant bear - ing; Lord, to us Your glo - ry show;  
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it  
 Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter  
 Let this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be  
 Way of life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious vine, let



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.  
 and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."  
 shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.  
 noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.

## **A Reading from the Gospel According to Matthew**

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. "For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Word of the Lord.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### THE WORD OF GOD

ANTHEM

*Song of Peace*

Jean Sibelius

St Nicholas Choir    Sofia Ardalan, director    Sarah Garner, organist

This is my song, O God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for lands afar and mine;  
This is my home, the country where my heart is,  
Here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;  
But other hearts in other lands are beating  
With hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,  
And sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine.  
But other lands have sunlight, too, and clover,  
And skies are everywhere as blue as mine.  
Oh, hear my song, thou God of all the nations,  
A song of peace for their land and for mine.

*Lloyd Stone*

### THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Congregational Response: Hymn 493 (verses 1 and 4)

Children have the option of staying in the Sunday worship service or exiting after the Baptism to the East Wing for Sunday School.

SCRIPTURE LESSON    Matthew 18:21–35 (NT, p. 20 in pew Bible)

Minister:    The Word of the Lord.

People:    **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*The Power of Forgiveness*

David A. Van Dyke

*"Not seven times, but, I tell you seventy-seven times."*

When the music begins, 5th and 6th graders are invited to exit their pews and walk to Room 17 for their faith formation experience: Tween Transitions.

### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

°HYMN 280

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Amazing Grace

# Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779  
 Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790

*Virginia Harmony*, 1831  
 Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!  
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;  
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;  
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.  
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!  
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.  
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand  
 years,  
 Bright shining as the sun,  
 We've no less days to sing God's praise  
 Than when we'd first begun.

*Choctaw*  
 Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishmminti pulla cha  
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 Is pi yukpalashke

*Kiowa*  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.  
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,  
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

*Cherokee*  
 Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.  
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.  
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,  
 E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

*Creek*  
 Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 Ah non ah cha pa kas  
 Cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 Um e ha ta la yus.

*Navaho*  
 Nizhónígo jooba' diits' a'  
 Yisdáshítinigí,  
 Lah yóóiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,  
 Doo eesh'íí da rít'ée.

*Text:* Phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;  
 Navaho: phonetic transcription by Albert Tsosie.



**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING (Online giving is possible through your smart phone. See p. 8)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Teach Me, O Lord*  
Erika Gesme, alto

William Byrd

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:  
And I shall keep it unto the end.  
Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law:  
Yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

Make me to go in the path of thy commandments:  
For therein is my desire.  
Incline my heart unto thy testimonies:  
And not to covetousness.

O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity:  
And quicken me in thy way.  
O stablish thy word in thy servant:  
That I may fear thee.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, and is now,  
And ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

°OFFERTORY RESPONSE

O God be-yond all prais - ing, we wor-ship you to - day and  
sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can-not re - pay; for we can on-ly  
won-der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at bless-ings with-out num-ber and  
mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait u-pon your  
word, we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might-y Lord.

°PRAYER OF DEDICATION

°RECESSIONAL HYMN 298 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy* In Babilone

°BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Toccata* Eugène Gigout

Carillon Postlude David W. Johnson

\*Late entrants may be seated. °Stand as you are able

**THE HOUSE OF HOPE WELCOMES ALL WHO WORSHIP HERE TODAY.** Refreshments, including fair trade Peace Coffee, are served in the Kirk Parlour following the service.

**PEACE CANDLE.** The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted each day as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayers for peace in the world.

Hearing devices, large print bulletins, and large print hymnals are available. Please ask one of the ushers if you would like these. Hearing devices are located at a table in the Narthex where they can be signed out. Please return the hearing devices to the table after the worship service.

## There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

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Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody  
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God'smer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;

There's a kind-ness in God'sjus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.  
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

## THE COMMUNION TABLE FLOWERS

are in loving memory of  
**Eva Catherine Simpson**

## THE PULPIT FLOWERS

are in loving memory of  
**John B. Davis on the anniversary of his birth**

## — TODAY —

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** is celebrated today for **Julia Marie Erickson**, daughter of Nick and Lisa Erickson. We welcome her into our church family. Elder assisting is Ingrid Verhagen.

We respectfully request that photographs not be taken during the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please help us honor the sacrament and the prayerful attention of the congregation. Photographs may be taken in the sanctuary following the service.

**CHILDCARE.** Modeling Jesus and his words in Mark 10:14 to “let the children come,” **The House of Hope welcomes children** of all ages and their joyful sounds. We also provide sacred spaces each Sunday with professional childcare givers in the following locations: •Infants through 18 months are cared for in the Nursery Room (Room 8). •Toddlers age 18 months through age 3 are cared for in the Toddler Room (Room 2).

**TODAY'S SCHEDULE FOR CHILDREN (Preschool to 4th Grade).** After the Baptism, children are invited to go down the aisle and walk together to the East Wing for Sunday School. Parents, please pick up children in the following locations at 11:15 a.m.: •PreK-Kindergarteners: Room 7 •1st – 2nd Graders: Room 5. •3rd – 4th Graders: Room 1. Parents are required to sign in before worship or after the Baptism.

**GREETERS TODAY** are: Darrel Gubrud, Joyce Nelson, Sue Browne, Helen and Bob Mairs, Susie Williamson, Kit Burch, Marilyn Eklund.

**NEW MEMBER CLASS** will be held this morning in the library at 11:15 a.m. Lunch and child-care will be provided. Those interested in membership need attend only one class. Please attend even if you have not registered.

**KIRK CLUB.** This group for folks age 55 or better meets monthly to enjoy brunch. We will gather today at the Green Mill on Grand and Hamline Avenues at 12:15 p.m. Attorney and House of Hope member, John Zwier is our speaker. Please join us!

**Give today** to help bring hope and healing to families impacted by **HURRICANES HARVEY AND IRMA.** Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is standing by with resources and National Response Team members are ready to deploy upon invitation. If you wish to assist their efforts, you can donate online at [pda.pcusa.org](http://pda.pcusa.org). Send checks to: Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), PO Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA, 15264-3700; or call 1-800-872-3283 to donate by phone. Online gifts made through MyHOH may be designated to the hurricane relief by choosing Other Gift and noting **DR000169-Harvey** in the comment field. Please give generously.

**SEPTEMBER'S CLOISTER GALLERY ART EXHIBIT** features two cousin artists who use two different forms of artistic expression. Mike Wong chooses to take photographs because it's the best way to explore the world he lives in. He tries to reveal moments that are mostly quiet, unnoticed or overlooked. Ben Wong's form is Japanese Ink Painting (Sumi-e), and his works strive to capture the essence or spirit of the subject, whether it be a bird, flower or landscape. **Also, plan to meet the artists at the Artists Reception in the Cloister Gallery TODAY after the church service at 11:15 a.m.**

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**THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**EVENTS: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 — SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

**— VISITORS —**

**THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING TO WORSHIP AT THE HOUSE OF HOPE.** This church welcomes and extends the hospitality of Christ to all people who gather here. The House of Hope is a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and is affiliated with the Covenant Network of Presbyterians... "Toward a church as generous and just as God's grace." Visitors are invited to sign the friendship registration pad during worship. Please look for hospitality greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information and assistance. Gold foil seals may be found in the pew racks; all visitors are encouraged to wear one so that you can be identified as a visitor and receive a personal welcome.

**THINKING ABOUT MEMBERSHIP?** We offer many opportunities for fellowship, worship, learning, and service—for adults, children, and youth. To learn more about the life of this church, come to our **New Member Class today at 11:15 a.m. in the church library.** Lunch and childcare will be provided. The next class will take place on October 15. Those interested in membership need attend only one class. Please make lunch and child care reservations for future classes with Deb Tschida in the church office: (651) 223-7557 or [debt@hohchurch.org](mailto:debt@hohchurch.org).

**— THE WEEK AHEAD —**

**Monday, September 18**

**CENTERING PRAYER** at the House of Hope takes place on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Centering is a form of contemplative prayer. Some might call it meditation. It is a practice of focusing on God, or resting in God, and when thoughts distract us from that intent, it becomes the practice of noticing and returning our focus to God through the use of a sacred word. Many practitioners say that it helps bring more calm even in the most stressful situations and others have noted lower blood pressure among its health benefits. Those in attendance vary each week; all are invited to attend as your schedule allows. Beginners as well as long time practitioners are welcome; there is an introduction to the practice at the beginning of each gathering.

**Tuesday, September 19**

The **TUESDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST GROUP** (Bible Study and Fellowship) meets weekly at 7:00 a.m. at the St. Clair Broiler in Saint Paul. Contact for the Tuesday Men's Breakfast Group: Leo Sawicki, (651) 481-9589, [lbsawicki@comcast.net](mailto:lbsawicki@comcast.net).

**Wednesday, September 20**

**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** resumes at 10 a.m. in the church library. For information, call the church office, 651-227-6311.

**Thursday, September 21**

**THURSDAY MEN'S BREAKFAST** (Discussion and Fellowship) meets at the St. Clair Broiler in Saint Paul at 7 a.m. Contact Bill Liike, [wlliike@aol.com](mailto:wlliike@aol.com) or (651) 224-0361.

**THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** resumes at 9:15 a.m. in the church library (except on the first Thursday, when it is held in the Kirby Lounge). For information, call the church office, 651-227-6311.

**Thursday, September 21** *(continued)*

**CAPITAL CITY GRIEF COALITION** support groups are meeting at Unity Church-Unitarian at 733 Portland Avenue in Saint Paul, September through November at 5:30 p.m. These groups provide education and support for those grieving the death of a loved one. For further information, please contact Lois Knutson at (651) 227-4430.

**Friday, September 22**

**The WOMEN'S BREAKFAST BOOK GROUP** meets Fridays from 7 to 8 a.m. to enjoy breakfast, camaraderie, and lively discussion of scheduled books. We meet in the Kirk Parlour. Guests and newcomers are always welcome. Contacts: Jan Dickinson, (651) 647-1786, or Elly Verhagen, (651) 293-1924. **September 22:** *The Death of Ivan Ilyich*, Leo Tolstoy.

**Sunday, September 24**

**WORSHIP SERVICE** at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary.

**WELCOME TO SUNDAY EXCHANGE.** Join us in a thought-starter conversation on **Sunday September 24**, 11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m. in Room 1. We wonder if you too, think about how to live a moral life as a Christian in a world that seems crazy, polarized and some days, downright fragile. What centers you, anchors you and energizes you to live out your values? No registration is needed – just your presence and your curiosity to explore in conversation how we might learn from each other. Facilitators are Jeanne Bailey and Phil Bolinder. Child care is available.

**GET INVOLVED WITH PROJECT HOME.** A project of Interfaith Action of Greater Saint Paul, Project Home engages area faith communities to provide emergency shelter space and volunteer support for Ramsey County families facing homelessness. For the last 20 years, HOH has hosted 20 emergency shelter beds during the month of October. This October we need your help. We are looking for volunteers—adults and their children—to welcome homeless families into our church. There will be a sign-up table in the Kirk Parlour each Sunday morning or call the church office to register. We are grateful that House of Hope will be a welcoming place to spend the night for those without a home in October. An optional orientation session for both new and past volunteers will be held on **Sunday, September 24** at noon in the Youth Room (take the lower level stairs next to the Assembly Room). If you would like further information, please contact Jenny Stevens at (651) 263-5273, [jnn.stevens@gmail.com](mailto:jnn.stevens@gmail.com) or Dennis Anderson at (651) 730-4003, [dennis-st.paul@q.com](mailto:dennis-st.paul@q.com)

— **UPCOMING** —

**SUNDAY-WEEKDAY CONNECTIONS:** Betty Folliard will kick off the new season of speakers for Sunday-Weekday Connections on **Tuesday, September 26** at 6 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Betty joined the House of Hope earlier this year. A former three-term state legislator, she has worked in the theatre, as a business and political consultant, and as a congressional staffer. **Cost is \$25 per person for the meal and related expenses. For more information, look for the registration table outside the Kirk Parlour after worship beginning September 17**, or call Linda Lane at (651) 690-9661. Reservations can also be made through the Church Office at (651) 227-6311.

**JOY DAVIS' FIRST THURSDAY SEMINAR** will meet in the church library at 9:30 a.m. on **October 5**. Note that this is 30 minutes earlier than usual. We will discuss Guy de Maupassant's short story, *Ball of Fat* in his *Selected Short Stories* collection that attendees have purchased.

**SAVE THE DATE!** On **November 2 and 4**, **THE MOTET CHOIR** will present a 20th Anniversary Concert of Stephen Paulus's church opera *The Three Hermits*. The opera features a libretto by Michael Dennis Browne based on a short story by Leo Tolstoy. *The Three Hermits* gave birth to one of the most well known choral works of the late twentieth century, *The Pilgrim's Hymn*, which has been performed thousands of times around the world. The concert will be conducted by Matt Culloton and features many of the same instrumentalists who premiered the work twenty years ago. The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. on both November 2 and 4. The concert will take place in the sanctuary at House of Hope and is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

**HARVEST OF HOPE BASH - Friday, November 3, 2017, 5:30 p.m.** Please join us for a very special evening of good food, music, games and live and silent auctions as we raise much needed funds to support local non-profit organizations. Register now at [www.hohchurch.org/bash](http://www.hohchurch.org/bash) or look for us at a table near the Kirk Parlour on Sundays after worship. We'll be there to help with sign up, take donations and answer questions. An important way to help with the success of the evening is to donate an auction item. We are in need of items such as: seats at music, sporting or theatre events, offers of a 'backstage tour', a stay at a lakeside cabin, instruction in something you're good at (music lessons, wood carving, knitting, pie making, etc.), gifts cards--you get the idea. Together our faith and generosity make the world better.

Please join us for **YOGA IN THE MEETING HOUSE**. Laura Merriam has been teaching yoga at House of Hope for 10 years and always welcomes new members. She teaches yoga that is designed for all levels and no previous experience is necessary. We meet on Wednesdays at 5:45 p.m. and on Fridays at 12:30 p.m. for an hour on the third floor of the Meeting House. Classes are free. Please contact Laura at [lcmerriam@msn.com](mailto:lcmerriam@msn.com) to register or if you have questions.

**THE HOUSE OF HOPE SUNDAY SERIES - DR. JILL BIDEN**, wife of Vice President Joe



Biden, will be our Sunday Series speaker on **October 22, 2017**. She is a mother and grandmother, a lifelong educator, a proud military mom, and an active member of her community. As Second Lady, Dr. Biden worked to bring attention to the sacrifices made by military families, to highlight the importance of community colleges to America's future, and to raise awareness around areas of particular importance to women, including breast cancer prevention, all while continuing to teach as a full-time English professor at a community college in Northern Virginia. She also has two Master's Degrees — both of which

she earned while working and raising a family. She earned her Doctorate in Education from the University of Delaware in January of 2007. **All Sunday Series events take place in the sanctuary at 2 p.m., and are free and open to the public.**



We are **SEEKING VOLUNTEER DRIVERS** for two 15-passenger vans for various short trips to local sites (all within close proximity of The House of Hope) from **September 24–27**. The riders will be pastors from Presbyterian churches around the country. They are friends of David Van Dyke and members of his clergy group. There will be daytime and evening trips. We are also looking for people who would be willing to **host some of these guests in their homes** and provide minimal transportation for them to and from church. All of the guests' meals have been arranged at church or elsewhere, and the guests will be occupied all day and evening during their stay. If you can assist with either of these needs, or if you have questions, please contact Teddy Altman at (651) 223-7541 or teddyz@hohchurch.org.

**WEEK BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**  
**Sunday, September 17, 2017**

- 9:00 a.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
  - 9:15 a.m. Choir School, Choir School Room
  - 9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 and 8
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
  - 10:15 a.m. Godly Play, Rooms 4, 5 and 7
  - 10:15 a.m. Sunday Studio, Room 12
  - 10:20 a.m. Tween Transitions, Room 17
  - 11:15 a.m. Middle School, Middle School Room
  - 11:15 a.m. High School, Youth Room
  - 11:15 a.m. New Member Class, Library
  - 12:00 p.m. Worship, Sacraments, and Music Committee Meeting, Kirby Lounge
  - 12:15 p.m. Kirk Club, Green Mill on Hamline and Grand
- Monday, September 18, 2017**
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin deadline
  - 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
  - 6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall
  - 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Youth Room
- Tuesday, September 19, 2017**
- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, St. Clair Broiler
  - 6:00 p.m. Session Meeting, Kirk Parlour

**Wednesday, September 20, 2017**

- 10:00 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Library
- 1:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training, Room 1
- 4:00 p.m. Adult Education Meeting, Room 9
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing
- 4:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Library
- 5:45 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Minister Continuing Ed and Supervision, Rooms 1 and 6
- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
- 7:15 p.m. Bell Choir Bell Choir Room

**Thursday, September 21, 2017**

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Breakfast, St. Clair Broiler
- 9:15 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study, Library
- 1:00 p.m. Library Committee, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Support Groups, Unity Church-Unitarian

**Friday, September 22, 2017**

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Kirk Parlour
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:30 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House

**Sunday, September 24, 2017**

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
David A. Van Dyke, preaching

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**Office Hours**

Monday and Wednesday: 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.  
 Friday: 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday: Closed. Sunday: 9 a.m. to 12 noon