



SUNDAY SERIES

Michael Eric Dyson | May 20, 2 p.m.

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, an American Book Award recipient and NAACP Image Award winner, is one of the nation's most influential public intellectuals. The *Philadelphia Weekly* contends that Dyson "is reshaping what it means to be a public intellectual by becoming the most visibly black academic of his time."

Most recently, he published *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America*. A *New York Times*, *Los Angeles Times*, and *Washington Post* bestseller. The book has been hailed as a provocative analysis of modern-day race relations. Later this year, Dr. Dyson will release the book *What Truth Sounds Like: Robert F. Kennedy,*

James Baldwin, and Our Unfinished Conversation About Race in America, which explores intersections between race and democracy.

Dr. Dyson is Professor at Georgetown University where he received widespread attention for his course "Sociology of Hip-Hop: Jay-Z." His legendary rise—from welfare father to Princeton Ph.D., from church pastor to college professor, from factory worker who didn't start college until he was 21 to someone Naomi Wolf terms "the ideal public intellectual of our time"—may help explain why author Nathan McCall calls him "a street fighter in suit and tie."



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Stephen Ministry Commissioning March 2018

House of Hope is one of more than 12,000 congregations with Stephen Ministry worldwide. Since 1975, more than 600,000 Stephen Ministers have been trained, providing care to millions of people in need.

The Stephen Ministry program was founded over 40 years ago by a pastor who was also trained as a therapist. Three things form the foundation of this

program: 50 hours of training, confidentiality, and ongoing group supervision while Stephen Ministers are involved in caregiving. The inherent discipline and intent keep it healthy.

There is an additional level of love and caring within our congregation since the introduction of the Stephen Ministry program. In this particular ministry, we pair strangers together to do tender,

close work. It's called a process ministry, in that the relationship's goal is for the Stephen Minister to help the Care Receiver move through a time of grief or struggle, such as experiencing divorce, job loss, chronic or terminal illness, or other life crises. In this ministry, as in our church life and all of life, spiritual growth happens for both the caregiver and receiver. It is a wonderful thing to behold.

We have cared for one another in many ways within the House of Hope congregation for many, many years. We encourage you to continue to "serve and welcome" fellow congregants and community members through caring outreach.

For more information about being a caregiver or a care receiver, contact Pastor Julia Carlson at (651) 223-7553 or JuliaC@hohchurch.org. Learn more about Stephen Ministries and the resources it offers at stephenministers.org.

Happy April Fool's Day and Eastertide!

Reverend Julia A. Carlson



"For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to

Gentiles but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God."

(1 Corinthians 1: 22–2)

For years I described Christians as "an Easter people." A few years ago, I looked up the etymology of "Easter" and found it comes from the name of the Germanic goddess of spring. Though it is a fitting idea, its origins are clearly pagan; the Christian church purloined and converted this word to express the spring-like power of God to raise the dead to new life.

In our time, many Christian words, seasons, and practices are likewise being turned to other usages. Easter, like Christmas, has been picked up by retailers and restaurateurs and is used to sell us on spring apparel and brunch. Both of which can be fun and delicious ...

and temporary. In this age, many are just as likely to feel saved by a good therapist, financial planner, or physician. We can be more easily converted to a new way of being by a TED Talk or the latest food science or exercise program.

Throughout history, some have thought it foolish to look beyond the coming of spring to find a Creator behind and infusing it all. Some think it is too harsh to think of wrongs as sin with a need for repentance. To trust in an invisible Power for good rather than all the promises of empire may seem reckless.

Maybe Easter has finally found its day. Paul wrote about an illogical and foolish love worth dying for, so I tend now to say, "We are people of the Resurrection." People of the Resurrection live into that love; people of the Resurrection live into this rash idea that God's love is the hope of the world. Cornel West once said, "You can't lead the people if you don't love the people. You can't save people if you don't serve people." It sounds crazy, but I'm in.

See you in church,
Julia



Transitional Pastor Update

We welcome the Reverend Dr. Andrew McDonald as Transitional Pastor/Head of Staff beginning April 1. The appointment of Rev. Dr. McDonald marks the second phase of transition for House of Hope.

Rev. Dr. McDonald previously served as the Senior Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Lincoln, NE. He holds a Master's Degree in Religious Ethics from Vanderbilt, a Master of Divinity from Yale University, and a Doctor of Ministry from McCormick Theological Seminary. Connecting faith with ethics is a passion of Rev. Dr. McDonald.

The role of a transitional pastor is to guide the church as it refocuses on its life and ministry and prepares to receive a new pastor. The transitional process is a proven path that builds unity and promotes fellowship.

Please join us in welcoming him on April 8 after the worship service.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, April 1

Easter

7:30, 9, and 11 a.m.

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald, preaching
Brunch following the 7:30 a.m. service

Motet Choir (9 and 11 a.m.)

Sanctus, Bach

This is the Day, Anonymous

St. Nicholas Choir

This Joyful Eastertide, arr. Bullard

Sunday, April 8

Second Sunday of Easter

Motet Choir

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, Martin

Make a Joyful Noise, Mathias

Sunday, April 15

Third Sunday of Easter

Motet Choir

We Wait for thy Loving Kindness, McKie

Exsultate Just, Viadana

St. Cecilia and St. Nicholas Choirs

Allelulia, Ford

Sunday, April 22

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Motet Choir

Agnus Dei (Mass for Four Voices), Byrd

With a Voice of Singing, Jennings

St. Nicholas Choir

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying,

Medema

Sunday, April 29

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Motet Choir

Give Us the Wings of Faith, Bullock

Exultate Deo, Scarlatti

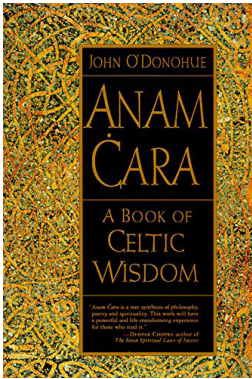
St. Nicholas Choir

With a Voice of Singing, Shaw



Recommended Spiritual Read

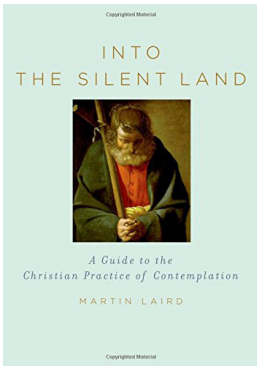
Chosen by Reverend Julia A. Carlson



Anam Cara: A Book of Celtic Wisdom

by John O'Donohue

Irish poet, scholar, philosopher and theologian, John O'Donohue wrote, "The earth is full of soul." This book speaks directly to our souls about friendship and belonging. Writing in short sections that allows for its use as a daily meditation, he elucidates spiritual presence in the intimate, the mysterious, and in love. O'Donohue speaks about finding meaning in life and living with purpose. He says, "Everything that happens to you has the potential to deepen you," which is a promise to help us find wisdom in our own seeking, hoping, and finding.



Suggested book on prayer

Into the Silent Land: A Guide to the Christian Practice of Meditation

by Martin Laird

Sitting in stillness, the practice of meditation, and the cultivation of awareness are commonly thought to be the preserves of Hindus and Buddhists. Martin Laird shows that the Christian tradition of contemplation has its own refined teachings on using a prayer word to focus the mind, working with the breath to cultivate stillness, and the practice of inner vigilance or awareness.

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Thank you for the positive response to the Recommended Spiritual Read and Poem of the Month features. Now it is your turn. Do you have a poem or book to share with other House of Hope members? We invite you to consider your favorites and send one or two for possible inclusion in future issues of The Anchor. Please send suggestions to Pastor Julia Carlson, JuliaC@hohchurch.org.

Stewardship 2018: Give, Serve, Welcome, Grow Ways to Serve in April

- Thank a Stephen Minister. Consider becoming one.
- Donate to One Great Hour of Sharing.
- Submit your 2018 pledge, if you have not already. Your participation is needed.
- Increase your 2018 pledge if you are able.



Easter Blessing

by Jan Richardson

If you are looking
for a blessing,
do not linger
here.

Here
is only
emptiness,
a hollow,
a husk
where a blessing
used to be.

This blessing
was not content
in its confinement.

It could not abide
its isolation,
the unrelenting silence,
the pressing stench
of death.

So if it is
a blessing
that you seek,
open your own
mouth.

Fill your lungs
with the air
that this new
morning brings

and then
release it
with a cry.

Hear how the blessing
breaks forth
in your own voice

how your own lips
form every word
you never dreamed
to say.

See how the blessing
circles back again
wanting you to
repeat it
but louder

how it draws you
pulls you
sends you
to proclaim
its only word:

risen
risen
risen.

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Adult Education

Great Decisions

April 10, 4 p.m. | Kirk Parlour U.S. Global Engagement and the Military with Speaker Jon R. Olson

The global power balance is rapidly evolving, leaving the United States at a turning point with respect to its level of engagement and the role of its military. Some argue for an "America First" paradigm, while others call for a more assertive posture overseas. Some advocate for a restoration of American multilateral leadership and a strengthened role for diplomacy, while others envision a restrained U.S. role. How does the military function in today's international order?

Jon Olson is a retired U.S. Navy Commander. He is a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy and holds an M.A. in National Security and Strategic Studies from the U.S. Naval War College. He teaches at Carleton College and Metropolitan State University.

Adult Education

April 22 and April 29, 11:15 a.m.

Macalester College Professor Calvin Roetzel will speak about two people who helped shape the New Testament.

April 22 Alexander the Great

April 29 The Apostle Paul

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, April 24, 6 p.m.

Sunday-Weekday Connections brings together House of Hope women for food, fellowship, and stimulating conversation. In April, we will gather to hear from Ginger Overbye. Ginger is a long-time member of House of Hope, having joined the church when she was in high school, more than 60 years ago. She has served the congregation as a trustee,

helped host Get Acquainted Dinners, and volunteered for Project Home. She has been very active in community organizations, including the Children's Hospital Board and Rotary Club. In June, Ginger will celebrate 40 years as a realtor. "I'm very social," she says. "I love meeting people and helping them." In her spare time, she enjoys traveling, reading, and spending time with her husband, Jack, three children, 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

All women of the church and their guests are welcome to attend. The cost is \$25 per person. This will be the last gathering until next fall. Register at the table outside the Kirk Parlour after worship beginning April 8 or call the church office.

Sunday Exchange

April 29 at 11:15 a.m.

Join us the last Sunday of every month for an informal conversation about life and faith. This month we will discuss: *Do good to those who persecute me? If someone forces me to go one mile, go an extra mile? In theory, yes, but in practice? No preparation is required. We will meet in Room 1, on the east end of the building. Childcare is available.*



Celtic Spiritual Pilgrimage to Ireland September 12-21

HOH members are invited to a pilgrimage to see the beauty of Ireland and experience Celtic spirituality, music, dance, and hospitality. The trip will provide time to gather and learn, as well as quiet time to nurture our hearts and souls.

Please contact Reverend Julia Carlson for more information at (651) 223-7553 or JuliaC@hohchurch.org. We welcome your registration and your deposit as soon as possible. Thank you.



Spotlight on Sunday Exchange

A Conversation About Faith and Life

Has this ever happened to you? You're out with a few people for a social evening when someone tells a story and, suddenly, you're launched into a conversation about how faith intersects with life—or maybe doesn't. Nothing deeply theological or too scary, simply talking about something you've thought about but don't normally discuss. Maybe on the way home, you might think to yourself, "That was good. I could use more of that."

It's a fact. We need this kind of connection and conversation in our lives. We've got a lot of good information in our

heads about church and God, about what we're supposed to do or feel. But we don't tend to talk much about how that information fits—or doesn't fit—in our actual lives.

That's what Sunday Exchange is for. It's an opportunity to sit down with a cup of coffee and a few other people to talk about how our beliefs actually work in the real world. No preparation is required. Just a group of people, sharing honestly about our lives and commitments, with a leader to help facilitate the conversation. Why not give it a try?

Housing Update

Beacon Interfaith is a collaborative of congregations committed to ending homelessness through housing, shelter, and advocacy. House of Hope is proud to be a participating congregation. Prior Crossing is a powerful example of one of our joint housing efforts.

Beacon 2018 Legislative Campaign | April 15 at 3 p.m.

Community members will meet with legislators at First Universalist Church in Minneapolis to discuss affordable housing and advocate for \$140 million of state bonding to build and preserve affordable homes. This strategy has been shown to work as the number of affordable homes in the Twin Cities increased by 50 percent after legislature approved \$100 million of bonds in 2014. To find out if your legislator has agreed to attend this meeting and learn more about it, check the list of legislators at the Peace & Justice table after church on April 1, 8, or 15. You may also sign up to attend the meeting and advocate.

Beacon Congregational Convening | June 21

The second convening of 2018 will include members from congregations across the metro and suburban communities to celebrate success and share stories and data to help determine how to influence decisions that will provide more access to housing, such as how to influence the legislature to approve bonding dollars and the best locations for new affordable, supportive housing.

We would like to have at least 10 people from House of Hope attend the next convening. If you want to learn what it's like, Mike Nord, Lee Jamison, Elise Jamison, Jeanne Bailey, and Jack Sjöholm have been at a previous session. It is a great way to learn what communities of faith can do together to establish an action plan to end homelessness.



Cooking up Self-Sufficiency at Prior Crossing

House of Hope offered a cooking class at Prior Crossing on February 23. We also delivered crockpots, cookbooks, and \$50 gift cards to the residents.

Chef Lori Gordon was our teacher extraordinaire. She specializes in teaching college kids how to cook and is the author of a cookbook for teens. Chef Lori prepared shopping lists to accompany the gift cards that were designed to help residents stock their kitchens with spices, a cutting board, a good knife, and other basics for meal preparation.

Thank you to House of Hope member Peter Kramer for introducing us to Chef Lori. She was the perfect fit for our night of teaching life skills at Prior Crossing. Your generous donations will have an ongoing impact for residents.

Upcoming at Prior Crossing

A House of Hope member has generously offered to hire a certified yoga instructor to teach a series of yoga classes this spring. We've received an enthusiastic response to this first-of-its-kind offering at Prior Crossing. In addition, the Prior Crossing Committee is looking for a member to help the Prior Crossing vegetable garden thrive this summer. Please contact Caroline Stone at chws@mac.com if you're interested in this project or have ideas about other ways to support Prior Crossing residents.

Upcoming Recitals



Bine Bryndorf | April 6, 7:30 p.m.

House of Hope and Minnesota Public Radio will present Danish organist Bine Bryndorf on the Fisk pipe organ. Ms. Bryndorf is Professor of Organ at the Royal Danish Academy of Music and is president of the International Organ Competition in Odense. Her recordings

of the complete works of Dieterich Buxtehude (Da Capo label) have won rave reviews. Ms. Bryndorf studied with Daniel Roth in Paris and with William Porter in Boston. This event is free and open to the public.

Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series | April 8, 4 p.m.

This recital will feature flute and oboe sonatas of George Frederick Handel. Organist Aaron David Miller will be joined by Flutist Barbara Leibundguth and Oboist Sarah Carmack. Handel's woodwind sonatas are known as some of his most expressive instrumental works. This event is free and open to the public.



Children, Youth, and Family Programming

Wednesday Story Time

Wednesdays, 10:30–11 a.m.

Children, birth–PreK (4-year-olds), and their parents are invited to story time at Red Balloon Bookshop, located at 891 Grand Avenue, St. Paul. Story time is free to the public. Note: Story time is scheduled on April 4, but House of Hope staff will not be present on that date.

Tween GLOW Party

Friday, April 13, 6–7:30 p.m.

Fourth–sixth graders (and their friends) are invited to our final tweens event for the school year: a GLOW Party at House of Hope. We will meet in Dining Rooms A & B to create black light reactive art and enjoy dinner. We will play glow-in-the-dark or black light reactive games, including capture the flag and 9-square. The cost is \$20, which includes dinner, art supplies, and a t-shirt. Scholarships are available as needed. RSVP to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by April 11. Note your child's t-shirt size and any food allergies.

Creative Expressions

April 15, 22, 29, 11:15 a.m.–noon

PreK (4-year-olds)–fifth graders are invited to our new visual arts ministry offering on Sundays in Room 4. Artwork created during this program will be selected by the artists to hang in the Cloister Gallery in May.

Schedule on Easter Sunday

On Easter Sunday, nursery will be available for children, birth–3 years old, during the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services. Children, PreK (4 years old)–first grade, are invited to Sunday school in Room 4 after the Time for Children. Children, second–sixth grade, are welcome to remain in worship with their families. Worship bags or children's activities will be available at all Sanctuary entrances.

Easter Egg Hunts

Sunday, April 1 | 10:15 a.m.

Children of all ages are welcome to join us for an indoor Easter egg hunt. Adult supervision is highly recommended. Egg hunts will take place in the following locations:

Room 2: Infants–3-year-olds
Room 7: PreK–K
Room 5: First–second graders
Room 6: Third–fourth graders
Children's Library: Fifth graders

Summer Family Camp

Friday, June 8–Sunday, June 10

Families are invited to Clearwater Forest for family camp. The cost is \$60 per person, which includes meals and lodging. Scholarship money is available. Online registration is open as of March 1. Login to MyHOH and select available registrations to get started.

Save the Dates

April 1: Easter Egg Hunt, 10:15 a.m.

April 13: Tween Glow Party from 6–7:30 p.m.

May 6: Bible Presentation to 4-year-olds during 10 a.m. worship service

May 11: Parents Night Out, 5–9 p.m.

May 20: Children's Ministry Volunteer Recognition Party at 11:15 a.m.

May 27: Summer Studio Begins

June 8–10: Clearwater Forest Family Camp

June 18–21: Summer Camp in the City from 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Summer Camp in the City

June 18–June 21, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

The cost is \$60 per person with scholarship money available. Online registration is open. Login to MyHOH and select available registrations to get started.

April Sunday School

- No Sunday school for second–sixth graders on April 1.
- Children are always welcome in worship. Worship bags and books are available at all Sanctuary entrances.
- Nursery is available for children, ages birth–3 years old, from 9:45 a.m.–noon.
- Godly Play is available for children, PreK (4 years old)–second grade. This month children will talk about Jesus and the Twelve, the Synagogue and the Upper Room, and the Circle of the Holy Eucharist.
- Sunday Studio is available for third and fourth graders in Room 4. This month children will explore post-resurrection and early church stories as presented by the Dwell Curriculum.
- Tween Transitions is available for fifth and sixth graders. This month Tween Transitions will meet on April 15, 22, and 29.
- PreK (4-year-olds)–fourth graders will meet in Room 4 for a one-room Sunday school ministry offering on April 8.



Choir School Save the Date

May 13, 2 p.m.

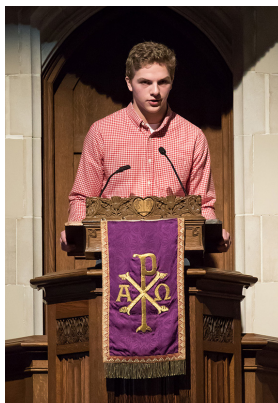
Choir School Spring Concert: "We are the Music Makers"

May 20, 11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Early Registration for Choir School

Youth Sunday

House of Hope youth led the worship service on Youth Sunday. Roland Berg and Ellie Findell delivered sermons. Lucy Minner, Kate Thomas, and Liz Bolsoni read scripture. Merete Nelson, Ridley Nelson, and Tyson Sanders were acolytes. Thomas Minner, Eric Boylan, and Abe Thompson led the Time for Children. The Choir School provided beautiful music.



Godly Play Moment

Last week when I dropped our boys off in their Godly Play classroom, I saw both of them instinctively run over to the church “calendar” on the wall. This calendar is a round circle with colored squares representing the different seasons of the church year. For example, we know that the white square at the top with the gold star is Christmas. One son exclaimed upon entering the room, “The arrow is in the wrong place! We’re not on Christmas, we’ve started Lent—we have to move the arrow to Lent.” And in turn, they did, right away.

The Godly Play materials create this inner knowledge in children. They allow for

the stories that make up Christianity to come from within. Stories are shared each week with materials that represent the concepts, but they leave ample room for the child’s imagination. This allows children to internalize the message in their own way.

Each week when kids enter the room, they see the stories on the shelves—like friends—waiting to be told and explored. As a parent and a Godly Play storyteller volunteer, I am so pleased with House of Hope’s investment in the Godly Play curriculum for our young ones.

Written with love, Caroline Stone

CLOISTER GALLERY



Watercolor Artist David R. Smith March 27–April 30

David Smith is a nationally-awarded artist, Signature Member of the American Watercolor Society, and popular watercolor instructor and juror. His works have been displayed in galleries across the country and in magazines and books, most recently *SPLASH 18 The Best of Watercolor*.

David enjoys the challenge of working in harmony with a fluid medium. By providing the proper environment, surrendering some control, and working with the medium, the most beautiful results occur naturally. To convey a feeling of aliveness, David uses techniques such as working wet into wet, glazing, pouring, spattering, and spraying.

Depicting a subject in great light, capitalizing on contrast, and showcasing the jewels that happen naturally keep David eager to paint his next creation.

For workshop information or to see more of his paintings, visit: dsmithfineart.com.

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The Didier Seminar May 18, 2018

6:30 p.m. – Social Hour

7:30–7:45 – Remarks, Tributes, and Toasts

7:45 p.m. – Lecture by Dr. Andrew Overman

Celebrate The Didier Seminar's 20th anniversary as we welcome back inaugural speaker Dr. J. Andrew Overman. He will reflect on the last two decades of groundbreaking archeological research and discoveries in a lecture titled: *When Stones Speak: Digging Deeper into Jesus Movements, Formative Judaism, and the Rise and Expansion of Islam*.

Dr. Overman is the recipient of the esteemed Thomas Jefferson Award and is The Harry M. Drake Distinguished Professor of Humanities and Fine Arts at Macalester College. He specializes in religion and culture in the Greco-Roman world. Dr. Overman also leads an excavation project of a temple in Galilee.



*"By reaching back we learn
about ourselves and how
we might live together
more effectively."*

— Dr. Andrew Overman