

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Her father told her, 'What you promise when you are confirmed is not that you will believe this forever. What you promise when you are confirmed is that this is the story you will wrestle with forever.' "

- Lauren Winner, *Still*

Confirmation Sunday | May 6, 2018 10 a.m.

Welcome

House of Hope welcomes all who worship here today. Our caring and active community welcomes you. We extend the hospitality of Christ to all who gather here.

Today's Worship

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, fellowship, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our greeters or ushers will be glad to help you. **We invite you to join us for refreshments**, including fair trade coffee, served in the Kirk Parlour following the service.

Professional childcare is provided for infants through age 3 from 9:30 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. in the East wing.

- Infants to 18 months | Room 8
- Toddlers 19 months to 3 years | Room 2
- PreK through 4th grade are invited to the East Wing after the Time for Children.
- 5th and 6th graders may remain in worship after the sermon.
- Creative Expressions (PreK through 5th grade) | Room 4 at 11:15 a.m.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available from ushers. Hearing devices can be signed out from the table in the Narthex. Ushers are available for assistance. Please return the hearing device after worship.

Live broadcasts and audio versions of worship services are available at hohchurch.org. Copies of past sermons are available at the church's Welcome Centers and in the rack across from the Assembly Room.

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.

The yellow Pastoral Concerns cards provide a way to alert the staff to the pastoral care needs of the congregation. Please use them, and place them in the offering plate or give them to a minister. This is a way to keep us informed about the life of our members.

If you would like a pastor to call on you in the hospital, or if you are ill at home and would like a visit, please call the church office at (651) 227-6311, to let us know. If you know someone else in the congregation who could benefit from a visit, please contact the church.

Are you visiting?

Thank you for choosing to worship at House of Hope. Guests are invited to sign the Friendship registration pad. Please include an email or street address so we can tell you about worship, mission, and events at The House of Hope. Please look for hospitality greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in G Major, BWV 550..... J.S. Bach
Aaron David Miller, organist

Introit

To You, Almighty Maker, God Aaron David Miller
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

* + Processional Hymn 554

Let All Things Now Living..... Ash Grove

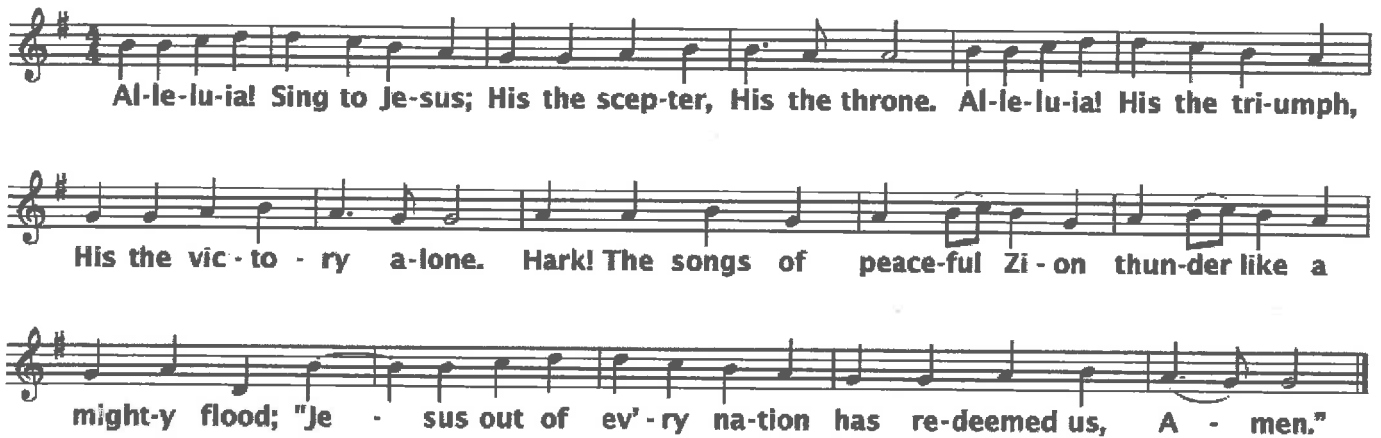
+ Eastertide Call to Worship — Philippians 2:5–11 — Doug Snaza

Speaker: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

All: Christ Jesus,
though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess to the glory of God:
Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

* + Eastertide Response



Al-le-lu-ia! Sing to Je-sus; His the scep-ter, His the throne. Al-le-lu-ia! His the triumph,
His the vic-to-ry a-lone. Hark! The songs of peace-ful Zi-on thun-der like a
might-y flood; "Je-sus out of ev'-ry na-tion has re-deemed us, A-men."

Anthem

Exsultate Deo Alessandro Scarlatti

Exsultate Deo adjutori nostro;
Jubilate Deo Jacob. Alleluia.

*Sing to the Lord, all ye lands;
Sing praise to the God of Jacob. Alleluia!*

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

The Father's Love Simon Lole

St Nicholas Choir, Sofia Ardalan, conductor; Marilyn Ampe, pianist

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Remain in my love.

This is my commandment that ye love one another, as I have loved you.

God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

If you keep my commandments, and you love one another, your joy will be complete.

—John 15:9-12

Time for Children — Kiera Stegall

Rising - Kindergarten Bible Presentation

(PreK–4th grade have the option of staying in the Sunday worship service or exiting after the Time for Children to the East Wing.)

Scripture Lesson

Luke 2:1-7 (NT, p. 58 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon — Jeffrey T. Foels

The House and Family

(Fifth and Sixth Graders may remain in worship following the sermon.)

————— **THE RESPONSE TO GOD** —————

+ Hymn 60

Silent Night, Holy Night *Stille Nacht*

Presentation of the Confirmands

The Sacrament of Baptism and The Rite of Confirmation

+ Affirmation of Faith

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.

Laying on of Hands

Confirmation Prayer 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 available. See back cover.)

Offertory Anthem

Herr, wir trau'n auf deine Güte, Op. 96, No. 3 Felix Mendelssohn

Allison Eckberg, alto soloist

Herr, wir trau'n auf deine Güte,
die uns rettet wunderbar,
singen dir mit frommen Liede,
danken freudig immerdar.

*Lord, we trust in your goodness,
which saves us wonderfully,
we sing to thee thy with pious song,
rejoicing always thankful in thy love.*

Lasst sein heilig Lob uns singen,
lasst uns seiner Liebe freu'n,
seiner Liebe ewig freu'n!

*Let us sing his holy praises,
Let us rejoice in his love,
Rejoice in his love forever.*

+ 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 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing *Lift Every Voice*

+ Benediction

Postlude

March..... Felix Mendelssohn

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

Today's Greeters

Liz Sanson, Bill and Joan Frank, Kathe and Phil Bolinder, Larry Nelson, Patrick Boylan

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Sophie Hunter, Ellie VanderHaar, and Riley Vanderhaar. We welcome them into our church family.

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.

Today is **Confirmation Sunday**, the culmination of a year of study, prayer and work on the part of our confirmation students, teachers, parents, and mentors. The class members have made an important decision, to become adult members of the congregation at this time. On May 5, they read their statements of faith to the Session, who examined them and received them into full membership of the church, pending their confirmation morning. Please greet the students in the Kirk Parlour following the service. Congratulations to the Confirmation Class of 2018: Eric Boylan, Sophie Hunter, Will Kaatz, Joey Kottke, Addie Merriam, Thomas Minner, Claire Stephan, Abe Thompson, Ellie VanderHaar, Riley Vanderhaar, and Beck Westrem.

The Session has called a **Meeting of the Congregation** for Sunday, May 20, immediately following the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the sanctuary, for the purpose of voting on adopting the recommendations contained in the Trustee Property Work Group's document for the proposed sale of the Manse, Meeting House, and the lot between.

The **Ordination and Installation of Officers** will be held during worship on Sunday, May 20. All newly elected officers are required to attend.

Upcoming Events:

The Didier Seminar

May 18, 2018 | 6:30 p.m.

Dr. J. Andrew Overman, speaker

Macalester College Professor

Topic: *When Stones Speak: Digging Deeper into Jesus Movements, Formative Judaism, and the Rise and Expansion of Islam*

(Didier registration at www.hohchurch.org

or outside the Kirk Parlour on Sundays May 6 and 13)

Sunday Series

May 20, 2018 | 2:00 p.m.

Dr. Michael Eric Dyson, speaker

Georgetown University Professor

and New York Times Best Selling Author of *Tears We Cannot Stop: A Sermon to White America* (No registration required.)

A book signing will follow in the Kirk Parlour, and books are available for purchase onsite.

**Both events are free and all are welcome.
Visit www.hohchurch.org for more information.**

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

May 6 -13, 2018

Elizabeth Chapel Organ Concert. Today, at 4 p.m., the Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series will present a concert of early organ works by Johann Sebastian Bach. Organist Aaron David Miller will feature compositions that were written by Bach when he was in his teens and early twenties. It is a fascinating portrait of Bach as a developing musician. The concert is free and open to the public. A reception will follow in the Kirk Parlour.

Cloister Gallery Children's Art Exhibit: May 1-June 4, 2018. Children Artists (up through High School). Creative Expressions made art will also be exhibited.

Upcoming

Centering Prayer at the House of Hope takes place on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour. To learn more about Centering Prayer and enhance our practice, we are reading *Manifesting God* by Thomas Keating at 10:15 a.m. Our practice of Centering Prayer still begins at 11:00.

Ice Cream Social. Enjoy the unofficial start of summer on May 20 following worship, featuring special music from the carillon.

Adult Enrichment. Sunday May 20 at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room will feature former House of Hope Associate Pastor Josh Heikkila on Ministry in Ghana. Josh serves West Africa as a PCUSA Mission Co-worker. He will share stories and pictures from his work in West Africa.

Summer Camp Registration. Summer is on its way! Stop by the summer camp registration table in the east wing to learn more about Clearwater Forest Family Camp on June 8 - 10 and Summer Camp in the City on June 18 - 21.

Update: House of Hope Pajama Party for Kids has been postponed and will be rescheduled for the Fall. For questions please contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org.

Garden Volunteers are needed. Interest and queries: houseofhopegarden@gmail.com or see Elizabeth Karre.

Great Decisions meets on Tuesday, May 8, at 4 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Ross Wilson, a former U.S. Ambassador to Turkey and Azerbaijan, will speak on the topic: *Turkey - A Partner in Crisis*. All are welcome to attend.

Senior Recognition Sunday is next week. We will recognize our graduating high school students during the service, and the table in the Kirk Parlour will be set up with their pictures and plans for the next year. There will also be cards and bags where you can write notes of encouragement and congratulations.

Choir School Spring Concert. Sunday, May 13 at 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary, The House of Hope Choir School presents *We Are The Music Makers*, an exciting program of music spanning from 16th century sacred anthems to 19th century opera to Broadway. Come hear the beautiful voices of our choristers celebrating music and singing.

Choir School Registration.

Sunday, May 20, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Choir School offers outstanding music education and choral training to all children PreK-grade 12. No prior experience necessary and the Choir School is open to both members and non-members of the HOH. For more information, visit hohchurch.org/choir-school or contact Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org.

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Join us for a **Celtic Spiritual Pilgrimage to Ireland, September 12-21**. Celtic Footstep, an Irish travel company has customized a pilgrimage for House of Hope members. We will have the opportunity 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 JuliaC@hohchurch.org or (651) 223-7553.

Please submit your registration and your deposit by TODAY, May 6, 2018. Thank you.

Week Beginning May 6, 2018

Sunday, May 6, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 and 8
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday Studio, Room 4
- 10:15 a.m. Godly Play, Rooms 5 and 7
- 11:15 a.m. Middle School, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Senior High, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in the Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed, Rm 1
- 11:15 a.m. Creative Expressions, Room 4
- 11:15 a.m. Property Work Group Info Session, Sanctuary
- 12:00 p.m. Worship, Sacraments & Music, Kirby
- 4:00 p.m. Chapel Organ Concert, Elizabeth Chapel

Monday, May 7, 2018

- 10:15 a.m. Centering Prayer Book Discussion, Kirk
- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 5:30 a.m. Peace and Justice Committee, Library

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café
- 4:00 p.m. Great Decisions, Kirk Parlour
- 6:00 p.m. Membership Development Committee, Room 1

Wednesday, May 9, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing
- 5:45 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House 3rd Floor
- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room

Thursday, May 10, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for May 20)
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 4:00 p.m. Budget Committee, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, St John Evangelist

Friday, May 11, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Kirk Parlour
- 8:15 a.m. Board of Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:30 p.m. Yoga, Meeting House

Sunday, May 13, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Rev. Andrew L. McDonald, preaching
- 9:00 a.m. Anchor Deadline
- 2:00 p.m. Choir School Spring Concert, Sanctuary

For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org

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Let All Things Now Living

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Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Welsh folk melody
Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

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THANKSGIVING HYMNS

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

Silent Night, Holy Night

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STILLE NACHT Irregular

Joseph Mohr, 1818

Trans. John Freeman Young, 1863

Franz Xaver Gruber, 1818

B \flat F B \flat E \flat

1. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm, all is bright, Round yon
 2. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep-herds quake at the sight, Glo - ries
 3. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God, love's pure light Ra - diant
 4. Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Won-drous star, lend thy light; With the

B \flat E \flat B \flat

vir - gin moth-er and child! Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild,
 stream from heav-en a - far, Heaven-ly hosts sing: "Al - le - lu - ia;
 beams from Thy ho-ly face, With the dawn of re - deem - ing grace,
 an - gels let us sing, Al - le - lu - ia to our King;

F B \flat F B \flat

Sleep in heav-en-ly peace, Sleep in heav-en-ly peace,
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born."
 Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth, Je - sus, Lord, at Thy birth.
 Christ the Sav - ior is born, Christ the Sav - ior is born.

1. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Alles schläft, einsam wacht
 Nur das traute, hochheilige Paar.
 Holder Knabe im lockigen Haar,
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh',
 Schlaf' in himmlischer Ruh'!

2. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Hirten erst kundgemacht
 Durch der Engel Alleluja,
 Tönt est laut von fern und nah:
 Christ der Retter ist da,
 Christ der Retter ist da!

3. Stille Nacht, heilige Nacht!
 Gottes Sohn, o wie lacht
 Lieb' aus deinem göttlichen Mund,
 Da uns schlägt die rettende Stund':
 Christ, in deiner Geburt,
 Christ, in deiner Geburt!

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE Irregular

James Weldon Johnson, 1921

J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

Introduction

1. Lift ev - ery
2. Ston - y the
3. God of our

voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -
road we trod, bit - ter the chas - tening rod, Felt in the days when
wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us

nies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the
hope un - born had died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our
thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might led us in -

lis - tening skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
wea - ry feet Come to the place for which our *fa - thers sighed?
to the light; Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

*Or "parents."

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
 We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
 Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee;

Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
 We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaugh -
 Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get

us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
 tered, Out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
 Thee; Shad - owed be - neath Thy hand may we for - ev - er

gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
 last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
 stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.