

THE HOUSE OF HOPE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Commitment Sunday | November 11, 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 PreK from 9:45 a.m.–12:00 p.m. in the East Wing.

- Infants and Toddlers | Room 8
- Preschool and PreK | Room 2
- Kindergarten through 6th grade are invited to the East Wing following the Time for Children.

Children's Bibles for infants through 2nd grade are available in the pews; and children's bulletins and crayons are available at all sanctuary doors. Please return the crayons.

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. Hearing devices can be signed out from the table in the Narthex. Ushers are available for assistance. Please return the hearing device to the table 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 Connect @ HoH 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. Visitors 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 greeters who wear the "Welcome" tag for information. **The next New Member Class will take place next Sunday, November 18 at 11:15 a.m. in the Library.** Please RSVP in the church office. A light lunch will be served, and childcare is available.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on "Finlandia"
Aaron David Miller, organist

Amy Beach

Introit

Blessed Are They
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, choirmaster

Eric Thiman

Call To Worship

Rev. Zach O. Wilson

(Congregation reads the text in bold)

As the Psalms say:
Unless it is the Lord who builds the house,
The workers labor in vain.

**Our help is in the name of the Lord,
Who created heaven and earth.
Creator God, we give you our thanks and praise!**

* + Processional Hymn 455 (Verses 1-3, 6)

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns erfreuen

Call to Confession *(congregation seated)*

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)

Merciful God, we confess our sins before you.

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have broken your law of love,

**we have refused to hear the cry of the needy,
and neglected the community of believers.**

Yet, you are loyal to us in your grace.

Help us to turn again to you,

and live as your forgiven, faithful church.

In Jesus' name we pray.

(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

Tree Song

Ken Medema

St Cecilia and St Nicholas Choirs, Jessica Bandelin, assistant director; Timothy Short, piano

I saw a tree by the riverside
one day as I walked along,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky,
growing tall and strong.
"How do you grow so tall and strong?"
I said to the riverside tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

I saw a tree in the wintertime
when snow lay on the ground,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky,
and winter winds blew all around.
"How do you stay so tall and strong?"
I said to the wintertime tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me:

*I've got roots growing down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
And the fruit that I bear is a sign of the life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sundown,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven,
I'm becoming what the Lord of Trees has meant me to be,
A strong, young tree.*

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Pledges

(All adults and children are invited to come forward and place their pledge cards in the basket as an act of worship and a sign of commitment. Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle.)

Prayer of Dedication

(Kindergarten–6th grade have the option of staying in the Sunday worship service or exiting after the Prayer of Dedication to meet Kiera in the narthex and head to the East Wing.)

Anthem

Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace

Herbert Sumsion

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace,
Whose mind is stayed on Thee.
The darkness is no darkness with Thee,

But the night is as clear as the day.
The darkness and the day to Thee are both alike.
God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

O Let my soul live and it shall praise Thee,
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forevermore.

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Ruth 1:14-18, 4:13-15 (OT, pp. 241, 244 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald

Love & Loyalty

All Things Are Possible for God Sermon Series

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 391

Take My Life

Hendon

+ Affirmation of Faith — Confession of 1967

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

**The life, death, resurrection and promised coming of Jesus Christ
has set the pattern for the church's mission.
Christ's life as a human being commits the church
to work for every form of human well-being.
Christ's suffering makes the church sensitive
to all the sufferings of humankind,
so that it sees the face of Christ
in the face of human beings in every kind of need.**

Honoring the Work and Ministry of Diane Smith

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 dally 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

Pie Jesu (from Requiem)

John Rutter

Hannah Armstrong Stanke, soprano soloist

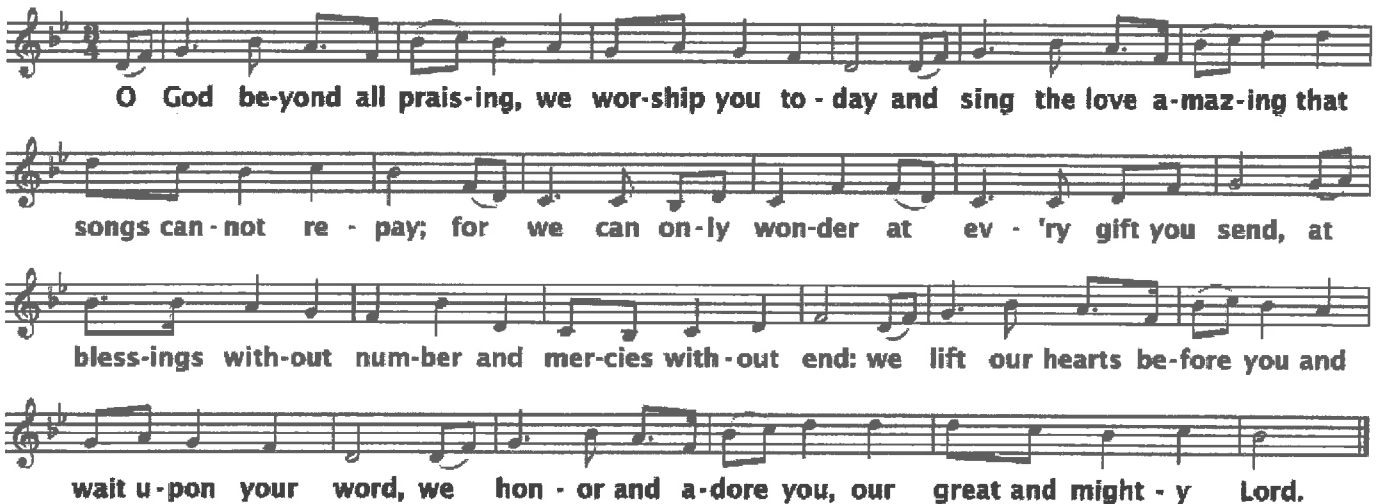
Pie Jesu Domine,
Dona eis requiem.

*Blessed Lord Jesus,
Give them rest.*

Pie Jesu Domine,
Dona eis sempiternam requiem.

*Blessed Lord Jesus,
Give them everlasting rest.*

+ 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 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

+ Benediction

Postlude

March

Horatio Parker

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

Today's Greeters

Jim and Silvey Barge, Jan Anderson, Kit Burch, James Brooks,
Jan Dickinson, Marilyn and Gus Bjorklund

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of
Catherine MacGregor Neimeyer and John Calvin Neimeyer

The Lectern Flowers are given in honor of the work and ministry of Diane Smith

Congregational Conversations

During this time of transition, Rev. Dr. Andrew McDonald is gathering people to listen to what you, the congregation cares about the most: your history, your hopes, and your dreams as we move forward in our work to call a new head pastor. Please join us for one of these three sessions:

Sunday, November 18 at 11:15 a.m. in Dining Rooms A&B

Wednesday, November 28 at 2:00 p.m. in the Library

Tuesday, December 2, at 6:30 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour

Paper poppies will be given out after worship and were purchased from the American Legion's Poppy Program. The purpose of the Poppy Program is to raise awareness and funds in support of the rehabilitation and welfare of veterans, active military personnel, and their families, where financial and medical need is evident.

Text Giving

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

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Francis of Assisi, 1225

Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt.

Geistliche Kirchengesäng, 1623; alt.

Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Unison

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, Lift up your voice
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail
 3. Thou flow-ing wa - ter, pure and clear, Make mu - sic for
 4. Thou fer - tile earth, that day by day Un - fold - est bless -

Harmony

and with us sing, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 in heaven a - long, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!
 thy Lord to hear, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 ings on your way, O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia!

Unison

Thou burn - ing sun with gold - en beam, Thou sil - ver moon with
 Thou ris - ing morn, in praise re - joice, Ye lights of eve - ning,
 Thou fire so mas - ter - ful and bright, That giv - est us both
 The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, Let them God's glo - ry

Harmony

soft - er gleam,
 find a voice!
 warmth and light, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
 al - so show!

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Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

5. And everyone of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
 Praise God and cast on God your care!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

6. All creatures, your Creator bless,
 And worship God in humbleness.
 O sing ye! Alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One!
 Alleluia! Alleluia!
 Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun 456

MORNING HYMN LM

François Hippolyte Barthélémon, 1785
 As in *The Church Hymnal*
 for the Christian Year, 1917

Thomas Ken, 1695; alt.

1. A - wake, my soul, and with the sun your
 2. Lord, I my vows to You re - new. Dis -
 3. Di - rect, con - trol, sug - gest, this day, All

dai - ly stage of du - ty run; Shake off dull sloth, and
 perse my sins as morn - ing dew; Guard my first springs of
 I de - sign or do or say; That all my powers, with

joy - ful rise To pay your morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 thought and will, And with Your - self my spir - it fill.
 all their might, In Your sole glo - ry may u - nite.

Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

H. A. César Malan, 1827

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with-hold;

Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as

cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

262 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

NATIONAL HYMN 10.10.10

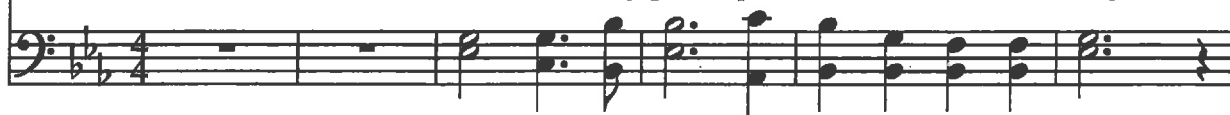
Daniel Crane Roberts, 1876; alt.

George William Warren, 1892



*Trumpets may
be played
with each stanza*

1. God of the a - ges, whose al - mighty hand
2. Thy love di - vine hath led us in the past;
3. From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4. Re - fresh Thy peo - ple on their toil - some way,



Leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
In this free land by Thee our lot is cast;
Be Thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense;
Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;



Of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
Be Thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,



Our grate - ful songs be - fore Thy throne a - rise.
Thy word our law, Thy paths our cho - sen way.
Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
And glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er Thine.





News & Opportunities

November 11 - 18, 2018

Sunday School. Children are invited to join us for a morning of spiritually enriching stories, S.T.E.A.M. activities, group games, and more. We will explore our faith as we learn more about God's love, Jesus' life, and the faith of others. Sunday Studio K - 1st in Room 4; Sunday Studio 2nd - 3rd in Room 5; Tween Transitions 4th - 6th in Room 7.

Families with infants through PreK children are invited to join us on Sunday mornings from 9:15 - 9:45 a.m. for family **story time** in Room 8. **Cookies & Canvas outside the Kirk Parlour.**

Cookies & Canvas Event. Family and friends of all ages are invited to join Creative Expressions for Cookies and Canvas today at 11:15 a.m., outside the Kirk Parlour. Tweens and youth will bake homemade cookies to serve at the event. Kelsea Gilliland, our Artist in Residence, will lead a canvas painting activity for adults and children.

Peace & Justice Enrichment.

Today at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room. "Is the Criminal Justice system working in the USA? Retired MN Supreme Court Justice Paul Anderson, MN Dept of Corrections Parole official, Mary Cardinal Peterson, and criminologist and former peace officer, David Squire Jones will participate with their insights about this ongoing critical domestic problem.

Cloister Gallery Exhibit. October 23 through November 25, the gallery will exhibit a sample collection from The Dow Art Gallery of Saint Paul, featuring local artists.

Elizabeth Chapel Organ Recital Series.

Today at 4 p.m. presenting a performance of the "Stabat Mater" by Giovanni Pergolesi. Sung by Soprano Linh Kauffman and Counter-Tenor Fernando Bustos from Panama. A string ensemble with organ will be led by House of Hope Choirmaster Matthew Culloton. Come and enjoy this lyric baroque piece performed in the intimacy of the Elizabeth Chapel. The concert is free and open to the public.

Upcoming

Centering Prayer meets on Mondays at the House of Hope at 11:00 a.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

Kirk Club will meet next Sunday, November 18 in Room 1 at 12:15 p.m. The topic will be the Youth Trip to Guatemala. Please RSVP in the church office (651) 227-6311.

Great Decisions meets on Tuesday, November 13, at 4 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Duncan McCampbell, an American lawyer and professor of international business and law, will speak on the topic: China's Geopolitics. China has implemented a wide-ranging strategy of economic outreach and expansion of trade and investment abroad. President Xi moved to champion economic globalization and ecological responsibility. What are China's geopolitical objectives? What leadership and political conditions in each society underlie the growing Sino-American tensions? All are welcome to attend Great Decisions.

Donations for Service Project. The Children and Family Ministry Committee is collecting supplies for the women and children served by Women's Advocates. See the website hohchurch.org for a full list of items. All items must be new. Gender neutral items and books featuring people of color are highly encouraged. Donations can be dropped off at the Sunday school sign-in table by the narthex or in the nursery or Sunday school rooms.

The Women's Annual Advent Breakfast. Friday, December 7, 7-9 a.m. at Town & Country Club. "The Gospel According to Uncertainty," by Rev. Gale Robb, guest speaker. Reservations are \$25 per person (additional donations are welcome.) Please stop by our table outside the Kirk Parlour today to make your payment and reservation.

House of Hope is seeking a Director of Administration. The position oversees business, finance, administrative, operations, human resource, technology and communications activities of the church in support of the church mission as directed by church leadership. See full posting at hohchurch.org/careers.

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

Christmas Sponsor-a-Family. Today, over half of the families are being sponsored by our congregation. *We still have about 36 families left that need sponsorship.* Wish lists for the remaining families available for "adoption" will be available in Kirk Parlour after church. Give that gift of a wish fulfilled and a surprise for a child on Christmas morning. Stop by after church to get the right size family for your budget. We suggest spending an average of \$50 per family member on gifts. Also, please consider donating \$50 for the purchase of Cub Gift Cards to include in Christmas Sponsor-a-Family parcel for each family. Donations are now being collected at the church office, please indicate "Christmas Sponsor-a-Family" on your check.

House of Hope Members CHRISTMAS WREATHS Gallery Exhibit: November 27-January 6.

This year House of Hope members are invited to have a favorite Christmas wreath displayed during the Christmas season in the Cloister Gallery. You may share either a freshly decorated wreath or an artificial wreath that is a favorite of yours. Wreaths can be dropped off on the Sunday after Thanksgiving, November 25 (before or after the service, in the Bridal Room) or Monday, November 26.

Week Beginning November 11, 2018

Sunday, November 11, 2018

- 9:15 a.m. Story Time, Room 8
- 9:45 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 & 8
- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Community Garden
- 11:15 a.m. Reception for Diane Smith, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Cookies & Canvas, outside Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Peace & Justice Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. High School, Room 1
- 11:15 a.m. Middle School, Room 1
- 4:00 p.m. Elizabeth Chapel Concert

4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing

- 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir Rehearsal, Bell Room
- 7:00 p.m. Confirmation, Kirby Lounge

Thursday, November 15, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
- 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for November 25)
- 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 1:30 p.m. Library Committee, Library
- 5:00 p.m. Budget Committee, Library
- 6:00 p.m. Third Thursday Group, Women's Advocates

Monday, November 12, 2018

- 11:00 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirby Lounge
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Great Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Assembly Room
- 6:00 p.m. Faith & Fibers, Library

Friday, November 16, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Kirk Parlour
- 8:15 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge
- 9:15 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 12:00 p.m. Yoga, Room 11

Tuesday, November 13, 2018

- 7:00 a.m. Tuesday Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Café
- 9:00 a.m. Anchor Deadline
- 4:00 p.m. Great Decisions, Kirk Parlour
- 5:00 p.m. Nominating Committee, Library
- 6:00 p.m. Membership Development, Room 1

Sunday, November 18, 2018

- 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald, preaching
- 11:15 a.m. Peace & Justice Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. New Member Class, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Congregational Conversations, Dining A&B
- 11:30 a.m. Worship, Sacraments & Music, Kirby Lounge
- 12:15 p.m. Kirk Club, Room 1

Wednesday, November 14, 2018

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
- 9:00 a.m. Stephen Ministry Training, Room 1

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