

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Maunder Thursday | April 18, 2019 7:00 p.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.

Sunday Worship

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m. (except Easter), followed by refreshments, fellowship, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our greeters or ushers will be glad to help you. **Please see the back cover for a list of our Holy Week worship services.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated tonight. All who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Elements served are bread and grape juice. Gluten-free wafers are available. Request one from a server.

Professional childcare is provided for infants through age 5 from 7:00 p.m.–8:45 p.m. in the East wing of the building. We use a texting system to page parents. Please set your cell phones to vibrate and keep it on your person.

- Infants to 5 years | Room 2

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 to the table after the worship service.

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 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 on Sunday, May 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the library.** A light lunch will be served, and childcare is available. Please RSVP in the church office.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *Ah Holy Jesus*..... Johann Pachelbel
Aaron David Miller, organist

Call to Worship

Minister: Are you prepared to come to the table of Jesus Christ, whose life was poured out for you?

People: **By the grace of God, we are.**

Minister: Will you follow Jesus even into the night of betrayal?

People: **By the grace of God, we will.**

All: **Then let us praise God, even in this hour of darkness!**

* + Hymn 97

Go to Dark Gethsemane.....Redhead 76

Call to Confession (*congregation seated*)

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Cantor:

Be with us now O Lord, quiet us, center us, hear us.

Congregation:

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O Christ, in your presence we discover who we are.

**Even as you prepare to give yourself for the sake of the world,
we are still seeking promotions and possessions.**

**Our love scarcely suffices to fulfill the requirements of good manners,
and yet you invite us to eat with you at your table.**

**Forgive us, and help us to value your presence more dearly,
that we may find this meal to be a celebration of joy.**

(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Agnus Dei



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy u-pon us.



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy u-pon us.



O Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Anthem

Miserere

William Byrd

Miserere mei, Deus,
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam;
Et secundum multitudinem
tuarum dele iniquitatem meam.

*Have mercy upon me, O God,
after thy great goodness;
According to the multitude of thy mercies
do away mine offences.*

+ Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

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.

Offering

Offertory Hymn 94 *(remain seated)*

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare *O Waly Waly*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People: **And with thy spir - it.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up un-to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is meet and right so to do.**

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy. . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Hosts,
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry:
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men**

Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. . . Continue to hear us, O God, as we pray together the prayer Christ taught us, saying together:

**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.**

The Words of Institution

Communion will be received by intinction this evening. Following the Words of Institution and the Invitation, please come forward in two lines up the center aisle and receive the elements. You will be dismissed from the rear of the sanctuary. Dip your bread into the cup and partake of them at the table. If you require gluten-free elements, please inform the server. Please return to your pew along the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;
People: **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**
Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;
People: **and forget not all God's benefits.**
Minister and People:

God of Grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE

Shadow of the Betrayed
Shadow of Desertion

Matthew 26:20-25
Matthew 26:30-35

Evelyn Sunness
Stephen Brachlow

All my friends will forsake me.

Agony of Soul

Luke 22:39-44

Dixie Brachlow

Unshared Vigil

Matthew 26:42-46

Bill Geery

On the Mount of Olives He prayed to His Father.

Father, the Hour is Come

John 17:1-3

Ann Geery

That They May Be One

John 17:15-21

Holly Stoerker

He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter.

Arrow at the Gate

John 18:1-4

Phil Bolinder

Shadow of the Cross

Mark 15:16-20

Ann Harrington

Arise, Jerusalem, and put off thy garments of joy.

Darkness

Solo

Were You There?..... American Spiritual
Brad Runyan, soloist

*(When the lights come up, people may leave the sanctuary in reverent silence,
or are welcome to remain for quiet meditation.)*

The Office of Tenebrae is adapted from an early fourth century ceremony in solemn observance of the Lord's Supper. The expression Office of Tenebrae is derived from the Latin, and means the enactment or drama of shadows and darkness. The gradual extinguishing of the lights is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, the approach of the dark hate of Jesus' enemies, and the passion of our Lord.

The Choral Responses for the Office of Tenebrae are by Healey Willan.

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.

Upcoming Holy Week Services:

Good Friday, April 19, 2019. Noon, Elizabeth Chapel
7:00 p.m., Sanctuary; The Motet Choir and The Bach Chamber Players of St. Paul. Childcare Available.

Easter Sunday, April 21, 2019.
7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Elizabeth Chapel. Breakfast following.
9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services, Sanctuary. Festive worship with organ and brass.

Christians and Jews: People of God

Holy Week presents a challenge to Christian communities in its understanding of language. The reference to the “Jews” is especially prevalent in the Gospel of John, and has the power to fuel the impression that Jews as a people are responsible for the death of Jesus. As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) we recognize that anti-Judaism is an affront and a contradiction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and affirm the following statement contained in the Presbyterian Study Paper “Christians and Jews: People of God”:

The relationship between Christian faith and Judaism is unique, foundational, and enduring. The New Testament bears consistent witness to this relationship – the mercy of God in Jesus Christ embraces both Jew and Gentile; it does not abandon Jews in favor of Gentiles or forsake Jews in favor of the church. Supersessionism, the belief that God’s covenant with the church has replaced God’s covenant with Israel, and that the church has supplanted the Jewish people, is contrary to the core witness of the New Testament and is not supported by the mainstream of the Reformed tradition. Unfavorable New Testament references to “the Jews” do not refer to all Jews of the first century, and certainly not of the twenty-first. While the New Testament contains numerous references to God’s “new covenant” in Christ, these cannot be taken to mean that “new” cancels God’s previous covenants.

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