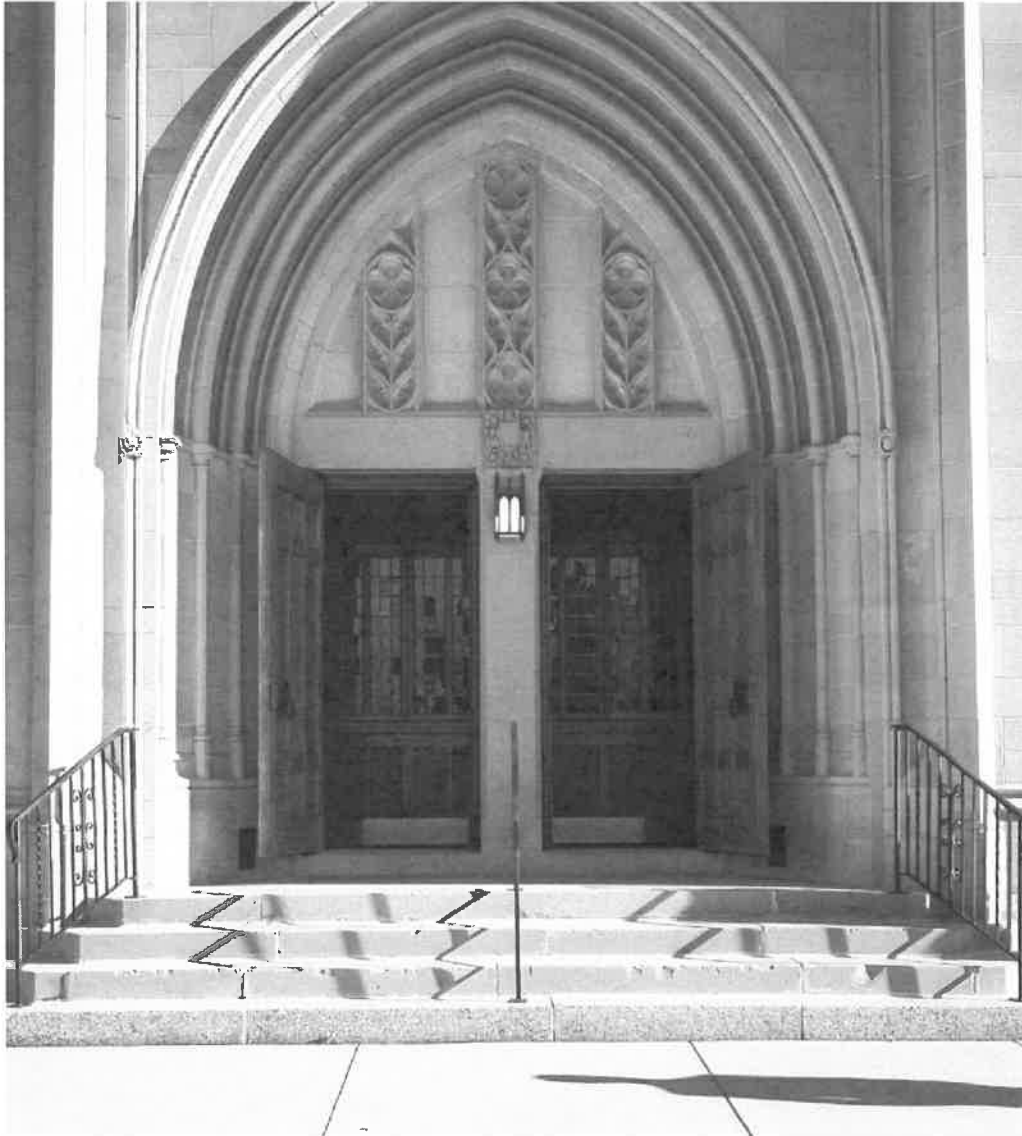


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The place God calls you to
is the place where your deep gladness
and the world's deep hunger meet.

– Frederick Buechner

Fifth Sunday in Lent | April 7, 2019 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 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

Andante

Ave Verum

Aaron David Miller, Organist

W. A. Mozart

W. A. Mozart

Introit

God is Our Refuge

The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

W.A. Mozart

Call To Worship

(Congregation reads the text in bold)

As the prophet Isaiah has told us,
The Lord says, "Do not remember the prior things;
do not ponder ancient history.
Behold! I am doing a new thing!
Now it sprouts up! Open your eyes and see!

**"I am making a way in the desert,
paths in the wilderness,
I quench the thirst of my people
who I formed for myself."
Glory to God our Creator!**

*** + Processional Hymn 288**

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

Call to Confession (congregation seated)

Rev. Julia A. Carlson

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)

Eternal God, we confess

we have lived for ourselves

and apart from you.


We have turned from our neighbors,
and refused to bear the burdens of others.

We have ignored the pain of the world,
and passed by the hungry, the poor and the oppressed.


Forgive us, and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will
and follow where you lead,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Sung Response



Guide my eyes to you, lend your ear to me,



fill my tongue with end - less praise, lead me all my days.

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 blessings flow; praise God all creatures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath - er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

Recognizing Lois Knutson for 20 years of Capital City Grief Coalition

(Kindergarten–6th grade have the option of staying in the Sunday worship service or exiting after the Capital City Grief Coalition Recognition to the east wing.)

Introduction of Rev. Robin R. Meyers, Ph.D.

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 1:24-31a (OT, pp. 1-2 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Robin R. Meyers, Ph.D.

Original Blessing

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

In Babilone

+ Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

Rev. Zachary O. Wilson

**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 available. See back cover.)

Offertory Anthem

Misericordias Domini

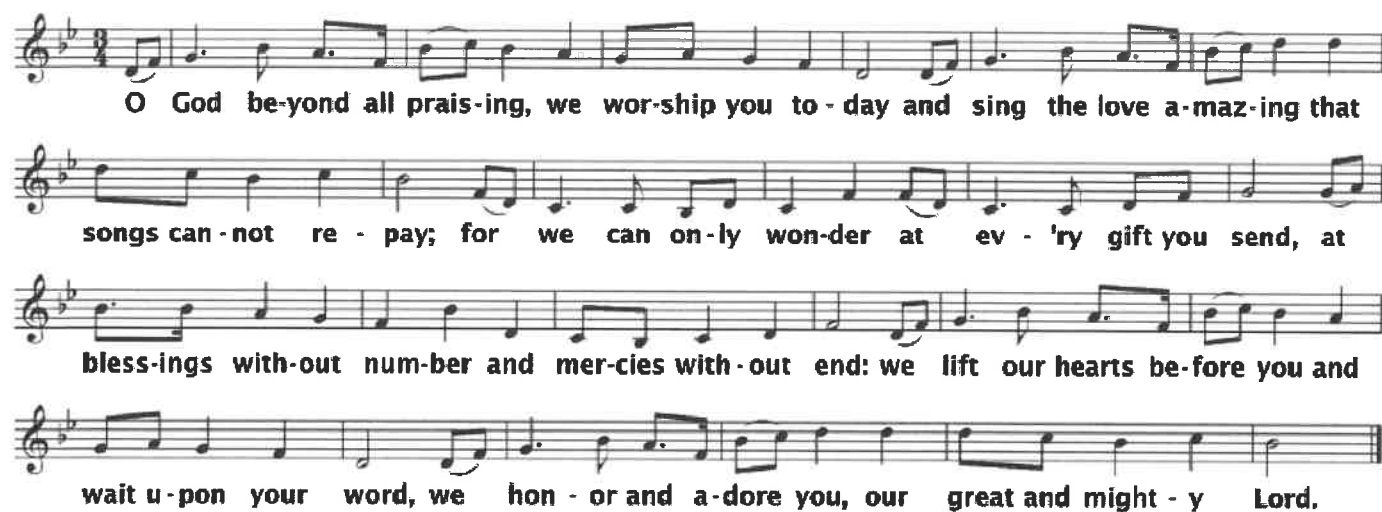
W.A. Mozart

Conor O'Brien & Emily Saathoff, violins

Misericordias Domini in aeternum cantabo.

The mercies of the Lord I shall praise for ever and ever.

+ 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 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

+ Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in G Minor

Gordon Young

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

Today's Greeters

Liz Sanson, Marilyn and Erv Lentz, Bill and Joan Frank, Kathe and Phil Bolinder,
Larry Nelson, Patrick Boylan, and Linda Tuohy

Rev. Robin R. Meyers, Ph.D is our guest preacher and Didier Seminar speaker today. Robin Meyers has been the senior minister at Mayflower UCC for 32 years. He is also Distinguished Professor of Social Justice in the Philosophy Department at Oklahoma City University, where he has taught for 27 years. He is the best-selling author of seven books, and a national figure who lectures on the merits of Progressive Christianity. He is currently a member of the God-Seminar at the Westar Institute, home of the Jesus-Seminar. A frequent guest preacher and workshop leader around the country, Meyers has authored numerous articles on preaching and human communication, has appeared on Dateline NBC, numerous public television programs, as a commentator on National Public Radio, and twice preached at Riverside Church in New York City. He was the Earl Preacher for the Earl Lectures at Berkeley, California, and gave the 2013-2014 Lyman Beecher Lectures at Yale. His next project is a book on the God-crisis in the church, entitled, *Fall From the Ceiling: The Death of Michelangelo's God and the Rebirth of Wonder*.

In Memoriam

Richard Bruce Dierenfield joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on September 28, 2003. He entered the Church Triumphant on March 30, 2019. A memorial service will take place on Friday, May 17 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow in Kirk Parlour.

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

EASTER LILIES - TODAY IS THE FINAL DAY TO SIGN UP

Easter Lilies in memory or in honor of loved ones may be reserved by visiting or contacting the church office (651) 227-6311 by 12:00 p.m. today. The cost is \$15 per plant. If you do not wish to purchase a plant, an equivalent donation may be made to The House of Hope's Mission Outreach fund. Memorials will be published in the Easter Sunday bulletin on April 21.

Text Giving

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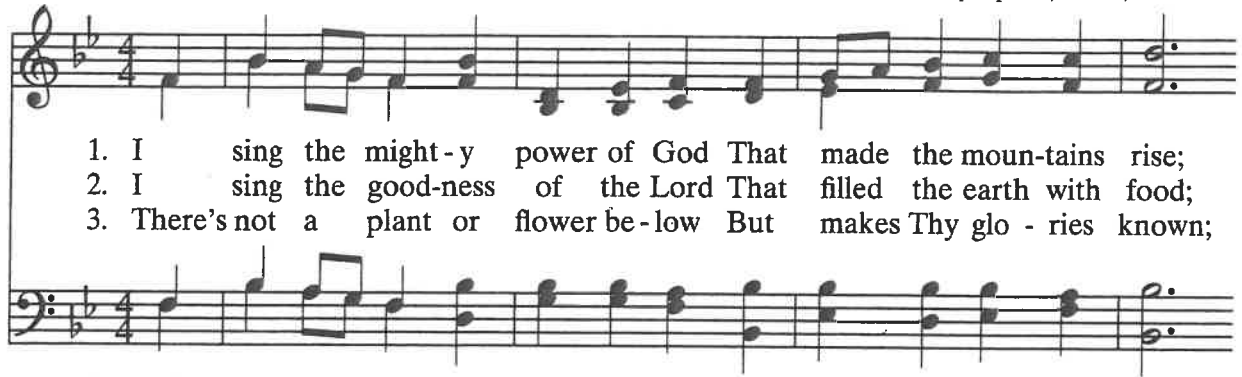
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I Sing the Mighty Power of God

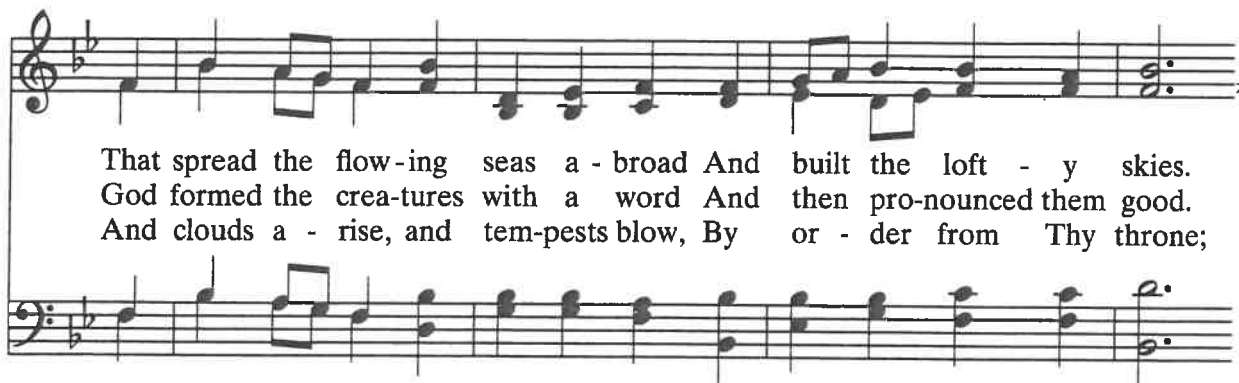
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*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Württembergischen
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

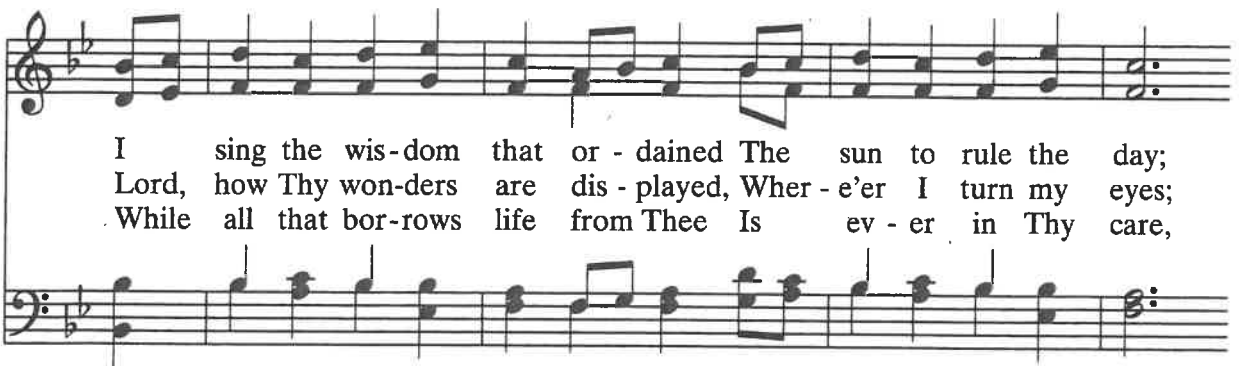
Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.



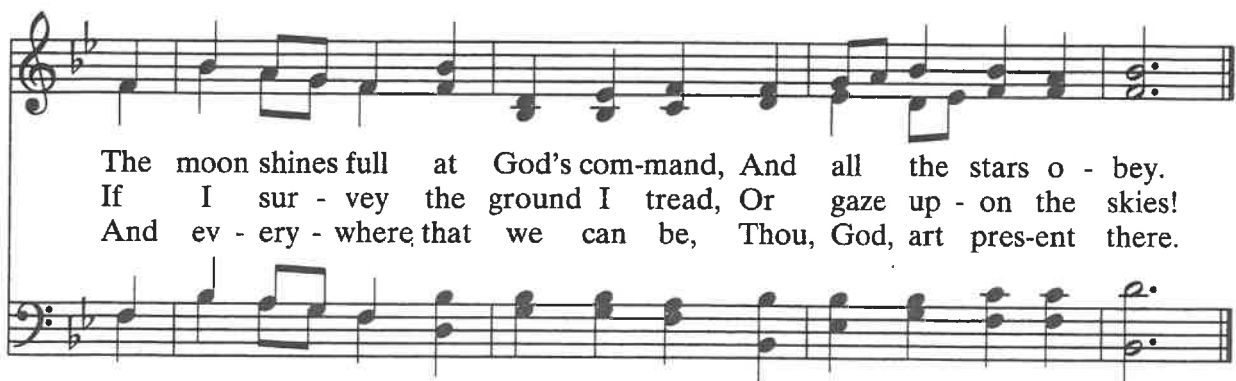
1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo - ries known;



That spread the flow-ing seas a - broad And built the loft - y skies.
God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, By or - der from Thy throne;



I sing the wis-dom that or - dained The sun to rule the day;
Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis - played, Wher - e'er I turn my eyes;
While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev - er in Thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o - bey.
If I sur - vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up - on the skies!
And ev - ery - where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

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.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923

1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O - God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;

Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,

As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

*Or "Great is Thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

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Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!

Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy

hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!



PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

News & Opportunities

April 7 - 14, 2019

Adult Enrichment. Didier Seminar speaker and today's preacher, Rev. Dr. Robin Meyers will present: *Houston, We Have a God Problem*. All are welcome at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room.

Cloister Gallery Exhibit: House of Hope Children and Youth Art. Celebrate the creativity of our children and youth. **Upcoming:** starting April 9, artist Tim Harding, an internationally known fiber artist based in St. Paul will display his wall hangings.

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 school for K - 6th grade will be 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.

Trumpet Spectacular! TODAY at 2 p.m., House of Hope will host the Trumpet Spectacular led by David Baldwin and eight other fabulous regional trumpeters. Music will include works by Widor, Beethoven, Rossini and others accompanied by percussion and Aaron David Miller on the Fisk Organ. The event 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.

Faith Builders. Volunteers Needed for Habitat for Humanity Faith Builders April Build on Saturday, April 13. Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity will host our House of Hope group for an interior project at 4891 Hamlet Avenue North in Oakdale. Please volunteer to help finish this exciting project. No experience necessary. Sign up at <http://houseofhope.tchabitat.volunteerhub.com>. If you have questions, please contact Jenny Stevens at jnn.stevens@gmail.com or Dave Olsen at dwo823@yahoo.com.

Items Needed: Prior Crossing. See list at the kiosks or at tables around the church.

Women's Retreat. *Prayer: Our Daily Bread, An Untold Mystery*, Rev. Julia Carlson, Facilitator, will be held Friday, April 26-Sunday, April 28 at Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegetown. All women are invited for this weekend of reflection and renewal. *Last chance to register is TODAY at our table outside the Kirk Parlour.* Cost includes lodging and all meals, and is due as you register: \$170 single occupancy, \$140 double occupancy.

Joy Davis' Second Thursday Literature Seminar will meet in the library at 10 a.m. on April 11. We will look through the eyes of poets Emily Dickinson and laureate Kay Ryan at creatures often forgotten: turtle, bat, and caterpillar. Texts are provided. All are welcome.

Get Acquainted Dinners. Sign up today! The Membership Development and Communications Committee is sponsoring get acquainted dinners for the congregation. Participants will meet in each other's homes in groups of approximately eight people. Participants will remain in the same group for a year and will gather four times during the year and host once. Interested persons may sign up and ask questions on the Sundays of April 7, and April 14 at the table outside of Kirk Parlour. Hope to see you there.

Great Decisions resumes on Tuesday, April 9, at 4 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Mark Canning, a recently retired diplomat from the State Department, will speak on the topic: The State Department and the State of Diplomacy. Great Decisions books will be available today outside Kirk Parlour and on Tuesday. All are welcome to attend Great Decisions!

Palm Sunday Processional. Children, birth through sixth graders, are invited to join in our annual palm processional. Next Sunday, meet in Room 5 at 9:45 a.m. to distribute palm branches. Children, two-years old and younger, must be accompanied by an adult. The palm processional takes place at the start of the worship service.

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

Stewardship Update

First and foremost: thank you to all of you for your generous pledges and gifts.

By mid March we are ahead of last year and see positive results in every category we look at.

Compared to 2018:

1. The number of new pledges has more than doubled.
2. The number of households that reduced their pledge is down.
3. We have received pledges from 349 households for a total of \$1,161,674.
4. The average pledge is \$3,329 and the mean pledge is \$2,000. Both have increased from 2018.
5. There are 54 households who pledged in 2018 that have not pledged. A possible gain of \$104,373.

\$1,161,674 is great and is 91.5 % of the goal of \$1,270,000. We are \$108,000 short of our goal.

The campaign has involved messages from Rev. McDonald, three Minutes for Missions on stewardship, a letter with a pledge card in November, a reminder letter in January, phone calls in February, and recently everyone received a letter concerning Per Capita, the form of mission giving to the larger work of the Presbyterian Church.

The \$108,000 shortfall can be eliminated by sending in your Per Capita (for 2019: \$35.70 for each active member); through the generosity of those who pledged last year and have not this year; and through a little extra giving by each of us. We all need to show our love for this church and all its blessings. An additional \$6 per week from every giving household would raise \$109,000.

I know it sounds like it's all about money and it is. But, it really is about generosity.

To carry out our mission, our vision for the future, to maintain and update this beautiful old building, and to secure the best in new leadership requires a strong financial commitment and your generosity.

We all need to show our crazy love for this place.

The Stewardship Committee

Sherwood Pomeroy, Chair

Holy Week and Easter at House of Hope

Sunday, April 14

Palm / Passion Sunday

10 a.m. in the Sanctuary and live-streamed

Children's Palm Processional

Featuring music by The Motet Choir and the House of Hope Choir School

Thursday, April 18

Maundy Thursday

Noon in the Elizabeth Chapel

and

***7 p.m. in the Sanctuary and live-streamed**

Holy Communion

The Office of Tenebrae with *Tenebrae Responses* by Healey Willan (7 p.m.)

Featuring music by The Motet Choir (7 p.m.)

Friday, April 19

Good Friday

Noon in the Elizabeth Chapel

and

***7 p.m. in the Sanctuary and live-streamed**

Featuring Maurice Duruflé *Requiem* (7 p.m.)

The Motet Choir and the Bach Chamber Players (7 p.m.)

Sunday, April 21

Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. in the Elizabeth Chapel; a light breakfast to follow

and

9 and 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary and live-streamed

Festive Worship with organs and brass; The Motet Choir and the House of Hope Choir School

**Please note: this is a time change from previous years.*

Tweens Event - Bowling. Friday, April 12, 6-8 p.m. Fourth through sixth graders are invited to join us for a night of bowling and pizza at Memory Lanes in Minneapolis. Cost is \$15 per person, which includes two-hours of bowling, shoe rental, and dinner. Adult chaperones are needed. Families are responsible for their own transportation or coordinating carpools. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org by Wednesday, April 10.

Registration is now open for VBS 2019! June 17 - 21, 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. House of Hope is invited to join Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in St. Paul for VBS. Cost is \$40 per participant. The Preschool and Elementary Vacation Bible School program is open to children who are 4-years-old by September 1, 2019, through Grade 4, completed by June 2019. Contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org for the registration link.

HOH Community Retreat Registration | June 7-9. Register to join House of Hope at Clearwater Forest for a time of fellowship and fun! Cost is \$85 per participant, which includes meals and lodging. Children, 3-years-old and younger, participate for free. Scholarships available. Login to My HOH to complete the registration form.

Week Beginning April 7, 2019

Sunday, April 7, 2019

8:45 a.m. Life Group, Dining Rooms A&B
 9:15 a.m. Story Time, Room 8
 9:30 a.m. Child Care, Rooms 2 & 8
 10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Room 7
 11:15 a.m. Fellowship in Kirk Parlour
 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room
 11:15 a.m. Life Group, Dining Rooms A&B
 2:00 p.m. Trumpet Spectacular with David Baldwin and Aaron David Miller, Sanctuary

Monday, April 8, 2019

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

Tuesday, April 9, 2019

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

Wednesday, April 10, 2019

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Library
 4:00 p.m. Life Group, Bridal Room
 4:30 p.m. Choir School, East Wing

5:00 p.m. Personnel Committee, Kirby Lounge
 6:00 p.m. Life Group, Library
 7:00 p.m. Motet Choir, Choir Room
 7:00 p.m. Bell Choir, Bell Room
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation, Kirby Lounge

Thursday, April 11, 2019

7:00 a.m. Thursday Men's Breakfast, Joseph's
 9:00 a.m. Bulletin Deadline (for April 21)
 9:00 a.m. Hard Hats, Maintenance Shop
 9:15 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
 10:00 a.m. Second Thursday Literature Series, Library
 5:30 p.m. Grief Support Groups, Kirk Parlour

Friday, April 12, 2019

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
 12:00 p.m. Yoga, Room 11
 6:00 p.m. Tweens Event, Memory Lanes, Mpls.

Saturday, April 13, 2019

9:00 a.m. May Anchor Deadline
 10:00 a.m. PNC Informational Meeting, Room 1

Palm / Passion Sunday, April 14, 2019

10:00 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
 Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald, preaching
 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Assembly Room

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