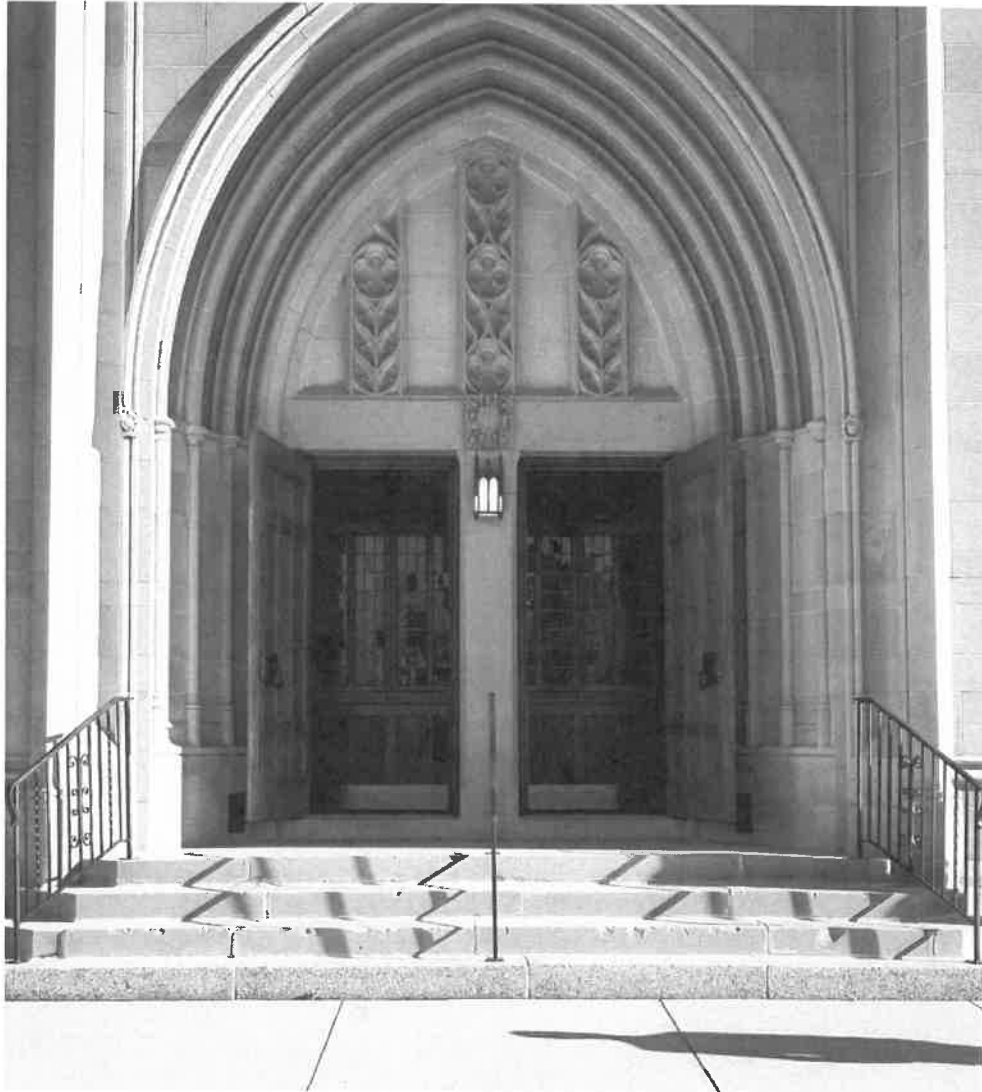


# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Hope is very different from optimism.  
Optimism is based on the possibilities of things as they have come to be;  
hope is based on the possibilities of God irrespective of how things are.  
Hope can spring up even in the valley of the shadow of death.”

- Miroslav Volf

Fifth Sunday in Lent | March 29, 2020 10 a.m.

# Welcome

**House of Hope welcomes all who are worshipping online.**

Our caring and active community welcomes you.

We extend the hospitality of Christ to all who gather.

**Our Livestreamed Worship will take place at 10 a.m**

**Live broadcasts and audio versions of worship services** are available at **hohchurch.org**. Copies of past sermons are also available online.

**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.

If you would like a pastor to call you, or if you are ill at home, 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 call, please contact the church.

## **House of Hope Parents on Facebook**

Join us on Facebook! Send a request to the "House of Hope Parents" Facebook page. This closed group is a great way to receive announcements. As COVID-19 stretches our creative imagination we will develop a stronger presence on Facebook, including story time videos and family resources.

## **Children & Family Ministry on Zoom**

While we cannot be in-person with one another on Sundays, we would love to continue to be in community together. Please join our Children & Family Ministry Check-in on Zoom at 11:15 a.m. on Sundays.

Join Kiera and Sofia to share your highs and lows of the week and engage in a brief liturgy. Check the "House of Hope Parents" page or email Kiera Stegall at [KieraS@hohchurch.org](mailto:KieraS@hohchurch.org) for more information.

# THE APPROACH TO GOD

## **Prelude**

Rachel Brandwein, Harp

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## **Hymn 487**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

Laudes Domini

## **Call to Confession**

Minister: The Lord is with you.

People: And also with you.

## **Prayer of Confession** (unison)

**God of the covenant, in the glory of the cross**

**Jesus embraced the power of death**

**and broke its hold over your people.**

**In this Lenten time of repentance,**

**breathe your Spirit into us.**

**Give us hope and draw all people to you**

**that we may put aside the deeds of death**

**and accept the new life**

**of your kingdom in Christ Jesus.**

*(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)*

## **Assurance of Pardon**

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

## **Solo**

*Ich will dir mein Herze schenken*, BWV 244  
Hannah Armstrong, Soprano

J. S. Bach

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Scripture Lessons

John 11:41-44

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

*A Rustling of Bones*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### Hymn 391 (verses 1,2,3,6)

*Take My Life*

Hendon

### Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:**

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,**

**teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,**

**healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,**

**eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,**

**and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

### 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** - Three ways to give:

**- Text Giving.**

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift.

**- Website.**

On the homepage, click "Giving at House of Hope" at the top or "Donate" at the bottom, then click the "Donate Now button", and follow the prompts. Members can also sign into MyHOH to give.

**- Mail.**

Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105

**Offertory Music**

**Hymn 376**

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

Fugue in E Minor, BWV 548

J. S. Bach

**Carillon Postlude**

David W. Johnson, carillonneur

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

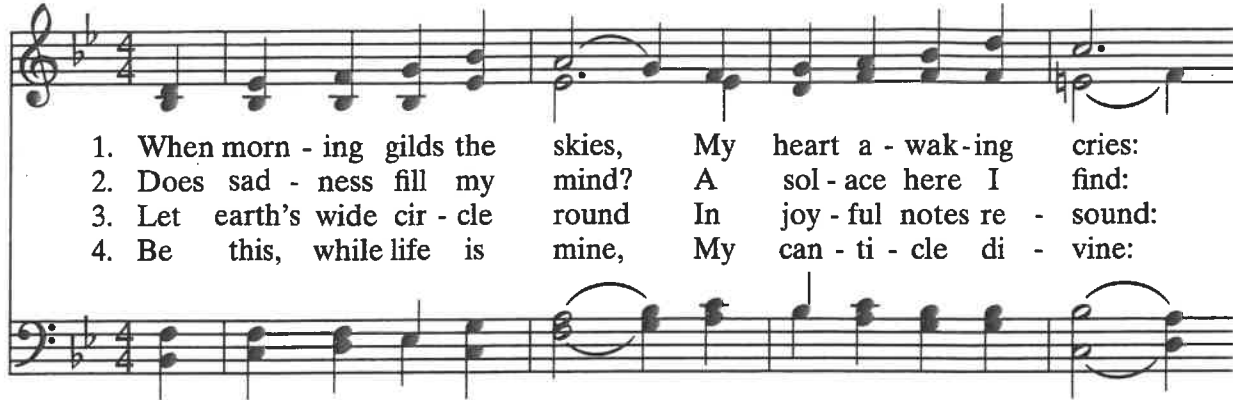
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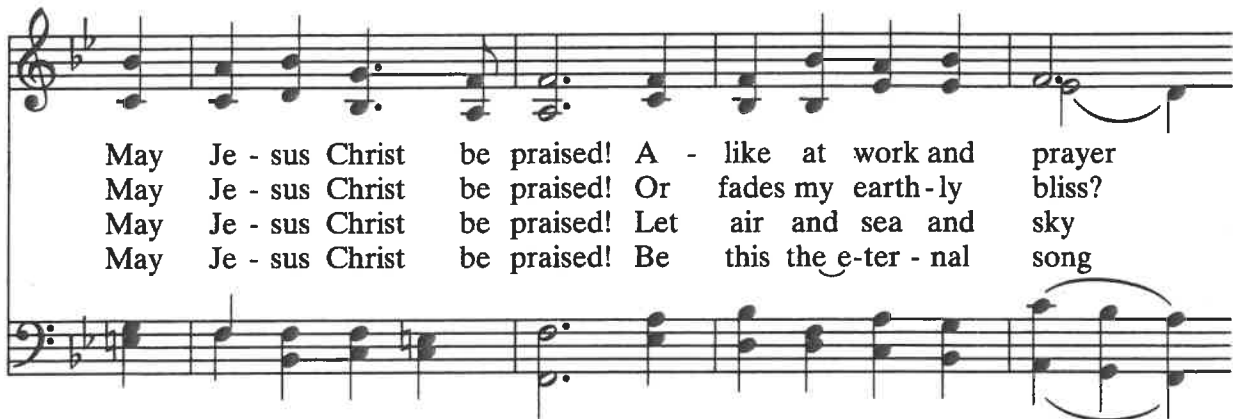
German hymn, c. 1800

Trans. Edward Caswall, 1853, 1858; alt.

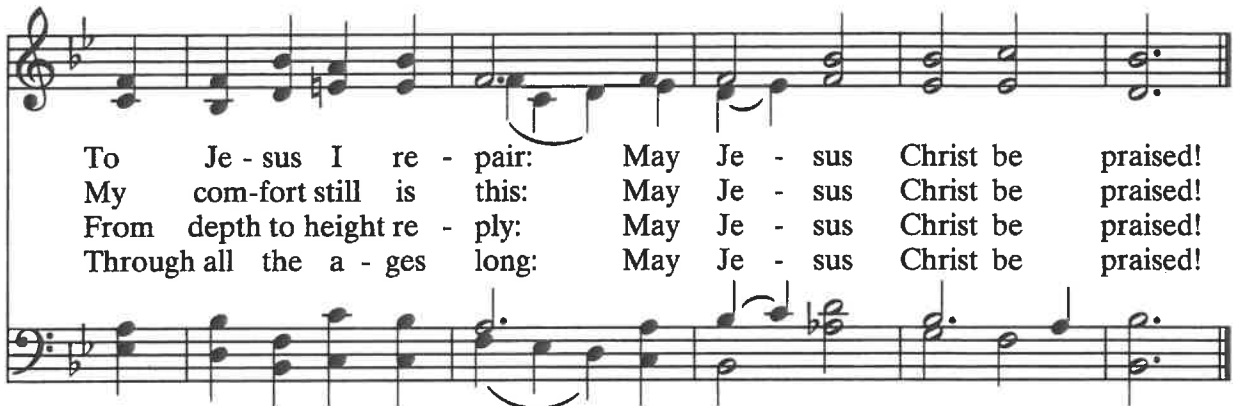
Joseph Barnby, 1868



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies, My heart a - wak - ing cries:  
 2. Does sad - ness fill my mind? A sol - ace here I find:  
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round In joy - ful notes re - sound:  
 4. Be this, while life is mine, My can - ti - cle di - vine:



May Je - sus Christ be praised! A - like at work and prayer  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Or fades my earth - ly bliss?  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Let air and sea and sky  
 May Je - sus Christ be praised! Be this the e - ter - nal song



To Je - sus I re - pair: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 My com - fort still is this: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 From depth to height re - ply: May Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 Through all the a - ges long: May Je - sus Christ be praised!

## Take My Life

HENDON 7.7.7.7

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.

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery  
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy  
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less

earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,  
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,  
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,  
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion

All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -  
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of  
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways  
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to

pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee  
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our



LIFE IN CHRIST

Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.

### John 11:41-44 (NRSV)

<sup>41</sup> So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup> I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup> When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup> The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

### Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NRSV)

#### The Valley of Dry Bones

<sup>37</sup> The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath<sup>[a]</sup> to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath<sup>[b]</sup> in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord."

<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath:<sup>[c]</sup> Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath,<sup>[d]</sup> and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord."

#### Footnotes:

1. [Ezekiel 37:5](#) Or *spirit*
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3. [Ezekiel 37:9](#) Or *wind* or *spirit*
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