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 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.

Rev. Dr. Andrew L. McDonald

Sermon
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

LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6 D

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

1. Take my life, and let it be Con-scrat-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
ces 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-sages 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.
1. Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to
earth come down, Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, Thou art all com-
\[music notation\]

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every
troubled breast! Let us all in Thee inherit it,
Let us find the promised rest; Take away the love of
\[music notation\]

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy
life receive; Suddenly return, and never,
Never more Thy temples leave. Thee we would be always
\[music notation\]

4. Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless
let us be; Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee; Changed from glory into
\[music notation\]

5. Visits us with
sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as
blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee
glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our

\[music notation\]
Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.
its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.
without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.
crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise.
John 11:41-44 (NRSV)

41 So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. 42 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.” 43 When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” 44 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

37 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. 2 He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. 3 He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord God, you know.” 4 Then he said to me, “Prophesy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. 5 Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath[a] to enter you, and you shall live. 6 I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath[bi] in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.”

7 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. 8 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. 9 Then he said to me, “Prophesy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath:cd Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath,cd and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” 10 I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

11 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.’ Therefore prophesy, 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. 13 And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. 14 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
2. Ezekiel 37:6 Or spirit
3. Ezekiel 37:9 Or wind or spirit
4. Ezekiel 37:9 Or wind or spirit