

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Somewhere it is that's
overgrown,
a convoluted mess
hiding what was planted
inside of me.

Something it is that's
tangled,
where mangrove and ragweed
obscure what still reaches
for light.

Someone it is that's
only God,
Origen says,
who nourishes and soaks
such struggling seeds.

Some day will be when
they'll poke their head
into sun and wind and
find a place, a glorious
place to be.

-Meister Eckhart

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 12, 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.

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

Live broadcasts and audio versions of worship services are available at **hohchurch.org**, or visit The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on Facebook. 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 Worship 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

Andiam, Mio Tesoro
Rachel Brandwein, Harp

Italian Folk Song

Welcome and Announcements

Julia A. Carlson

Call to Worship

**All-powerful God,
we celebrate the freedom you give us to make our own response
to all the possibilities you lay out before us.
We are grateful for the revelation you provide through the witness of many in the Scriptures.
Through their words, help us to discern your Word.
Come to us in the midst of our diversity to bring understanding and mutual caring.
Beyond all our clamor for the things of this world,
we long for the richness of spirit you alone can provide.
Feed us here, we pray, as we come to worship together.**

Hymn

We Plow the Fields and Scatter
Krista Costin, Soloist

Nyland

Call To Confession

Minister: The Lord is with you.
People: And also with you.

Prayer of Confession

**All-knowing God,
we know you understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves.
You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down.
Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted.
We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us,
the gift of family and friends, the amazing reality of your Spirit dwelling in us.
We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of your word with understanding
that nourishes roots of trust and joy.
Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for you.**

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Lauren Osteraas

Romans 8:1-11

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercies Sake

Richard Farrant

Section Leaders of the Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart
before thee now and evermore.

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Among Rocks and Thorns

Hymn

O Word Of God Incarnate

Munich

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

Zachary O. Wilson

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

Benediction

Postlude

Folk Dance

Ludwig van Beethoven

Carillon Postlude

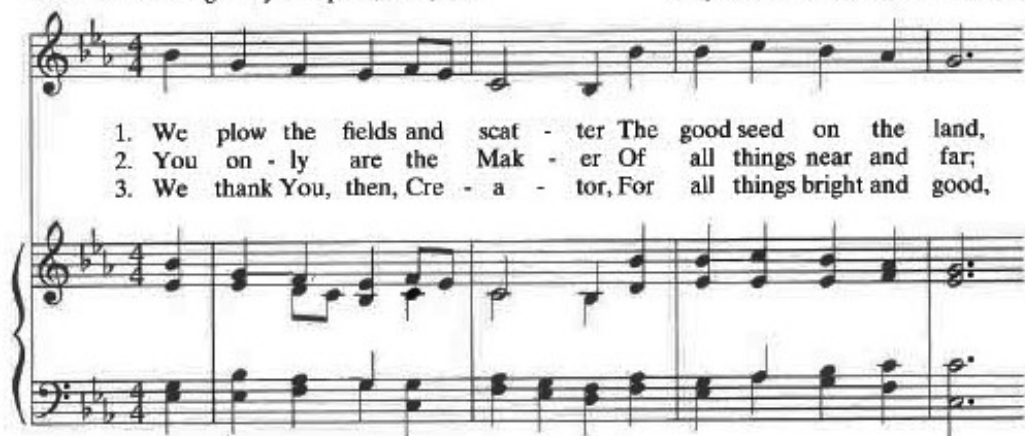
Timothy Short, carillonneur

Matthias Claudius, 1782

Trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell, 1861; alt.

Finnish folk melody

Adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927



1. We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
 2. You on - ly are the Mak - er Of all things near and far;
 3. We thank You, then, Cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,



But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;
 You paint the way - side flow - er, You light the eve - ning star;
 The seed-time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;



God sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey You, By You the birds are fed;
 Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer, For all Your love im - parts,



The breez-es and the sun - shine, And soft, re - fresh - ing rain.
 Much more to us, Your chil - dren, You give our dai - ly bread.
 And what You most would wel - come, Our hum - ble, thank - ful hearts.

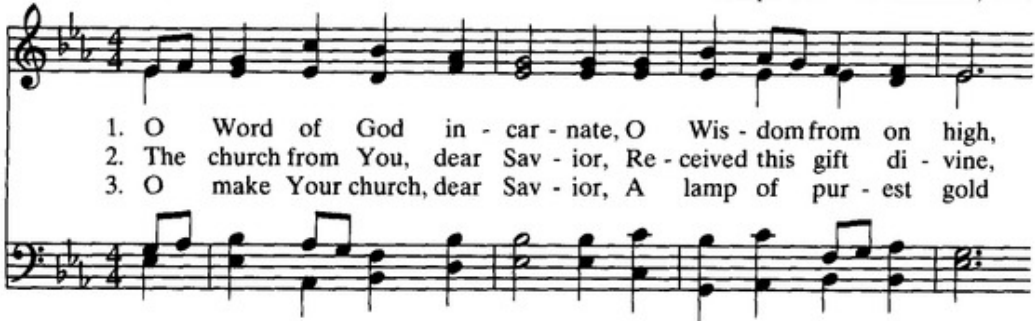
O Word of God Incarnate

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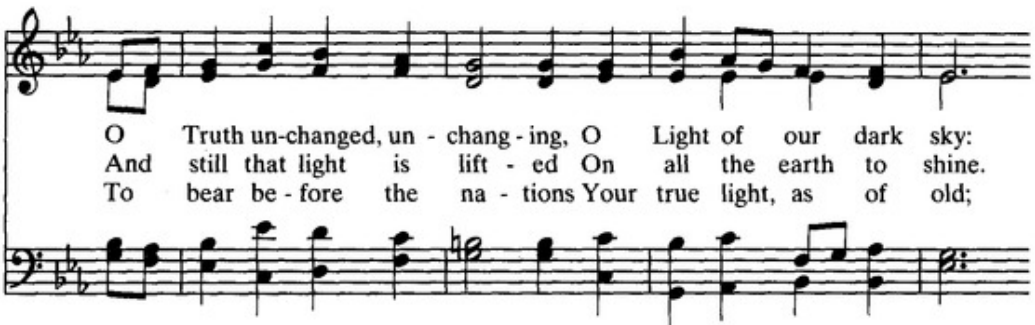
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William Walsham How, 1867
As in *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987

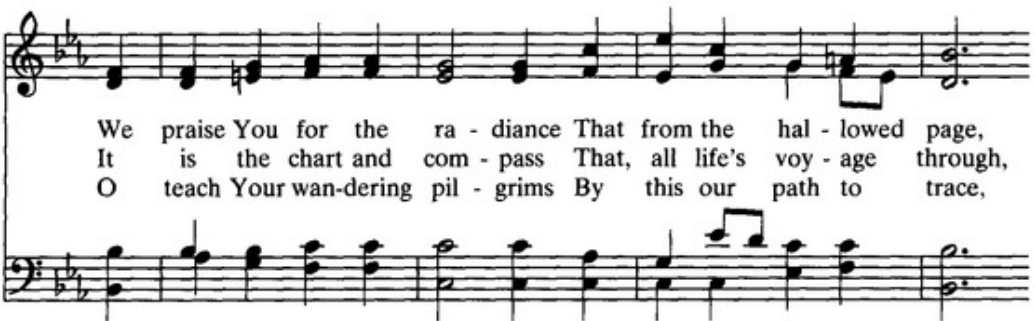
Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847



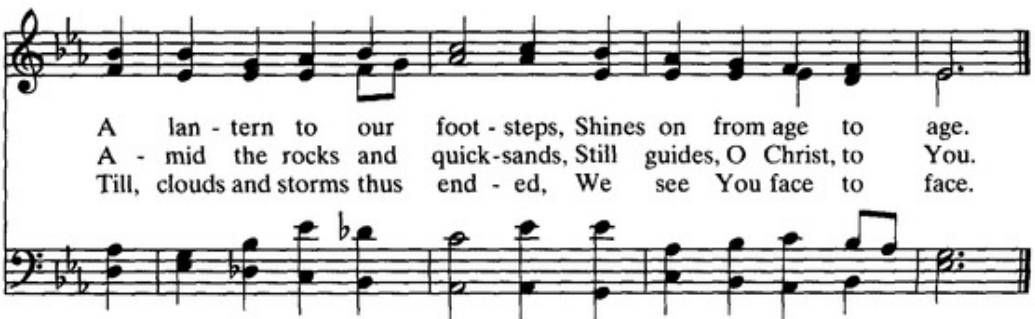
1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine,
3. O make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;



We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace,



A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.

Fairest Lord Jesus

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CRUSADERS' HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850; alt.

Silesian folk melody

In Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
And all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

The Session of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church has called a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** for TODAY, July 12, 2020, following the worship service at 11:15 a.m. on Zoom.
The purposes of the meeting are: to elect members of the Session, Board of Deacons and Board of Trustees; and to elect a Congregational Nominating Committee to serve in 2020-2021.

Elder Nominees: Mary Cardinal Peterson, Ann Mack, Bonnie Alton, Charles Essig, Tom Radio,
Karen Florez, Sigrid VanDemark, Ginger Bailey, Diane Smith, Linda Lane,
Jeanne Bailey

Deacon Nominees: Nancy Berry, Janet Favorite, Leatha Wolter, Ben Hoganson, Mary Ellen Bland,
Sue Koebrick, Dave Hutchinson, Leslie Meyer, Christine Anderson, Katie Anderson,
Annie Stewart, Barbara Deneen, Janice Dickinson

Trustee Nominees: Carol Stack, David Phillips, Jane Flad, Bill Geery

Nominating Committee Nominees: Seale Lea, Ann Geery

The Communion Table Flowers are in loving memory of Don and Sally Fulton.

In Memoriam

Stewart David Walker (Sandy) joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on December 9, 1962. He entered the Church Triumphant on May 30, 2020. A private family interment took place on July 8.

"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



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