My destination is no longer a place, rather a new way of seeing.

- Marcel Proust

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 26, 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
Aaron David Miller, Organ

Welcome and Announcements
Zachary O. Wilson

Call to Worship
Meet us here, holy God, to search our hearts and strengthen our spirits.
Plant you Word among us that it may spring up in nurturing,
inviting ways for the sake of all your creatures.
May we find in these moments of worship the assurance we need to live triumphantly
in the face of loss, discouragement, and suffering.
Lead us by the teaching and example of Jesus Christ, to trust you and your will for us.
We believe that whatever happens, you can bring some good from it.
Show us, O God, the good you intend.

Hymn
Live into Hope
Hannah Armstrong, Soloist

Call To Confession
Minister: The Lord is with you.
People: And also with you.

Prayer of Confession
You know us, God, better than we know ourselves.
You know the ways we scheme and manipulate for our own advantage.
You are aware of how often our deeds fail to match the faith we claim.
Help us to face ourselves with honesty.
Give us the will and courage to change our ways.
We give thanks for Christ’s intercession for us.
We rejoice as the Spirit gives voice to all we cannot express.
Save us, O god, that our lives might give expression to your reign.
Assurance of Pardon
Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson
Psalm 105:1-11 (From Psalms for Praying by Nan Merrill) Cally Minner
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem
Cantate Domino Heinrich Schütz
Section Leaders of the Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Cantate Domino canticum novum; Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle:
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum. let his praise be in the church of the saints.
Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum, Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo. and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.
Laudent nomen ejus in choro; Let them praise his name in choir:
in tympano et psalterio psallant ei. let them sing to him with the timbrel and the psaltery.

Second Lesson
Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon
What Do You Seek? Julia A. Carlson
Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Affirmation of Faith — from A Brief Statement of Faith

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!”

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**

_Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds_  
Forest Green

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

_Sortie_  
Vincent Dubois

**Carillon Postlude**  
David W. Johnson, carillonneur

Please join David Johnson as he presents a **Carillon Concert**  
Sunday, August 2 at 4 p.m.  
Grab your lawn chair or a blanket and sit on the church grounds, or listen from your car. All are welcome!

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in loving memory of Robert W. Deneen.
1. Live into hope of captives freed, Of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the pride and fear of the year of God’s own jubilee!

2. Live into hope the blind shall see With insight and with clarity, removing shades of daily bread, to hear God’s word and thus be fed.

3. Live into hope of liberty, The right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one’s fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

4. Live into hope of captives freed From chains of gain, the year of God’s own jubilee! A vision of our God brought near.
Be Thou My Vision

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
2. Rich- es I heed not, nor vain, emp- ty praise,
3. Be Thou my wis- dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou mine in- her- i- tance, now and al- ways:
I ev- er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Thou and Thou on- ly, first in my heart,
Heart of my own heart, what- ever be- fall,

Wak- ing or sleep- ing, Thy pres- ence my light.
Great God of heav- en, my trea- sure Thou art.
Still be my vi- sion, O Rul- er of all.
1. Eternal God, whose power upholds Both flower and flaming star,
2. O God of love, whose Spirit wakes In every human breast,
3. O God of truth, whom science seeks And reverent souls adore,
4. O God of beauty, oft revealed In dreams of human art,
5. O God of righteousness and grace, Seen in the Christ, Thy Son,

To whom there is nowhere nor there, No time, no near nor far,
Whom love, and love alone, can know, In whom all hearts find rest:
Who lightest every earnest mind Of every clime and shore:
In speech that flows to melody, In holiness of heart:
Whose life and death reveal Thy face, By whom Thy will was done:

No alien race, no foreign shore, No child unsought, unknown:
Help us to spread Thy gracious reign Till greed and hate shall cease,
Dispel the gloom of error's night, Of ignorance and fear,
Teach us to turn from sinful That shuts our hearts to Thee,
Inspire Thy heralds of good news To live Thy life divine,

O send us forth, Thy prophets true, To make all lands Thine own!
And kindness dwell in human hearts, And all the earth find peace!
Unknown wisdom from above Shall make life's pathway clear!
Till all shall know the loveliness Of lives made fair and free!
Till Christ is formed in every heart, And every land is Thine!
The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be celebrated during the livestreamed service on August 2. To participate at home, prior to the service, you may want to prepare your own table with bread, crackers, or goldfish crackers and juice, wine, or even grapes. Use what you have at hand; Jesus used ordinary things—the basic elements of water, bread, and wine—to proclaim the extraordinary love of God. If you wish to fast from the bread and cup until we can be together again in the Sanctuary, please take this time to join in the prayers and enjoy the music.

August Intergenerational Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, August 22 @ 10:00 a.m.
Join us for storytime in the House of Hope Park at 10:00 a.m. Following storytime families are invited to engage in a church-wide scavenger hunt. You will need a vehicle, as you will be visiting three houses, collecting clues, taking social distance selfies, delivering cards, and hearing stories from members of the congregation. At your last stop you will receive a lawn flamingo. Take it home. Dress it up to give it some personality and send us a family photo with your decorated flamingo. One family will win a prize. We will display all the decorated flamingos on the House of Hope lawn in celebration of Rally Sunday.

Calling All Congregants…
We invite all House of Hope congregants to sign-up to receive a brief social distance visit from one of our families on Saturday, August 22. Your role is simple. To sign-up to participate send an email to Kiera Stegall at kieras@hohchurch.org. On August 22 be available to receive a card from a family. Tell the family one of your favorite memories at House of Hope. Take a social distance selfie with the family. Give the family a clue to their next destination. Will you help us connect with our church community this summer?

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