



## Rally Sunday

September 13, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

Rally Day at House of Hope is a time to rally the soul, mind, and body. Please join us at 10 a.m. for our livestream worship and then under the “Big Tent” in the Portland Ave. parking lot as we follow the guidelines of the MN Department of Health’s Guidance for Safe Celebrations and Events. Things to know:

- Face masks or face coverings will be required. They may be temporarily removed to enable eating and/or drinking while seated.
- To manage attendance, you will sign up for a time frame of 30 minutes using Signup Genius. Upon arrival, you’ll check in at a welcome table to receive event details.
- A caterer will prepare and individually serve hotdogs, chips, water, and ice cream treats. HOH member Terry Bailey’s band, Jazz Savvy, will provide entertainment.
- Traffic flow will be single direction in some areas, and physically distanced chairs will be provided.
- Hand sanitizer, hand-washing stations, and porta potties will be provided.
- Parking will be available in the Holly lot, HOH’s Summit parking lot, and street parking.
- We ask that you stay safely home if you’re not feeling well or are at greater risk due to health conditions.

We all have a role to play in protecting ourselves and fellow congregants from COVID-19. By following these guidelines, we can enjoy a Rally Sunday picnic and reconnect as a congregation while supporting public health.

Please register online:

[bit.ly/RallySunday2020](https://bit.ly/RallySunday2020) or call (651) 227-6311 for assistance.



# Festival of HOPE

September 20–27

“In a poll last month just one in six Americans was ‘proud’ of the state of the country, and about two out of three were actually ‘fearful,’ wrote Nicholas Kristof. “So let me introduce a new thought: ‘hope.’” In his article Kristof points out that despite COVID-19 and daunting economic upheaval, there are positive developments emerging in our country.

In that spirit, we are excited to offer **Festival of Hope**, a new online adult education conference in September. Here is a preview of speakers that will participate in virtual conversations with Revs. Lynn and Mark Barger Elliott:



### Anjali Kumar: “The Hope of the Quest”

Ms. Kumar’s TED Talk based on her book *Stalking God: My Unorthodox Search For Something To Believe In*, has been watched by more than four million people. Kumar has worked as the Chief People Officer at Cheddar, Head of Social Innovation at Warby Parker, and Senior Counsel at Google.



### Melvin Carter: “The Hope of Saint Paul”

Mayor Carter is the 46<sup>th</sup>, and first African-American mayor of the City of Saint Paul. A fourth-generation Saint Paul resident, his accomplishments include raising the minimum wage and expanding immigrant and refugee support services.



### Dennis Overbye: “The Hope of Science”

Science Editor of *The New York Times*, Mr. Overbye’s reporting ranges from zero-gravity fashion shows and science in the movies to the status of Pluto, the death of the Earth, and the fate of the universe.



### Marcus Hummon: “The Hope of Frederick Douglass”

Grammy winner, Hall of Fame songwriter, and composer of award-winning musicals, Mr. Hummon will speak on his new musical *American Prophet* that tells the inspiring story of Frederick Douglass.

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**Kristin Kobes Du Mez:**  
**"The Hope for the Evangelical Church"**

A professor at Calvin University, Ms. Kobes Du Mez

will speak about her recent book: *Jesus and John Wayne: How White Evangelicals Corrupted a Faith and Fractured a Nation*.



**Danjuma Gibson: "The Hope of Democracy"**

Dr. Gibson is an expert on the black religious experience in the context

of trauma. He is an author and professor of pastoral care at Calvin Theological Seminary.



**David Livermore: "The Hope of a Multicultural World"**

A social scientist devoted to the topics of cultural

intelligence and global leadership and the author of ten award-winning books.



**James Ludwig: "The Hope of Design"**

Mr. Ludwig is a leader in the office furniture industry with a portfolio

that includes architecture, furniture, and technology products.



**Rob Wilson-Black: "The Hope of the Church"**

Mr. Wilson-Black is CEO of Sojourners, a journal situated at the intersection of

faith, politics, and culture.

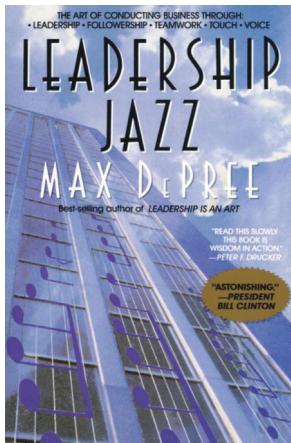


Summit Avenue, or run errands around Saint Paul. You will find them smiling and sitting in lawn chairs September 8–11 from 4:30–6 p.m.

## Pastors Under the Porte

September 8–11, 4:30–6 p.m.

Since the onset of COVID-19, we have learned how to "live" in new and innovative ways. Please stop by for "Pastors Under the Porte," an opportunity for Lynn and Mark to introduce themselves in a safe and socially-distanced way. The "Porte" is the covered space along the drive on Portland Avenue. Drop by to share a cup of coffee, as you walk your dog down



## Session, Deacons, and Trustees Retreat

**Leadership Jazz: The Rhythms, Risks, and Results of Leading in a Church**

September 12, 9–11:30 a.m.

What is God calling us to do next as a church? How do we discern that call and then act on it? All Session members, Deacons, and Trustees are invited to a special leadership retreat under the big tent in the church parking lot on Saturday, September 12. While engaging in safe practices and social distancing, we will reflect on the work of Max De Pree and his book

*Leadership Jazz: The Essential Elements of a Great Leader*. De Pree, for example, once said, "Jazz, like leadership, combines the unpredictability of the future, with the gifts of individuals," and picking the right "tune." We will enjoy special music, reflections on improvisation from Aaron David Miller, and a light breakfast from Great Harvest. Please contact David Goudzwaard-Vaught at DavidGV@hoh-church.org with questions or to reserve your spot.



## Preaching Series

**The Joy of Recognition: Seven Psalms - Seven Eternal Truths**

September 20–November 1

Poet Wendell Berry once wrote, "The Creator is divided in Creation for the joys of recognition. We knew that Spirit in each other once; it brings us here. By its divisions and returns, the world lives." In our fractured world the book of Psalms provides a singular window into seven eternal truths. Join us for this special sermon series on *The Joy of Recognition*.



## Welcome to the PC(USA)'s new Co-Moderator of the General Assembly

House of Hope was grateful for the opportunity to host a meeting between the outgoing and the incoming Co-Moderators of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in July. Thank you, Rev. Cindy Kohlmann and welcome elected Co-Moderator, Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart. Elona and David Stewart have been our neighbors for years. We are happy and excited to see one of our friends serve the national Church, and we offer continued support throughout the next two years.



## Children, Youth and Family Programming

### Children and Family Ministries

Join us for any or all of these virtual ministries this fall!

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.      **Virtual Family Worship** for families with children birth–5<sup>th</sup> grade

Fridays at 9:30 a.m.\*      **Story Silly Songs and Story Time** for children birth–Kindergarten

Fridays at 4 p.m.\*      **Fun Fridays** (games, S.T.E.M. challenges and more for 1<sup>st</sup>–5<sup>th</sup> graders)

\*(beginning September 18)

To request links for these ministries, contact KieraS@hohchurch.org. The monthly kit of supplies for Zoom activities and family spiritual practices can be picked up at Rally Day, 11:30 a.m.–2 p.m.

### Middle and High Schoolers

In September, **hangouts** will be held Tuesdays, 1-2 p.m. for middle school and 3:30-4:30 p.m. for high school. They will be held outside at church. **Confirmation** will begin Wednesday, September 16 at 7 p.m.

### Choir School

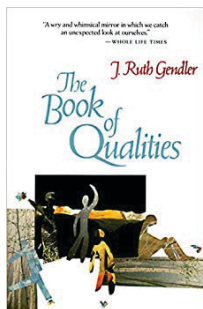
We are assessing how to handle Choir School in the fall. We're keeping our ear to the ground for recommendations from the Governor and the Center for Disease Control. More information to come!

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### Sunday–Weekday Connection

Join at: [bit.ly/SunWeekConnection](https://bit.ly/SunWeekConnection)

Tuesday, September 22 at 7 p.m.



We will discuss *The Book of Qualities*, by J. Ruth Gendler. This book received rave reviews from the HOH Women's Breakfast Book Group, and Julia Carlson has used it as the basis for two

sermons (June 3, 2018 and December 30, 2018). "Faith lives in the same apartment building as Doubt, and Worry makes lists of everything that could go wrong while she is waiting for the train. In portraying the complexities of the psyche, Gendler uses the Qualities to bridge the distinctions between literature and psychology, and has created an original work that challenges us to look at our emotions in new and inspiring ways."

### Great Decisions

Join via Zoom at

[bit.ly/HOHGreatDecisions](https://bit.ly/HOHGreatDecisions)

September 8 at 4 p.m.

"India and Pakistan" with Kannan Solayappan

India's Prime Minister Modi rode a wave of Hindu nationalism to a historic reelection in 2019. Modi revoked the special status granted to the Kashmir region, which inflamed the rivalry between India and Pakistan. Both countries possess nuclear weapons. What problems confront the U.S. in its relationships with India and Pakistan?

For more information, visit [http://www.fpa.org/great\\_decisions](http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions) that is provided by the Foreign Policy Association.

### Faith and Fibers

We are supporting our Mission Partners at Project Home and Prior Crossing this fall with a focus on hats. All knitters are welcome to join us in knitting hats—in

any variety of sizes and colors. Yarn and patterns are available. Please contact Janice Dickinson at: [Janice.Dickinson@att.net](mailto:Janice.Dickinson@att.net) or Diane Smith at: [smith-diane@comcast.net](mailto:smith-diane@comcast.net) for more information.

### Reverberations

In April, the large set of House of Hope handbells traveled to a bell shop in Michigan—one of only two shops in the United States which specializes in bells made by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in Great Britain. The task: a complete refurbishment of bells after 42 years of continual ringing in rehearsals, services, and festivals. The bells returned late July, were in quarantine for a week, and are now ready to ring. You will hear a more consistent tone from the bells which will allow the ringers to balance their bell sound (without frustration) among each other for a better musical experience. Thank you to all who helped with this project. —Tim Short, Music Associate



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## Earth Care

*The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof,  
the world and they that dwell therein. —Psalm 24:1*

### A Year Later

On September 20, 2019, members of House of Hope and other area churches participated in the local Youth Climate Strike held on the capitol grounds in St. Paul. We were there to support thousands of young people rallying with millions around the world to demand action to halt climate change. They carried signs with messages like "You'll die of old age, I'll die of climate change," "The climate is changing, why aren't we?," and "Help!"

A year later, those messages—though no less urgent, have largely been overshadowed by the global pandemic and worldwide anti-racism civil unrest. Yet, we have also witnessed how our own wellbeing is interconnected to the health of our planet. While under Stay-at-Home orders, we saw that it took only weeks for the skies in polluted cities to clear as emissions dropped, and to experience peaceful bird chirps replacing traffic noise. As we continue to shelter in place, may we each connect with our planet in sustainable ways that heed the urgent pleas of our youth to create a future for all.

## Stephen Ministry

Now celebrating its fifth anniversary, House of Hope's Stephen Ministry program is recruiting for the next training program. If you have an interest, please contact Julia Carlson at [JuliaC@hohchurch.org](mailto:JuliaC@hohchurch.org).



*"I've worked most of my life in helping professions because I like the idea of my being a part of people learning skills to change their lives by changing their responses to adverse life events. Stephen Ministry is an extension and continuation of this labor that I can continue to do as a retired person.*

*As a Stephen Minister I believe I'm making a positive contribution to the life of another person who is struggling. I believe that God is there to help one get through the rough times, and as a Stephen Minister I am an instrument through which God can do this. My care receivers have often expressed gratitude for the support both from me and from House of Hope."*

—Kathy Samilo, Stephen Minister



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