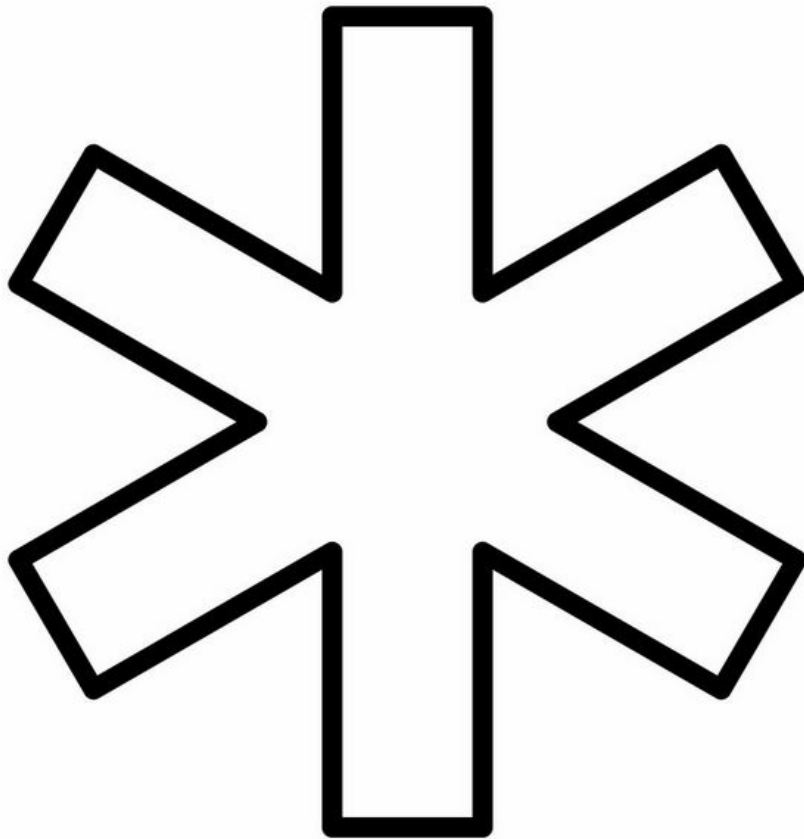


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 6, 2020 10 a.m.

Welcome

We are delighted that you have found the House of Hope online!

Our caring and active community welcomes you.

We extend the hospitality of Christ to all.

Our streamed worship takes place on Sundays at 10 a.m.

You can access our service on the home page of our website and on Facebook.

Children and Family Ministry Worship takes place on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Join Kiera Stegall and Sofia Ardan for a twenty minute gathering with a biblical teaching, song and liturgy. Please visit the “House of Hope Parents” page or email Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org for more information.

Upcoming Events:

September 12: Leadership Retreat for current Session, Deacons and Trustees (9:00-11:30)

September 13: Rally Sunday! Please sign up for a 30 minute period for fellowship, food, and special music – link and further details provided on the back of the bulletin.

September 20-27: *Festival of Hope*. Join us for our online conference as we engage with leading artists, activists, and scientists on where hope is emerging in our world.

Pastoral Concerns:

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.

Today's Cover Art is the image of an asterisk.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on PATMOS
Aaron David Miller, Organ

W. H. Havergal

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

Call to Worship

Julia A. Carlson

Leader: So if there is any encouragement in Christ," writes Saint Paul.

People: "any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy,

Leader: "complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love,
being in full accord and of one mind,"

People: which is ours in Christ Jesus.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise
Tim Bruett, Soloist

Leoni

Invitation to Confession

On this Labor Day Sunday, let us lift up all people who labor, either for pay or as volunteers,
in jobs or at school, at home or in the workplace, here at home and all around the world.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: We are workers, God, just like you.

People: But we confess that our actions do not always affirm and honor each other.

Leader: Our work is not always done in a spirit that is pleasing to you.

**People: We confess that, on some occasions, we have blindly bought goods
made by people who are paid too little or work in unsafe conditions.**

Leader: We admit that we have failed to end an unjust system in which some workers have jobs
that provide good wages and benefits while others may have no job,
or one that pays little and provides few benefits.

**People: Creator God, help us to be your people,
working for a world where all workers are valued.**

Leader: A world where all workers everywhere share in the abundance that you have given us.

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

Lynn Barger Elliott

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Jesus Is Calling

A. D. Miller

The Motet Choir Section Leaders, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Softly, tenderly Jesus is calling to you,
See, on the portals He's waiting and watching,
Watching for you and for me.

*Come home, come home,
You who are weary, come home;
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
Calling sinners come home!*

Time is now fleeting, moments are passing,
Passing from you and from me;
Shadows are gathering, night time is coming,
Coming for you and for me.

Oh for the wonderful love he has promised,
Promised for you and me.
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
Pardon for you and me.

Second Lesson

Matthew 18:18-20

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mark Barger Elliott

Seeds of Hope 6: The Church in Tumultuous Times

Hymn

Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether

Union Seminary

Affirmation of Faith — from *The Confession of 1967*

God has created the world of space and time to be the sphere of God's dealings with humankind. In its beauty and vastness, sublimity and awfulness, order and disorder, the world reflects to the eye of faith the majesty and mystery of its Creator. God has created human beings for a personal relation with Godself that they may respond to the love of the Creator. God has created male and female and given them a life which proceeds from birth to death in a succession of generations and in a wide complex of social relations. God has endowed humans with capacities to make the world serve their needs and to enjoy its good things. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. People are free to seek life within the purpose of God: to develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, to work for justice and peace in society, and in other ways to use their creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Zachary O. Wilson

**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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

Dennis

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Steven Davis Nurmi.

Daniel ben Judah, 1404

Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt.

Hebrew melody
Adapt. Thomas Olivers
and Meyer Lyon, 1770

1. The God of A-braham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
2. Your spir - it still flows free, High surg - ing where it will;
3. You have e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;

The an - cient of e - ter - nal days, The God of love!
In proph-et's word You spoke of old And You speak still.
Your love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll.

The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven con - fessed,
Es - tab - lished is Your law, And change-less it shall stand,
We praise You, liv - ing God! We praise Your ho - ly name;

We bow be - fore Your ho - ly name, For - ev - er blest.
Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.
The first, the last, be - yond all thought, And still the same!

Percy Dearmer, 1931; alt.

Harold Friedell, 1957

1. Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, For when hum - bly
 2. As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er In the name of
 3. All our meals and all our liv - ing Make as sac - ra -

in Your name Two or three are met to - geth - er,
 Christ to sup, Then with thanks to God the Fa - ther
 ments of You, That by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,

You are in the midst of them; Al - le - lu - ia!
 Break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!
 We may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

LORD'S SUPPER



Al-le - lu - ia! Touch we now Your gar - ment's hem.
 Al-le - lu - ia! So now bind our friend - ship up.
 Al-le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

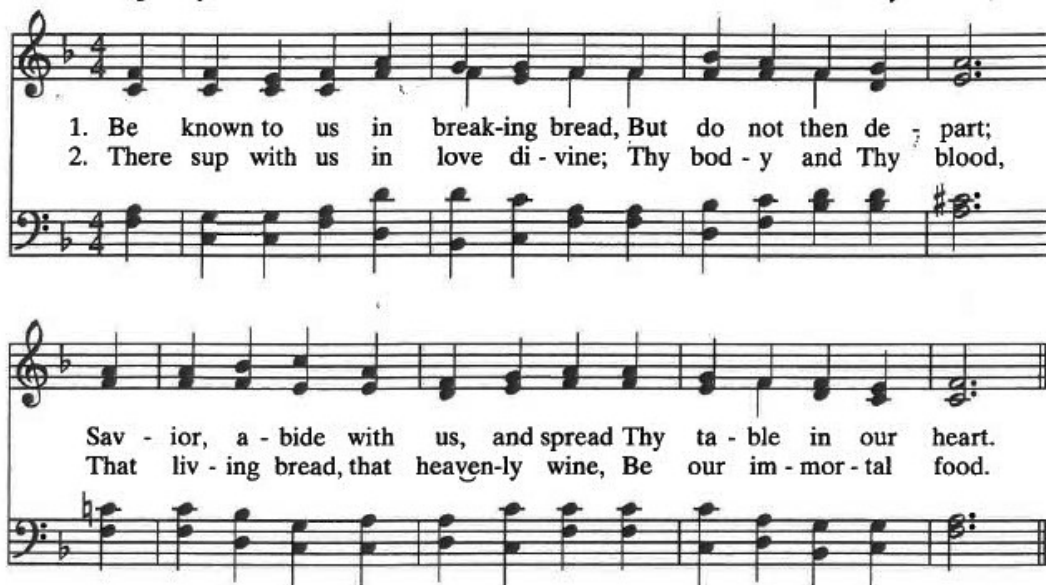
Luke 24:30-35

Be Known to Us in Breaking Bread 505

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James Montgomery, 1825

Day's Psalter, 1562



1. Be known to us in break-ing bread, But do not then de part;
 2. There sup with us in love di - vine; Thy bod - y and Thy blood,
 Sav - ior, a - bide with us, and spread Thy ta - ble in our heart.
 That liv - ing bread, that heav-en-ly wine, Be our im - mor - tal food.

1 Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts in
 2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our
 3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual
 4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we

Chris - tian love; the fel - low - ship of
 ar - dent prayers; our fears, our hopes, our
 bur - dens bear; and of - ten for each
 shall be free; and per - fect love and

kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.
 aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Register! - September 13, 2020 - Rally Sunday Picnic

Rally Sunday 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 as we conclude our series *Seeds of Hope*. We then invite you join us under the “Big Tent” on the Portland Ave. parking lot for a time of fellowship as we follow the guidelines of the MN Department of Health’s Guidance for Safe Celebrations and Events.

Here are ten things to know:

1. Face masks or face coverings will be required. They may be temporarily removed to enable eating and/or drinking while seated.
2. To manage attendance, you will sign up for a time frame of 30 minutes using the link below. Upon arrival, you'll check in at a welcome table to receive event details.
3. A caterer will prepare and individually serve hotdogs, chips, water, and ice cream treats.
4. HOH member Terry Bailey's band, Jazz Savvy, will provide entertainment.
5. Traffic flow will be single direction in some areas.
6. Chairs that are physically distanced will be provided.
7. There will be hand sanitizer and hand-washing stations as well as porta potties.
8. Regular cleaning of surfaces will take place.
9. Parking will be available in HOH's Holly and Summit parking lots and street parking.
10. 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.

Register online at: **bit.ly/RallySunday2020** or call 651-227-6311 for assistance.

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