THE HOUSE OF HOPE Presbyterian Church



Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time | November 8, 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, Sofia Ardalan, and Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott for a twenty minute gathering with a biblical teaching, spiritual vocabulary word, and prayer. Please visit the "House of Hope Parents" page or email Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org for more information.

Virtual New Member Class. Whether you live in Saint Paul, MN or Saint Augustine, FL, we invite you to call the House of Hope your home. Please join us for a virtual new members class today, November 8, after worship at 11:30 a.m. to discover ways to affiliate, participate, and become a member of our community of faith. To join the class: http://bit.ly/NewMemberNov2020

Racial Justice in Healthcare: A Deliberative Dialogue. November 4 - December 9 (excluding Nov. 24) at 6:30 p.m. Please join us to address important issues that affect us all. The conversations reflect on current data, as well as biblical teachings and parables. Topics include: maternal and infant mortality, life expectancy disparities and financial barriers to care. Interested? Email Laurel Gamm: Irlgmm@gmail. com. Join via Zoom: bit.ly/RacialJusticeInHealthcare

LINKS: Connecting Parents to What Really Matters. Parents of all ages are invited to join Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott and Director of Youth Ministry Dan Miglets-Nelson on Zoom for conversations around faithful and flourishing parenting. Join via Zoom: bit.ly/ParentingDifficultTopics

November 11 | 8–8:45 p.m. Parenting Though Difficult Topics: How to Talk about Racism, Elections, and COVID-19 November 18 | 8–8:45 p.m. Parenting Through a Pandemic Winter: Strategies for Spiritual and Mental Wellness



A Future with Hope:

Over the next 75 days we will invite church members to share ideas regarding 7 major objectives we can tackle in the coming years. You can share your thoughts through written responses from packets mailed to your home or fill out a 1-7-75-175 form on our website. We will also bring back "Pastors Under the Porte" where you can share your ideas in person.

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: Bob Dylan Mural by Eduardo Kobra. Image by Sharon Mollerus

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Arioso, BWV 156 Aaron David Miller, Organ

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — John 12:26, adapted

- Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. God will honor the one who serves me."
- People: In worship we are invited to choose to shape our lives around the teachings of Jesus.
- Leader: On this Sabbath morning we are invited to reflect on whom we will in fact serve in our lives.

People: Let us come before God, our creator, in spirit and in truth. Amen.

Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name Melissa Holm-Johansen, Soloist

Call To Confession — Colossians 3:23, adapted

Leader: Scripture teaches that "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters... it is the Lord Christ you are serving."

- People: At times, O Lord, we confess that we forget as God's people we are called to offer our work, our efforts, our treasure to you as a means to transform our world into God's kingdom on earth.
- Leader: Let us pray,

Prayer of Confession

Leader: O Lord, as the playwright Vaclav Havel once cautioned, "The worst thing we can choose to do is to live in a contaminated moral environment... a time and a place where we feel morally ill because... concepts such as love, friendship, compassion, humility or forgiveness lost their depth and dimension."

People: Accept our contrition, O Lord, for our part in choosing to serve anything that might contribute to or condone immorality. Forgive moments in our lives where we have chosen to serve two masters, instead of you alone. Hear our silent prayers...

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IS Bach

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Großer Gott, wir loben dich

Julia A. Carlson

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Psalmist writes, "Praise be to the Lord, for God has heard my cry for mercy. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in God, and God helps me. My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise the Lord."

People: The assurance of our forgiveness is indeed a joyful sound.

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

Mark Barger Elliott

First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Jubilate Deo The Motet Choir Section Leaders, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord he is God:

It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves:

We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,

And into his courts with praise:

Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.

For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting;

And his truth endureth to all generations. Amen.

William Mathias

Second Lesson

Matthew 6:19-21,24

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Go Point: On Three Decisions a Christian Must Make

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Affirmation of Faith — from A Brief Statement of Faith, PC(USA)

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.

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. Maryton

Lynn Barger Elliott

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	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

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Hymn

Rejoice the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

Benediction

Postlude

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH 7.8.7.8.7.7





Rejoice, the Lord Is King

DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.8.8



In Memoriam

John D. King joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on April 3, 1969. He entered the Church Triumphant on October 28, 2020. An interment will take place at Fort Snelling at a later date.

"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



Stewardship Sunday | November 15, 2020

This year's stewardship theme is 5.

This November all members and friends of House of Hope are invited to prayerfully consider increasing their pledge by 5% so we might allocate 5% of House of Hope's Annual Budget for Mission Outreach. The last time Mission Outreach was included in our budget was more than 17 years ago. Currently, our Mission Outreach is funded from our Bash and special offerings. To help reach this pledge goal, we are excited to announce an anonymous member has offered to match every pledge increase up to \$50,000.

A pledge card will be mailed to you with a return envelope, or you may sign in to MyHOH to pledge online.

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