

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Slow is smooth, smooth is fast" - Emily Harrington, mountaineer

"The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." - 2 Corinthians 9:6

Stewardship Sunday | November 15, 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 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.

**Adult Enrichment - Today at 11:15 a.m.: *Poetic Expression for Growth and Healing***

Dr. Geri Chavis will demonstrate how poetic expression can enhance our wellbeing, open doors to significant discoveries, and help us heal from losses. As a leader in the poetry/biblio-therapy field, licensed psychologist, certified poetry therapist, mentor-supervisor, and humanities professor at St. Catherine University, Geri Chavis has been fostering growth and healing through poetry, story and expressive writing since 1979. Join via Zoom: <http://bit.ly/AdultEdPoeticExpression>

**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: [lrkgmm@gmail.com](mailto:lrkgmm@gmail.com). Join via Zoom: [bit.ly/RacialJusticeInHealthcare](http://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](http://bit.ly/ParentingDifficultTopics)

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:** Photograph by Jon Glassberg/New York Times

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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

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### Prelude

Allegro

Aaron David Miller, Organ

G. F. Handel

### Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

### Call to Worship — I Peter 4:10

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Leader: Scripture declares, “Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.

**People: If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God.**

Leader: If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ.

**People: To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever.”**

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

### Hymn

*Today We are All Called to Be Disciples*

Joel Fischer, Soloist

Kingsfold

### Call To Confession — Wendell Berry, *The Gift of Good Land*

Leader: The author Wendell Berry writes how “The divine mandate to use the world justly and charitably... defines every person’s moral predicament as that of a steward.... and stewardship is hopeless and meaningless unless it involves long-term courage, perseverance, devotion, and skill.” Let us pray,

### Prayer of Confession

**On this Stewardship Sunday, O Lord, we are mindful how you have called us to be stewards of the gifts that we have been given – our majestic world, and the specific talents and treasures you have bestowed upon each of us. We confess at times, however, we have fallen short of the “courage, perseverance, devotion and skill” necessary to fulfill your divine mandate. We have become preoccupied with our needs and fearful of the future. We falter in our instinct to be generous and neglect to grow our skills and resources so they might build your kingdom here on earth. Hear our silent confession.**

## Assurance of Pardon — 1 John 1:9

Leader: Scripture reminds us that “If we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”  
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### Time for Children

Lynn Barger Elliott

### First Lesson

Julia A. Carlson

Matthew 25:14-29

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

### Anthem

*Each Ray of Light*

Michael Ferguson

The Motet Choir Section Leaders, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

God with my lying down,  
God with me rising up,  
God with me in each ray of light,  
Nor I a ray of joy without Him,  
Nor one ray without him.

Christ with me sleeping,  
Christ with me waking,  
Christ with me watching,  
Every day and night,  
Each day and night.

God with me protecting,  
The Lord with me directing,  
The Spirit with me strengthening,  
For ever and for evermore,  
Ever and evermore. Amen.

### Second Lesson

2 Corinthians 9:6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Sermon

*The Go Point: On Three Decisions a Christian Must Make*

Mark Barger Elliott

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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## Hymn

*We Give Thee But Thine Own*

Schumann

## Affirmation of Faith — by Allen & Sara Ewing-Merrill

**We believe in God,  
Creator of the universe,  
Giver of every good gift,  
Author of life itself.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
who reminded us of the coming of God's kingdom,  
who commanded us to care for those in need,  
who taught us to store up treasures in heaven, not on earth,  
and who gave us the example of self-giving love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who inspires us to faithful stewardship of God's gifts,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
by whom all things are possible.**

**We believe that God has given us gifts to be shared freely and generously,  
in a spirit of love and joy.**

**We acknowledge that we are merely stewards of all that is God's,  
caretakers of God's home.**

**We believe that faithful stewardship is an act of worship,  
a means of praising God who has blessed us so abundantly.**

**We believe that God has great things in store for us,  
for it is in giving that we receive. 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**

*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.*

## **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.**

## **Hymn**

*We All Are One in Mission*

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

## **Benediction**

## **Postlude**

Concerto in A Minor, BWV 593

J. S. Bach

## **Carillon Postlude**


David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

# Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples 434


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H. Kenn Carmichael, 1985


*English Country Songs*, 1893  
Arr. and harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906




1. To - day we all are called to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord,  
2. God made the world and at its birth Or - dained our hu - man race  
3. Pray jus - tice may come roll - ing down As in a might-y stream,  
4. May we in ser - vice to our God Act out the liv - ing Word,



To help to set the cap - tive free, Make plow-share out of sword,  
To live as stew-ards of the earth, Re - spond-ing to God's grace.  
With righ-teous - ness in field and town To cleanse us and re - deem.  
And walk the road the saints have trod Till all have seen and heard.



To feed the hun-gry, quench their thirst, Make love and peace our fast,  
But we are vain and sad - ly proud, We sow not peace but strife,  
For God is long-ing to re - store An earth where con - flicts cease,  
As stew-ards of the earth may we Give thanks in one ac - cord



To serve the poor and home-less first, Our ease and com-fort last.  
Our dis - cord spreads a dead - ly cloud That threat-ens all of life.  
A world that was cre - at - ed for A har - mo - ny of peace.  
To God who calls us all to be Dis - ci - ples of the Lord.

# We Give Thee but Thine Own

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William Walsham How, c. 1858

Mason and Webb's *Cantica Laudis*, 1850

1. We give Thee but Thine own, What - e'er the gift may be;  
2. May we Thy boun-ties thus As stew-ards true re - ceive,  
3. To com-fort and to bless, To find a balm for woe,  
4. The cap - tive to re - lease, To God the lost to bring,

All that we have is Thine a - lone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.  
And glad - ly, as Thou bless-est us, To Thee our first - fruits give.  
To tend the lone - ly in dis - tress, Is an - gels' work be - low.  
To teach the way of life and peace—It is a Christ-like thing.

5. And we believe Thy Word,  
Though dim our faith may be;  
Whate'er for Thine we do, O Lord,  
We do it unto Thee.



## We All Are One in Mission

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Rusty Edwards, 1986; alt.

Memmingen ms., 17th century  
Harm. George Ratcliffe Woodward, 1904

1. We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,  
 2. We all are called for ser - vice To wit - ness in God's name;  
 3. Now let us be u - nit - ed And let our song be heard.

Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.  
 Our min - is - tries are dif - ferent, Our pur - pose is the same:  
 Now let us be a ves - sel For God's re - deem - ing word.

A sin - gle, great com - mis - sion Com - pels us from a - bove  
 To touch the lives of oth - ers By God's sur - pris - ing grace  
 We all are one in mis - sion, We all are one in call,

To plan and work to - geth - er That all may know Christ's love.  
 So ev - ery folk and na - tion May feel God's warm em - brace.  
 Our var - ied gifts u - nit - ed By Christ, the Lord of all.

## Stewardship Sunday is TODAY!

At the heart of every vibrant faith community is a generosity grounded in a faithful understanding God "is the source from whom all blessings flow." We invite you to embrace this spirit of faithful generosity and to consider increasing your pledge 5% so we might allocate 5% of all pledges received specifically for Mission Outreach.

## Thanksgiving Streamed Worship

**November 25, 7 p.m. or November 26, 10 a.m.**

Join us for a brief service of prayers and reflection as a part of your celebration.

After the November 26 streaming, you can view at your convenience.

## Christmas Sponsor-A-Family

In partnership with the YWCA, Sponsor-A-Family will look a bit different this year, however up to 80 families will still need Christmas gifts.

Go to: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/HOHSponsorAFamily>

or stop by the church website to find the SignUp Genius link where you will find information on families, including ages and wish lists. For assistance with signing up to help, please contact the church office. Don't like to shop? Donations are welcome and will be used to provide a grocery gift card for each family. Please mail all donations to the church office ATTN: Family Sponsor.

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