

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God,
God abides in that person, and that person in God." - I John 4:15

Baptism of the Lord | January 10, 2021 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.

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Stewardship Update. We invite all members and friends of House of Hope to join the over 259 individuals and families, 9 out of 10 who have already increased or sustained their giving level in support of our 5 Campaign and funding our 2021 church budget. The average increase to date is approximately 9%. Our current pledge total is \$972,000 towards our goal of \$1,250,000. Thank you for your faithful generosity! On the home page, select "Support House of Hope" to pledge.

Children and Family Ministry Worship takes place on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Join Kiera Stegall and Dan Miglets-Nelson 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: Barb Horlbeck will present "The Sacred in Art". today at 11:15 a.m.

An art historian, Barb Horlbeck will discuss Christian, Jewish, Hindu, Buddhist, and Muslim art. The Zoom link can be found on the Events Calendar on our website.

Hope in Winter: Ways to Celebrate the Season:

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| January 9: | Youth Group Snowball Rumpus - Summit Lawn. Postponed. |
| January 10: | Snowshoeing with Ann and Bill Geery. Postponed. |
| January 17: | Dog Park Meet-up with Linda Lane, 59 Randolph Ave., St. Paul (3 p.m.) |
| January 27, Feb 3,10,& 17: | Summit Avenue Pilgrimages with Julia Carlson
(11 a.m.; approximately one mile each week) |
| February 14 | Snow Sculpture Contest, House of Hope Park - All ages welcome,
hosted by Children and Family and Youth Ministry Committees (2 p.m.) |
| February 27 | Sledding for Families – Hosted by Children and Families Committee (10 a.m.) |

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.



On September 15, the Session approved a 1-7-75-175 Initiative to enable us to prayerfully discern where God might be leading our congregation in the coming years. In addition, they set in motion a Long Range Planning Committee to assimilate input from the congregation and discern our mission and 7 major objectives we can tackle in the coming years as we move toward our 175th anniversary. Below are working documents approved by Session that we will discuss in January with further input from the congregation.

House of Hope Mission Statement

Hope is more than a word in our name—it is why we were founded on Christmas Eve in 1855.

Our inclusive and affirming community seeks to live out the word of God in our time. In the Presbyterian tradition we are Reformed, and yet always reforming. In this spirit we:

Glorify God in our worship and seek to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ by proclaiming the Gospel through preaching, prayer, and exceptional music;

Engage in a holy curiosity which seeks through ongoing learning to apply the teachings of the Bible and to follow the example of Jesus in our daily lives;

Offer fellowship to people both inside and outside the church, listening to and respecting perspectives other than our own;

Celebrate the dynamic and perpetual re-creation of God's world by nurturing a faithful expression of the arts from children's programs to hosting established artists and fostering musical gifts;

Create a welcoming spiritual home for people in all stages of life, from young families to singles, empty nesters to senior adults; and

Advocate for the just treatment of all people by offering tangible assistance and striving for structural change in racial equity, housing, and healthcare access, and environmental stewardship.

7 Objectives

1. Establish and implement a HOH Master/Site Plan that reflects our desire to be a hospitable and welcoming community.
2. Create and implement a HOH Master Financial Plan.
3. Develop and expand programs for children, youth, family, and adults.
4. Create dynamic new partnerships and programs to further our spiritual life through music, arts and adult education.
5. Update our governance system to be relevant to our current and future needs.
6. Take bold and courageous action to advance diversity, religious pluralism, social justice and environmental stewardship.
7. Capitalize on new technologies to engage prospective and current members.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Aaron David Miller, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

Call to Worship

Julia A. Carlson

Leader: "But with your 'yes' to God belongs just as clear a 'no,'" writes Dietrich Bonhoeffer.

"Your 'yes' to God requires your 'no' to all injustice, to all evil, to all lies, to all oppression and violation of the weak and poor, to all ungodliness, and to all mockery of what is holy.

Your 'yes' to God requires a 'no' to everything that tries to interfere with your serving God."

People: In worship we are reminded of our previous "yes" to God and what that means for our lives.

Leader: Come, let us worship God.

Hymn

Praise God for Hope

Summit Avenue

Sofia Ardan and Matthew Culloton, Soloists

Call To Confession

Leader: Author Elaine Pagels notes how, "Jesus said, 'If you bring forth what is within you, what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is within you, what you do not bring forth will destroy you.'" In distressing times such as these, scripture invites us not only to confess our faith in Jesus Christ, but also to confess all that might inhibit us from truly following Christ in our lives and working for justice, truth, godliness, and towards all that is good in our world. Hear our silent prayers, O Lord.

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

First Lesson

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Isaiah 42:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

Grant Us Thy Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

The Motet Choir Section Leaders, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Verleih uns Frieden gnädiglich,
Herr Gott, zu unsern Zeiten.

Es ist doch ja kein anderer nicht,
der für uns könnte streiten,
denn du, unser Gott, alleine.

*Mercifully grant us peace,
Lord God, in our time.*

*There is none other
Who can struggle for us
But you alone, our God.*

Second Lesson

Kiera Stegall

Philippians 2:5-11

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

From Here to There – Reflections on January 6th

Mark Barger Elliott

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Hannah Armstrong, Soloist

Regent Square

Affirmation of Faith — *Adapted from Belhar Confession*

**We believe God has entrusted to the Church the message of reconciliation;
and that the Church is called to proclaim and embody this reconciliation;
to be peacemakers;
and to believe and to witness that God conquers all powers
of sin and death, of hate, bitterness and enmity,
through God's life giving Word and Spirit...**

**We are called to confess and to do all this
in obedience to Jesus Christ, our only Lord,
even if authorities or laws oppose this,
even if punishment and suffering may be the consequence.
Jesus is Lord. We will follow Him.**

Offering - There are three way that give an offering:

- **Website.** On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Donate Now"
Members can also sign into MyHOH to give.
- **Text Giving.** Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift.
- **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

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Tune

John Stanley

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

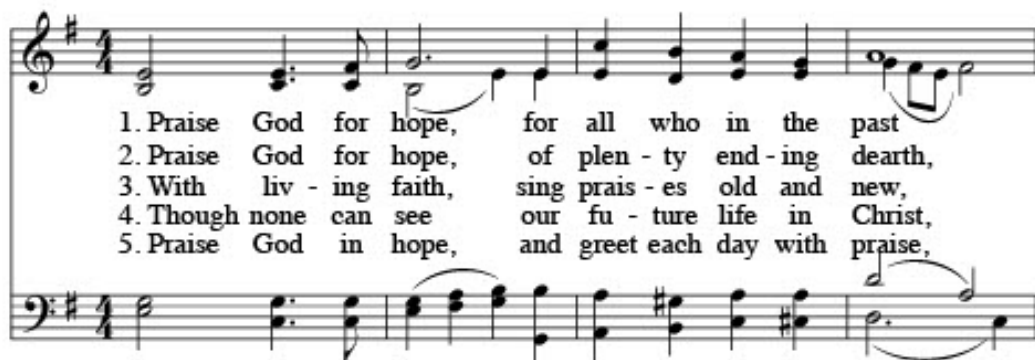
PRAISE GOD FOR HOPE

Brian Wren, 2014

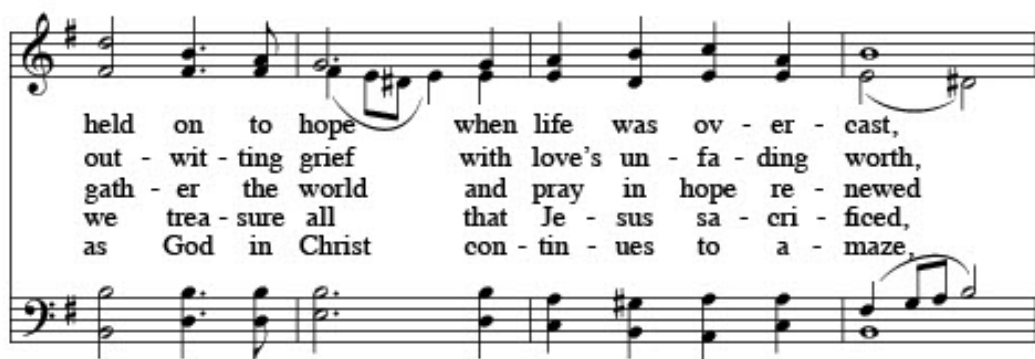
SUMMIT AVENUE 10.10.10 with Alleluias

ADM, 1983

rev. 2014



1. Praise God for hope, for all who in the past
2. Praise God for hope, of plen - ty end - ing dearth,
3. With liv - ing faith, sing prais - es old and new,
4. Though none can see our fu - ture life in Christ,
5. Praise God in hope, and greet each day with praise,



held on to hope when life was ov - er - cast,
out - wit - ting grief with love's un - fa - ding worth,
gath - er the world and pray in hope re - newed
we trea - sure all that Je - sus sa - cri - ficed,
as God in Christ con - tin - ues to a - maze,



And prac - ticed faith in God, the first and last: Al - le -
through re - sur - rec - tion glo - ry brought to birth: Al - le
with - in a house that Christ in - vites us to: Al - le
and trust in love un - fath - omed and un - priced: Al - le
our sav - ing hope be - gins and ends with praise: Al - le



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Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 417

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7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er
 to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and

help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

PSALM 90:1-5

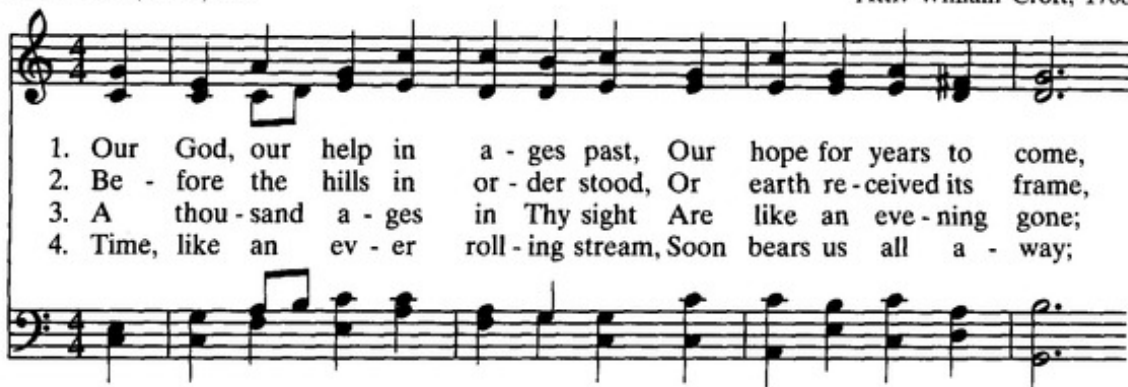
Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

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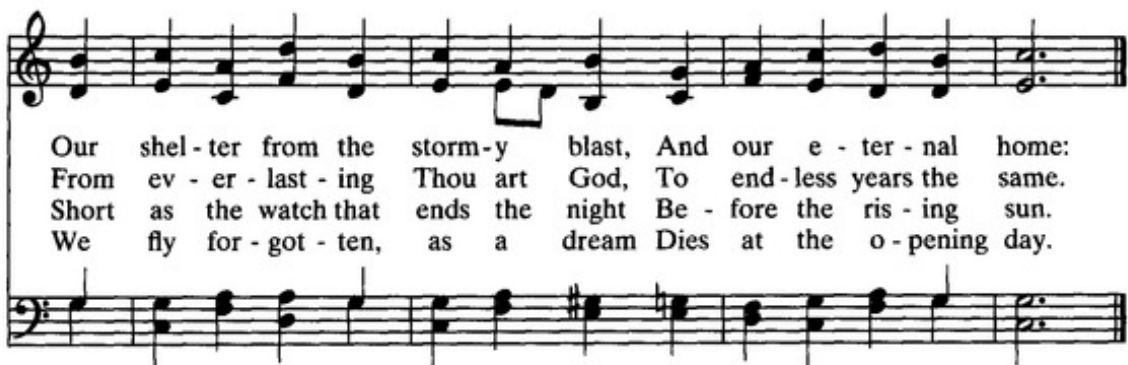
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Isaac Watts, 1719; alt.

Attr. William Croft, 1708



1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, Our hope for years to come,
 2. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, Or earth re - ceived its frame,
 3. A thou - sand a - ges in Thy sight Are like an eve - ning gone;
 4. Time, like an ev - er roll - ing stream, Soon bears us all a - way;



Our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, And our e - ter - nal home:
 From ev - er - last - ing Thou art God, To end - less years the same.
 Short as the watch that ends the night Be - fore the ris - ing sun.
 We fly for - got - ten, as a dream Dies at the o - pening day.

5. Our God, our help in ages past,
 Our hope for years to come,
 Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
 And our eternal home.

All-Church Focus on Housing and Homelessness

We hope to foster understanding and deepen engagement by providing several ways to learn more and pray together about this important issue. Watch for details on the HOH Blog page (hohchurch.org/house-of-hope-blog/).

Warm Clothing Drive
Book Study: *The Color of Law*, by Richard Rothstein
Resource list including spiritual resources
Activities for children and youth

Contact Shana Wagner at sharon.k.wagner@gmail.com with questions.

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