

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith—that you,
being rooted and grounded in love,
may...know the love of Christ...
and be filled with all the fullness of God.

- Ephesians 3:17-19

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | January 31, 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.



We are excited to launch **The HUB**, a ministry where children, youth, and families build community and faith through education, service, and the arts! Our logo draws upon a familiar symbol in the House of Hope Sanctuary. It is the spirit moving through our worship, ministries, and programs. Just as stained glass is illuminated when light shines through it, our ministries to children, youth, and families will shine brightly as the light of Christ brings to life our work together. See back page for more info.

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

Join Kiera Stegall 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: Poetic Expressions for Growth and Healing, Part 2

Sunday, February 7 | 11:15 a.m. Experience the ways in which poetic expression can enhance our wellbeing, help us heal from losses, and foster our ability to cope with life's challenging times. Dr. Geri Chavis will join us again for another session. 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.

Stewardship Update. We invite all members and friends of House of Hope to join the over 285 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 9.6%. Our current pledge total is \$1,041,759 towards our goal of \$1,250,000. Thank you for your faithful generosity! On the home page, select "Support House of Hope" to pledge.

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Walking the El Camino: A Virtual Pilgrimage. "The shortest pilgrimage is the one to your heart." - Allister MacIntosh. A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey, it can be a physical journey but it doesn't have to be. In this time when we cannot travel, let's go on a virtual journey. Through the pictures and memories of one Camino pilgrim along with poetry from David Whyte and well-known author Joyce Rupp's own chronicle *Walk in a Relaxed Manner: Life Lessons from the Camino*, we will travel through both landscape and soulscape together. **Four Zoom Gatherings: Sundays January 31, February 7 and 14 at 2-3 p.m.** Zoom information can be found in the Events Calendar on the HOH website. Signup is encouraged, but not required. Sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ElCamino>

Hope in Winter: Ways to Celebrate the Season:

- February 3,10,&17: Summit Avenue Pilgrimages with Julia Carlson (11 a.m.; approximately one mile)
Feb. 3, we'll begin at HOH.
- February 14: Snow Sculpture Contest, House of Hope Park (2 p.m.)
Snowshoeing with Ann and Bill Geery, Fort Snelling State Park (1 p.m.)
We'll meet in the parking lot opposite the Visitor Center at the end of the road.



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

Aria
Aaron David Miller, Organist

A. D. Miller

Welcome and Announcements

Lynn Barger Elliott

Call to Worship

Julia A. Carlson

Leader: God of our lives, through the prophet's words, you gave us signs to see your presence among us.

People: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy... on both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit... I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below."

Leader: In the words of the poet Jan Richardson, "This is the blessing we cannot speak by our selves. This is the blessing we cannot summon by our own devices, cannot shape to our purpose, cannot bend to our will."

People: This is the blessing that comes when we gather together, when we turn toward one another.

Leader: This is the blessing that blazes up among us, when we speak the words, "Come, let us worship God."

Hymn

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining
Krista Costin, Soloist

Abbot's Leigh

Call To Confession

Herman Hesse said this about trees: "For me, trees have always been the most penetrating preachers. I revere them when they live in tribes and families, in forests and groves... In their highest boughs the world rustles, their roots rest in infinity... Trees are sanctuaries. Whoever knows how to speak to them, whoever knows how to listen to them, can learn the truth. ..."

As we read scripture, we encounter time and again trees which reveal their truth: the Tree of Life, the Cedars of Lebanon, and as the Psalmist writes, the one who walks in the way of the Lord is like "a tree planted by the streams of water, which yields fruit in its season." Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, as we gather in your presence, we are reminded of the majesty of your creation, in particular the wonder of trees. Help us, we pray, to turn our attention to the truths they reveal in creation and in your word. Grant us the vision to see them in community, as sanctuaries, and as a living reminder that you created us to live with and for each other, in faith. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: At times in our lives, our focus turns away from that which is sacred in our world. We find ourselves anxious, preoccupied, and consumed by our own selfishness. That is why we worship, to steady our gaze once again on what matters and is eternal. For God is always gracious and patient with us, extending the assurance of pardon and steadfast love. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 6:1-9, 20-25

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

The Call

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

- George Herbert

Second Lesson

II Timothy 1:1-7

Kiera Stegall

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

From Here to There - 7 Biblical Insights on 7 Objectives

Lynn Barger Elliott

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

Affirmation of Faith — *A Vision for Young People and the Presbyterian Church (USA)* Mark Barger Elliott

In the midst of a beautiful and broken world, we have a vision for ministry with young people, that unites youth in Christ with all other generations and proclaims the love of God without end. This vision gives us hope for a Church that:

Is authentic, made up of communities of faith that live what they proclaim;

participates in, and pays witness to, the lively, joyful reality of the grace of God for the whole world;

helps young people to understand what it means to be saved by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, so that they will, as God does, view all people with love and possibility;

expresses God's boundless love by embracing young people as they are, where they are, and where they could be, inspiring them to share their ideas, dreams and unique gifts with the world and the church;

acknowledges and celebrates youth as the keepers of God's world, capable of serving as agents of healing, friends to the friendless, and leaders along the path of Jesus;

encourages young people to live and lead with humility, but also with confidence and joy;

accepts that it may be changed, even re-made, through the power of the Spirit and by youth's energy, freshness, and vitality.

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

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

Darwall's 148th

Benediction

Introduction to *The Hub*

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

The Communion Table Flowers

are given in loving memory of Dr. Benjamin S. and Margaret Pomeroy, and Benjamin A. Pomeroy.

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425 Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

Howell Elvet Lewis, 1916; alt.

ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. Lord of light, Your name out - shin - ing All the stars and
 2. By the toil of faith - ful work - ers In some far out -
 3. Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, At Your feet may
 4. By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, Nev - er si - lent

suns of space, Use our tal - ents in Your king - dom As the
 ly - ing field, By the cour - age where the ra - diance Of the
 low - ly kneel; With Your grace our tri - umphs hal - low, With Your
 day or night; By the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing Peace to

ser - vants of Your grace; Use us to ful - fill Your pur - pose
 cross is still re - vealed, By the vic - to - ries of meek - ness,
 char - i - ty our zeal; Lift the na - tions from the shad - ows
 all and heal - ing light; By the love that pass - es knowl - edge,

Refrain

In the gift of Christ Your Son:
 Through re - proach and suf - fering won: Ab - ba, as in
 To the glad - ness of the sun:
 Mak - ing all Your chil - dren one:

high - est heav - en, So on earth Your will be done.

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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REPTON 8.6.8.8.6.6

Fred Pratt Green, 1981

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888



1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
3. We mark Your saints, how they be - came In hin - dranc - es more sure,
4. In what You give us, Lord, to do, To - geth - er or a - lone,



To live ac - cord - ing to Your word, And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 If world - ly pres - sures fray the mind And love it - self can - not un - wind
 Whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name,
 In old rou - tines or ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You—



That You are Lord of all	And will not let us fall.
Its tan - gled skein of care:	Our in - ward life re - pair.
And by our faults ob - scure	Your power to cleanse and cure.
The cross You hung up - on—	All You en - deav - ored done.



Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

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Brian Dill, 1988

DARWALL'S 148TH 6.6.6.6.8.8

John Darwall, 1770

1. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
2. Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns su - preme,
3. Let cour-age be our friend, Let wis-dom be our guide,
4. Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
Em - power-ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
As we in mis-sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
For Christ the Lord has tri-umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel-e-brate the jour-ney now and praise the Lord!

This tune in a lower key, 155

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THIS WEEK at The HUB



Children and Family Ministry:

- Family Worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
- Silly Songs & Storytime on Fridays at 9:30 a.m.
- Elementary Game Time on Fridays at 4:30 p.m.

For more information or zoom links contact Kiera Stegall (KieraS@hohchurch.org)

Youth and Family Ministry:

- Sunday, 6:00 Confirmation Class
- Tuesday, Middle School Mess Hall (Noon – 1 p.m.)
- Wednesday, 7:00-8:15 p.m. The SUMMIT
- Thursday, High School Mess Hall (Noon – 1 p.m.)

For more information or zoom links contact Dan Miglets-Nelson (DanMN@hohchurch.org)

Choir School:

Wednesdays:

- St Nicholas Choir (soprano/alto/treble voices, grades 5–12) 4-5 p.m.
- St Cecilia Choir (treble voices, grades 1-4) 5-6 p.m.
- St Andrew Choir (tenor/bass voices, grades 7–12) 5-6 p.m.

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