

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | February 7, 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.

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 294 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 \$1,073,250.40 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 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 10 & 17: **Summit Avenue Pilgrimages** with Julia Carlson (11 a.m.; approximately one mile) Feb. 3, we'll begin at HOH.

February 7: **Supper Bowl of Caring** - Please consider a donation to support local food pantries to help those experiencing food insecurity. Donate through hohchurch.org>Support House of Hope>Donate Now>then select Food Pantry. Or mail with notation "Supper Bowl". HOH youth will coordinate this virtually.

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

Aaron David Miller, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Lynn Barger Elliott

Call to Worship

Julia A. Carlson

Leader: Cornel West once said, "Never forget that justice is what love looks like in public."

People: Jesus taught that we are to love God, one another, our neighbors, and ourselves.

Leader: Love, proclaims scripture, leads to actions that reveal the presence of God.

People: In these troubled times, we gather to be reminded of these eternal truths.

Leader: Come, let us worship.

Hymn

As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought

Forest Green

Hannah Armstrong, Soloist

Call To Confession

In the Hebrew Scriptures the prophets remind us of specific ways that God longs for us to live our lives. Micah taught how God asks that we "do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with the Lord." In times of stress and turmoil, however, we can wander from these divine ways, stray from these sacred paths, and need to find our way back. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession — *based on the Prayer For the Courage to Do Justice, World Council of Churches*

**O Lord, open my eyes that I may see the needs of others;
open my ears that I may hear their cries;
open my heart so that they need not be without help;
let me not be afraid to defend the weak because of the anger of the strong,
nor afraid to defend the poor because of the anger of the rich.
Show me where love and hope and faith are needed,
and use me to bring them to those places.
And so open my eyes and my ears, that I may this coming day be
able to participate in your work for peace. Amen.**

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

Mark Barger Elliott

First Lesson

Kiera Stegall

Amos 8:4-8; 5:24

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Sing Unto God

G. F. Handel

The Motet Choir Section Leaders, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Sing unto God, and high affections raise,

To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.

Second Lesson

Matthew 25:31-46

Dan Miglets-Nelson

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

Take My Life

Hendon

Affirmation of Faith — *Micah Institute: Educating for Justice, New York Theological Seminary*

For such a time as this we have been called ... to this place to love and serve.

**In such a time as this we have heard the cries of the hungry,
the working poor and the homeless.**

There are many who need God's love.

There are many who need our love.

In every place the powers and principalities are at work.

**We affirm that God is in the midst healing, challenging, comforting,
supporting, sustaining and loving.**

In such time at this God has blessed us with gifts and talents to serve those in need.

God works with us. God works through us.

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

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

Benediction

Postlude

Festival Toccata

A. D. Miller

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur


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FOREST GREEN CMD

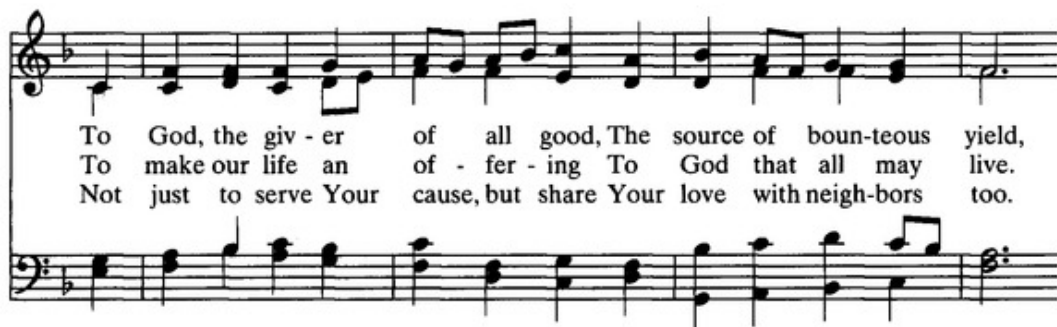
English folk melody

Frank von Christierson, 1960; alt.

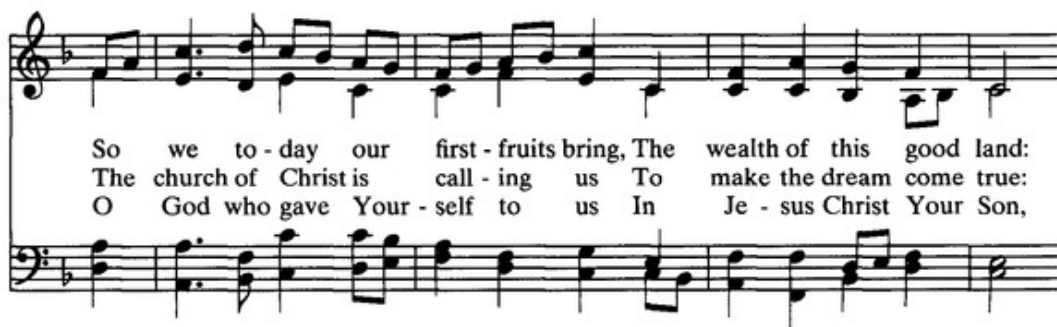
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



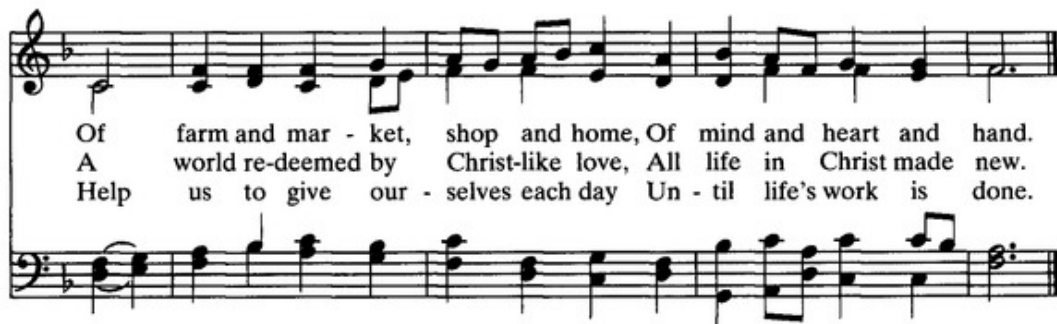
1. As those of old their first - fruits brought Of vine - yard, flock, and field
2. A world in need now sum - mons us To la - bor, love, and give,
3. With grat - i - tude and hum - ble trust We bring our best to You,



To God, the giv - er of all good, The source of boun - teous yield,
To make our life an of - fer - ing To God that all may live.
Not just to serve Your cause, but share Your love with neigh - bors too.



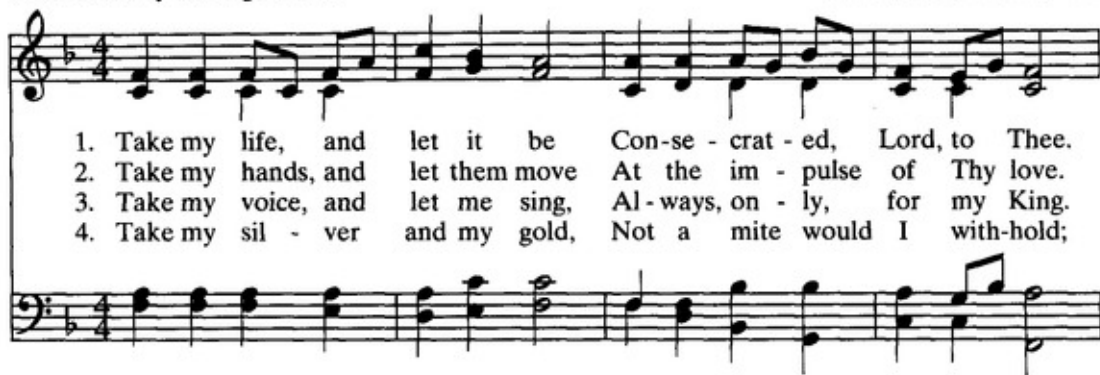
So we to - day our first - fruits bring, The wealth of this good land:
The church of Christ is call - ing us To make the dream come true:
O God who gave Your - self to us In Je - sus Christ Your Son,



Of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, Of mind and heart and hand.
A world re - deemed by Christ - like love, All life in Christ made new.
Help us to give our - selves each day Un - til life's work is done.

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1874

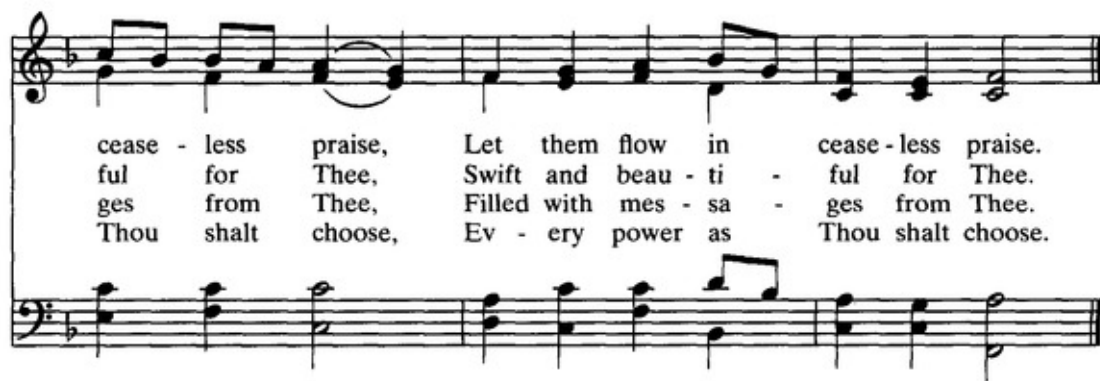
H. A. César Malan, 1827



1. Take my life, and let it be Con-se - crat - ed, Lord, to Thee.
 2. Take my hands, and let them move At the im - pulse of Thy love.
 3. Take my voice, and let me sing, Al - ways, on - ly, for my King.
 4. Take my sil - ver and my gold, Not a mite would I with - hold;



Take my mo - ments and my days; Let them flow in
 Take my feet, and let them be Swift and beau - ti -
 Take my lips, and let them be Filled with mes - sa -
 Take my in - tel - lect, and use Ev - ery power as



cease - less praise, Let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for Thee, Swift and beau - ti - ful for Thee.
 ges from Thee, Filled with mes - sa - ges from Thee.
 Thou shalt choose, Ev - ery power as Thou shalt choose.

5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
 It shall be no longer mine.
 Take my heart, it is Thine own;
 It shall be Thy royal throne,
 It shall be Thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
 At Thy feet its treasure store.
 Take myself, and I will be
 Ever, only, all for Thee,
 Ever, only, all for Thee.

Let All Things Now Living

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Welsh folk melody

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

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:

- No Confirmation Class on February 7
- 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)

The House of Hope 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.

For registration/audition information contact: Sofia Ardan (SofiaA@hohchurch.org)

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