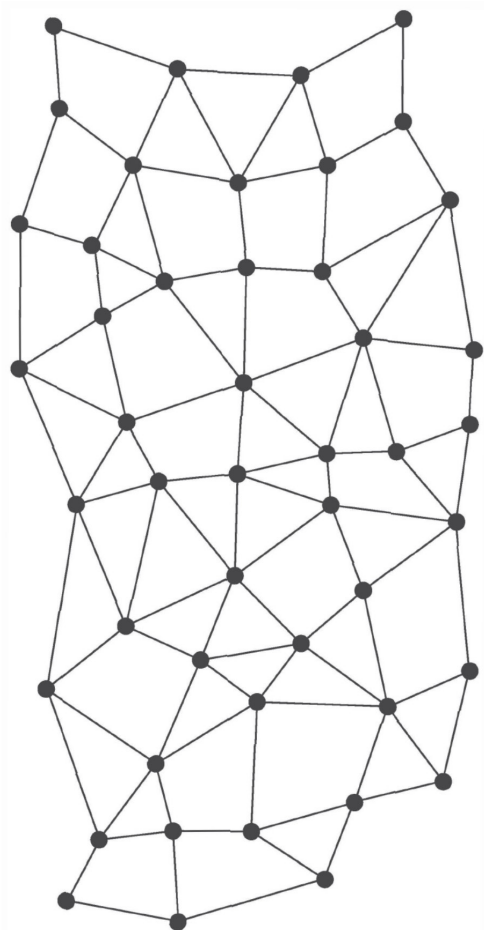
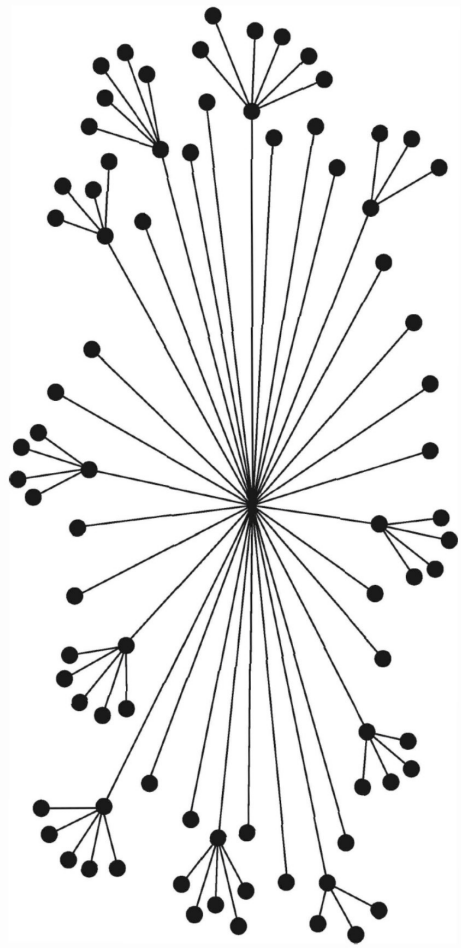


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



February 14, 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: Best Books to Read in 2021. Sunday, February 14 | 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
Holly Weinkauff from Red Balloon Bookshop will join us to share some of the best books to read this year. Join here: bit.ly/HOHBestBooks2021

Stewardship Update. We invite all members and friends of House of Hope to join the over 306 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 \$1,111,947.95 towards our goal of \$1,250,000. Thank you for your faithful generosity! On the home page, select "Support House of Hope" to pledge.



Walking the El Camino: A Virtual Pilgrimage. 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. **Sunday, February 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>

Feminist Theology with Julia Carlson Sunday, February 21 | 11:15 a.m. via Zoom
All are welcome to a time of learning and discussion around women's experience of God and the many gifts women bring to the church.

Hope in Winter: Ways to Celebrate the Season:

- February 14: **Snowshoeing** (TBD) and **Snow Sculpture Contest** (see below) has been postponed.
- February 17: **Summit Avenue Pilgrimages** with Julia Carlson (11 a.m.; approximately one mile)
- February 21: **NEW DATE: Snow Sculpture Contest, House of Hope Park (2 p.m.)**
- February 27: **Family Sledding Event** at Henry Sibley High School in Mendota Heights (10 a.m.)
Wear a mask, dress warm, and bring a sled.
Contact Ann Mack at mackann@gmail.com for more information.

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

Voluntary
Aaron David Miller, Organist

William Boyce

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

Call to Worship

Lynn Barger Elliott

Leader: Barbara Brown Taylor once observed how “Jesus changed lives because he was able to change the way people imagined their lives. He dared them to imagine the stranger as neighbor, the child as teacher, the enemy as mirror, the deity as loving father. He helped them imagine lepers, women and Roman centurions as exemplars of faith. He asked them to imagine that the most important person at the table was the waiter, and that the end of the line was the place to be.”

People: In worship we are invited to enter into the divine imagination through music, scripture read and proclaimed, and prayer;

Leader: So that our lives can be re-imagined as disciples of Jesus Christ and we are empowered to help others do the same.

People: Come, let us worship.

Hymn

O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair
Melissa Holm-Johansen

Deo Gracias

Call To Confession

In I Peter we read, “always be ready to make your defense to anyone who asks an accounting for the hope that is in you... [and] do it with gentleness and reverence.” In the Bible we read of women and men willing to defend the tenets of our Christian beliefs and to account for the hope they have come to know through their faith in God. And yet, at times in our own lives, this desire to speak about what matters to God and how God matters to us can waver and even falter. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

O God of the invitation; we come before you reminded of how you call us to share the good news of the gospel from generation to generation, with family members and neighbors, for as Saint Paul put it, we are “ambassadors for Christ, God making God’s appeal through us.” We know we are the beneficiaries of those who shared the sacred stories of scripture with us and enabled us to see you are good, kind and faithful to all generations. So help us, we pray this morning, to recommit to the holy work of evangelism; to be and to become bold and creative, winsome and adaptive, as we seek to communicate in this digital age eternal truths to our community, country and to our world. 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

First Lesson

Kiera Stegall

I Corinthians 9:19-23

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Matthew 28:16-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

From Here to There - 7 Biblical Insights on 7 Objectives

Mark Barger Elliott

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

Affirmation of Faith — from a *Brief Statement of Faith*

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

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 Solo

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Julia A. Carlson

**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

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Austrian Hymn

Benediction

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

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DEO GRACIAS LM

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861

"The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415



1. O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair Of glo - ry
 2. From age to age the tale de - clare, How with the
 3. The law and proph - ets there have place, Two cho - sen
 4. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray Christ deigns to
 5. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high By this great

that the church shall share, Which Christ up - on the
 three dis - ci - ples there, Where Mo - ses and E -
 wit - ness - es of grace; The Fa - ther's voice from
 man - i - fest to - day What glo - ry shall be
 vi - sion's mys - ter - y, For which in joy - ful

moun-tain shows, Where bright - er than the sun He glows!
 li - jah meet, The Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 out the cloud Pro - claims His on - ly Son a - loud.
 theirs a - bove Who joy in God with per - fect love.
 strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

O Word of God Incarnate

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William Walsham How, 1867
As in *Psalter Hymnal*, 1987

Neuvermehrtes Meiningsches Gesangbuch, 1693
Adapt. Felix Mendelssohn, 1847

1. O Word of God in - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
2. The church from You, dear Sav - ior, Re - ceived this gift di - vine,
3. O make Your church, dear Sav - ior, A lamp of pur - est gold

O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky:
And still that light is lift - ed On all the earth to shine.
To bear be - fore the na - tions Your true light, as of old;

We praise You for the ra - diance That from the hal - lowed page,
It is the chart and com - pass That, all life's voy - age through,
O teach Your wan - dering pil - grims By this our path to trace,

A lan - tern to our foot - steps, Shines on from age to age.
A - mid the rocks and quick - sands, Still guides, O Christ, to You.
Till, clouds and storms thus end - ed, We see You face to face.

285 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets


AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

Jane Parker Huber, 1978



Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797





1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
 2. You have called us to be faith-ful In our life and min-is-try.
 3. God, Your word is still cre-at-ing, Call-ing us to life made new.


Mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, Call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.
 We re-pond in grate-ful wor-ship Joined in one com-mu-ni-ty.
 Now re-veal to us fresh vis-tas Where there's work to dare and do.

We, cre-at-ed in Your im-age, Would a true re-flec-tion be
 When we blur Your gra-cious im-age, Fo-cus us and make us whole.
 Keep us clear of all dis-tor-tion. Pol-ish us with lov-ing care.

Of Your jus-tice, grace, and mer-cy And the truth that makes us free.
 Healed and strength-ened as Your peo-ple, We move on-ward toward Your goal.
 Thus, new crea-tures in Your im-age, We'll pro-claim Christ ev-ery-where.



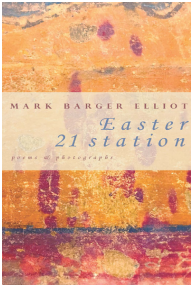
Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

Join us for the House of Hope Annual Meeting via Zoom on Sunday, February 28, 2021 11:15 a.m.

Join here: bit.ly/HOH2021AnnualMeeting

Ash Wednesday Service with Holy Communion | February 17, streamed at 8 p.m.

To participate, prepare your own table with bread, crackers, or goldfish crackers and juice, wine, or even grapes. Use what you have at hand; Jesus used ordinary things—the basic elements of water, bread, and wine—to proclaim the extraordinary love of God.



Lenten Wednesday Evening Services February 17–March 31 | 8 p.m.
Lent is a season where we are invited to reflect on our spiritual life in preparation for the wonder of Easter morning. Join us as we reflect on the “Stations of the Cross,” drawing from Mark Barger Elliott’s book, *Easter: 21 Stations* (poems and photographs). Join here: bit.ly/2021HOHLentenWorship | Downloaded book here: markbargerelliott.files.wordpress.com/2020/02/easter-21-stations-.pdf

Mondays@1: An Olio of Life Topics via Zoom. How is it with your spirit? Join us Mondays at 1 p.m. for virtual conversations as we support and encourage each other during these turbulent times. Beginning February 22: *Resilience, with Julia Carlson* Join here: bit.ly/HOHMondaysAtOne

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