THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Youth Sunday | February 21, 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.

Stewardship Update. We invite all members and friends of House of Hope to join the over 313 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 \$1,128,000 towards our goal of \$1,250,000. Thank you for your faithful generosity! On the home page, select "Support House of Hope" to pledge.



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. Visit the events calendar of our website for Zoom information.

Sunday-Weekday Connections. February 23 | 6:30 p.m. Speaker: Kathi Koehn is the Executive Director of the Minnesota Organization of Registered Nurses (MNORN). She worked as a staff nurse at Abbott Northwestern Hospital for 35 years on an orthopedic/spine unit. She is a past president of the Minnesota Nurses Association (MNA). Kathi lives a few blocks from House of Hope with her partner, Barb, and Yogi the westie. She loves being part of the HOH Women's Book group. Visit the events calendar on our website for Zoom ID and password.

Hope in Winter: Ways to Celebrate the Season:

February 21: Snow Sculpture Contest, House of Hope Park (2 p.m.)

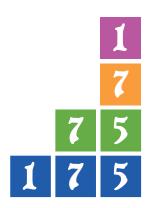
February 27: Family Sledding Event at Henry Sibley HighSchool in Mendota Heights (10 a.m.)

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.

Today's Cover Art: The artwork on today's bulletin cover was created by one of House of Hope's sixth grade students, Leah Shipp. In her own words: "To me, prayer is a quiet and peaceful time when I can thank God for all I have. This picture shows a girl in her bedroom which is a quiet and peaceful place where she can talk to God."



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

- 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.
- 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

Introit

Non nobis, Domine William Byrd

St Andrew Choir, Sofia Ardalan, director

Non nobis, Domine, Not unto us, O Lord,

sed nomini tuo da gloriam. But to Thy name be glory given.

Call to Worship Harrison Feldbrugge

Leader: O God of all things old and new, of all seasons, changes, and time, meet us here and

wherever we are this morning.

People: As we begin our Lenten journey together, fill us with your spirit, that our words,

our prayers, and our songs may be pleasing to you.

Leader: Fill us with your love that we might be your people, your church, your agents in the world.

People: Empower us be co-creators in your universe.

Leader: We come before you with thankful hearts, that you have sustained us to this moment.

People: Embolden us to declare your grace, your mercy and your love to all people we meet.

Leader: O Lord, open my lips,

People: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Leader: Come, let us now worship.

Hymn

Earth and All Stars Dexter

Call To Confession Henry Hilton

This week, we have are reminded of our shortcomings; the things that keep us from being who God has created us to be. We hear that we are ashes, we are dust, and that we will return to the earth someday. Yet, death doesn't have the last word. We are given another opportunity to make our sins known to God, and hear God's promise declared again. Please join me as we confess together:

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and soul and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.



Time for ChildrenChrista Feldbrugge

Hymn

Jesus Loves Me Jesus Loves Me

First Lesson Christopher Stone

Psalm 145:1-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Blessing Katie Moran Bart

St Nicholas Choir

May the road rise up to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the sun shine warm upon your face, And the rains fall soft upon your fields. Until we meet again, my friend, May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

-Irish poem

Second Lesson Leo Mayer

Matthew 6:5-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Our Father Thomas Minner

Dan Miglets-Nelson, Director of Youth Ministry

THE RESPONSE TO GOD —

Hymn

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

Henry Stein

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;

the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Call to Offering Ava Mayer

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 Anthem

I'm goin' up a yonder St Andrew Choir Walter Hawkins

If anybody asks you Where I'm goin' soon, So if you wanna know, Where I'm goin' soon, If I can take the pain, The heartache that it brings, There's comfort that in knowing I'll soon be home.

If God gives me grace, I'll run this race, And soon I'll see my Savior Face to face.

I'm goin' up a yonder To be with my Lord.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Zora Vorhes

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

Lift Every Voice and Sing Lift Every Voice

Benediction Julian Simpson

Response

Go Now in Peace St Nicholas Choir Natalie Sleeth

Go now in peace, May the love of God surround you Everywhere you may go.

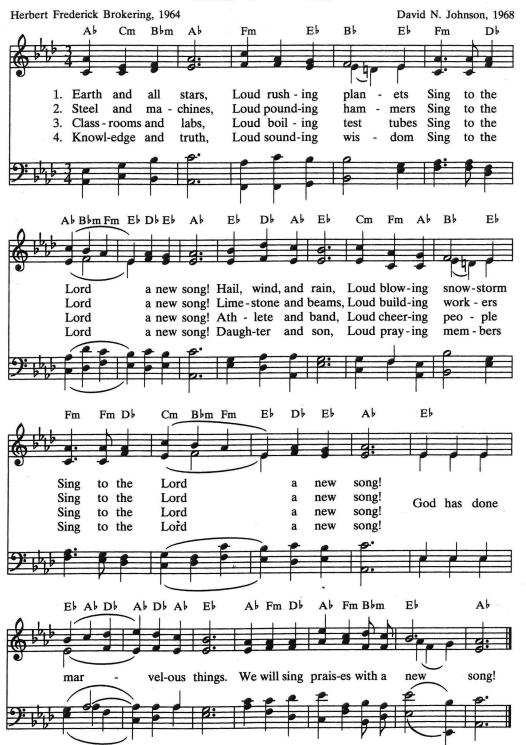
Postlude

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

Earth and All Stars

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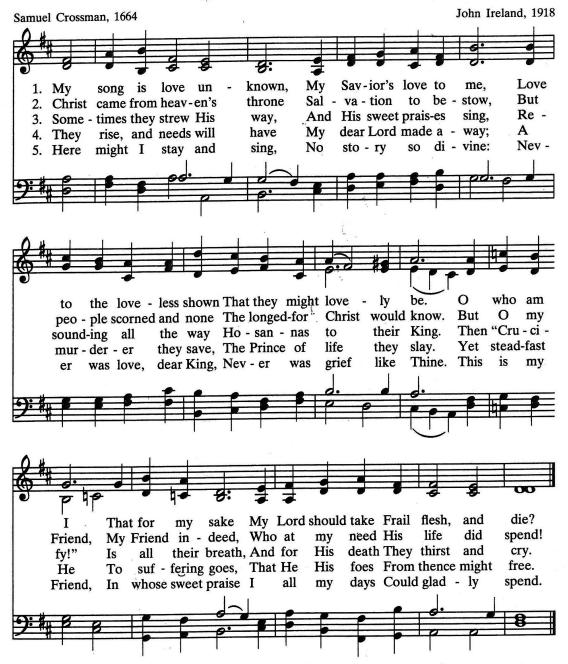
Jesus Loves Me!

JESUS LOVES ME 7.7.7.7 with refrain



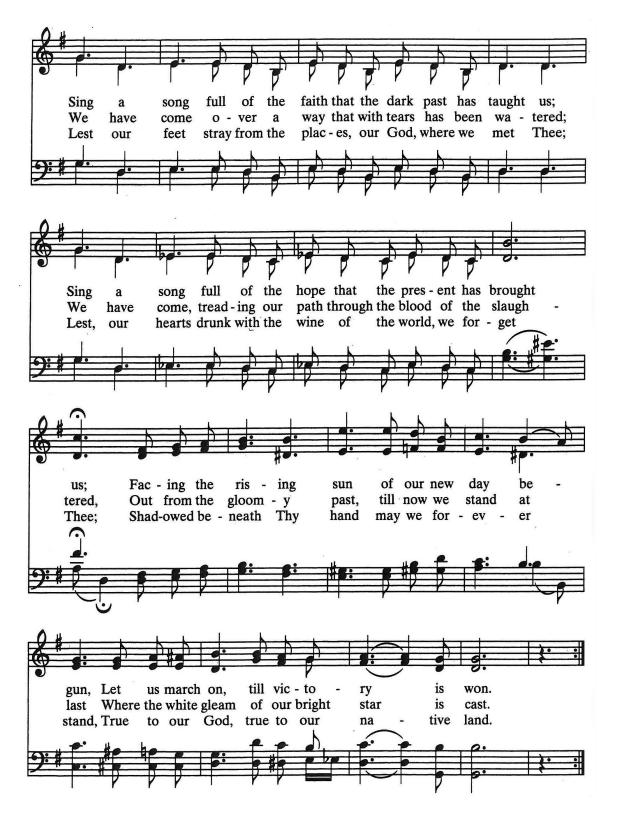
My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN 6.6.6.6.4.4.4.4



LIFT EVERY VOICE Irregular





Notice of 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/HOH2021Annual Meeting



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: markbarger elliott.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

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of David James Larson.

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