THE HOUSE OF HOPE Presbyterian Church



Second Sunday in Lent | February 28, 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, Sofia Ardalan, and Dan Miglets-Nelson for a twenty minute gathering with a biblical teaching, spiritual vocabulary word, music, 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 315 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 \$1,132,697.95 towards our goal of \$1,250,000. Thank you for your faithful generosity! On the home page, select "Support House of Hope" to pledge.





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. Join here: bit.ly/HOHMondaysAtOne

March 1: *Care of the Soul*, with Julia Carlson March 8: *Grief and Lament*, with Dix Brachlow March 15: *The Saints in Light: Planning a Funeral*, with Julia Carlson March 22: *Health Care Directives*, with Dix Brachlow

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: Calligraphy by David Baldwin. This picture is hanging in the Elizabeth Chapel Hallway.



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.
- 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

Chorale Prelude on NICEA Aaron David Miller, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader:"Form follows function," observed architect Louis Sullivan.People:On this second Sunday of Lent we are invited to reflect on what needs
to be rebuilt in our lives.

Leader: So as we follow Jesus to Golgotha and an empty tomb,

Peoplewe might conform our lives around the life of Christ and his teachings.Leader:Come, let us worship God.

Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name Bill Sales, Soloist

Call To Confession

Nancy Mairs observes, "Who one believes God to be is most accurately revealed not in any credo but in the way one speaks to God when no one else is listening." In prayer we are invited to express to God our regrets and longings, our frustrations and aspirations. Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession — adapted from Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian

O Lord, you know us better than we know ourselves. You are aware of our fears and doubts, our faint-heartedness and our desire for false gods, our laziness and pernicious pride; our impatience and our quick judgement of others. Help us, we pray, in this sacred season, to remember it is upon your teachings that we are invited to build our lives. It is your grace that repairs the cracks in our foundations so we might stand and enjoy the midday sun, as well as weather the storms that appear by night. Hear our silent prayers of reflection.

Assurance of Pardon

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Paul Manz

Mark Barger Elliott

Julia A. Carlson

Großer Gott, wir loben dich

THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

First Lesson

Genesis 2:2-3; Ezekiel 36:22-23 Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Built on the Rock the Church Doth Stand St Andrew Choir; Sofia Ardalan, Director

Built on the Rock the Church doth stand, Even when steeples are falling; Crumbled have spires in every land, Bells still are chiming and calling, Calling the young and old to rest, But above all the soul distrest, Longing for rest everlasting. Now we may gather with our King Even in the lowliest dwelling; Praises to Him we there may bring, His wondrous mercy forthtelling. Jesus His grace to us accords; Spirit and life are all His words; His truth doth hallow the temple. -Nicolai Grundtvig

Kiera Stegall

Mark Barger Elliott

Second Lesson

Matthew 6:5-9; Matthew 7:24-27 Leader: The Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Architecture of Prayer

Dan Miglets-Nelson

arr. Jan Bender

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

Affirmation of Faith — Apostles' Creed

Ellery Merriam

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.

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

 The Glory of these Forty Days
 Erhalt uns, Herr

Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on DEO GRACIS

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

A. D. Miller

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH 7.8.7.8.7.7



Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!



The Glory of These Forty Days

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Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting

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

Join here: bit.ly/HOH2021AnnualMeeting

Macalester Sunday

Next Sunday, March 7, we will commemorate House of Hope's nearly 150 year connection with Macalester College. Enjoy Bagpipes and Drums in the service.

Adult Enrichment: March 7 | 11:15 a.m. via Zoom

Macalester President Dr. Suzanne Rivera and Macalester Chaplain Rev. Kelly Stone

In the spirit of Macalester Sunday, President Suzanne Rivera and Chaplain Kelly Stone will make a presentation on how Macalester is preparing its students to be leaders in an ever changing world. Join here: http://bit.ly/2021MacSunday

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