

Holy Week @ HOH



The earliest known record of observing Holy Week is found in the travel diaries of a woman named Egeria who made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem in the 4th century. Since then, Christians have framed this week as a sacred time to reflect on the life, sacrifice, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We invite you to begin Holy Week by picking up palms at the Porte Cochere.

Palm Pickup: March 27 | 9–10 a.m.
Meet the Pastors at the Porte Cochere

Palm Sunday: March 28
Streamed worship | 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday: April 1
Streamed worship | 7 p.m.
Tenebrae and Holy Communion

Good Friday: April 2
Streamed worship | 7 p.m.
Featuring Giovanni Pergolesi's *Stabat Mater*

Easter Sunday: April 4
Streamed worship | 10 a.m.
The CW, WUCW Channel 23 | 9:30 a.m.
(This service is identical to 10 a.m. streamed service)
Carillon Easter Postlude | 11 a.m.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

On Easter, Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God's love with our neighbors by providing food to the hungry as well as resourcing communities in need.

Ways to give:

- Mail a check to the church; Memo: OGHS
- Give online at hohchurch.org > Support House of Hope > Fund: Other > Memo: OGHS



The Great 50 Days, the time between Easter and Pentecost, is an ancient Christian tradition of identifying and celebrating Easter moments of renewal and resurrection in one's life and in the world. From Earth Care to Confirmation, The Didier Seminar to the Anchor Society, New Baby Recognition to electing new Elders, Deacons, and Trustees, we invite you to celebrate new life in these coming 50 days.

Earth Care



HOH has been re-certified as an Earth Care Congregation by the PC(USA) in recognition of steps our congregation has taken to care for God's earth. To become certified, this congregation affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices

and thinking into their worship, education, facilities and outreach. Our Earth Care group has planned a series of events found on Page 3.

Confirmation Sunday | April 18

Since November 1, the Confirmation Class has met in the Sanctuary, Zoom rooms, and the Youth Room. Led by Dan Miglets-Nelson, the Rev. Lynn Barger Elliott, and Lynn Stein, the class has worshipped virtually, volunteered, explored topics of faith and what it means to be a member at HOH. On March 28, they will meet with the Session and share their statements of faith. On Sunday, April 18 during the 10 a.m. worship service, House of Hope will confirm the baptism and receive into membership the following youth:

- Harrison Feldbrugge
- Henry Hilton
- Ellery Merriam
- Henry Stein
- Grace Stephan
- Cordelia Thomas
- Zora Vorhes

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The Didier Seminar 2021 via Zoom Jeannine Hill Fletcher

Christian Entanglement in Racism: Facing the Past, Transforming the Future



Jeannine Hill Fletcher is a professor at Fordham University whose research focuses on gender, race, and religious diversity. Her book *The Sin of White Supremacy—Christianity, Racism and Religious Diversity in America* has been described as “a heartfelt lament and passionate advocacy for racial justice—both sobering and liberating.”

Lecture | Wednesday, April 21 | 7 p.m.

Facing Racism: An Historical, Structural and Theological View

Lectures and Discussion | Saturday, April 24

9:30-10:45 a.m.: *How the Past Touches Down in Our Present*
11 a.m.-12 p.m.: *Embracing our Story to Shape our Future: Christian Tradition and Transformation*

Sermon and Adult Enrichment Sunday, April 25 | 11:15 a.m.

Partners in Transformation: Shaping the Future

Pre-Didier Study and Discussion via Zoom

Wednesday, April 7 | 7 p.m.

Wednesday, April 14 | 7 p.m.

Sunday, May 2 | Anchor Society Sunday

Join us to recognize members of the Anchor Society—those who have made a commitment to remember HOH in their estate plans.

Sunday, May 9 | New Baby Recognition on Mother's Day

Join us as we celebrate new additions to our church family over the last year.

Sunday, May 16 | Election of new Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

Join us for a Congregational Meeting to receive the Nominating Committee's report.



Co Pastors Commentary

On Tuesday, March 16, the Session voted to begin in-person worship beginning Sunday, June 6. We recognize that while some church members wish that date was much sooner, others still express trepidation about re-opening until a majority of the country

is vaccinated and the pandemic is behind us. Therefore, we find ourselves as a congregation navigating how to be both proactive and prudent in our decision-making.

In the coming weeks, please know the church staff will begin to address specific details regarding re-opening. For example:

1. How many can gather in our Sanctuary while observing CDC and Minnesota protocols?
2. How will sign-ups work?
3. Will childcare be provided?
4. What if we learn someone who attended worship later tested positive for COVID-19?

We will post a new section on our website called “Re-opening,” which we invite you to visit for the latest information. We truly appreciate your understanding, patience, and prayers as we move towards worshipping together again in person.

HOH Year-to-Date Financials

	2020 Actual February	2021 Actual February
Operating Revenue		
Pledge and Non-Pledged Revenue	\$83,111	\$121,289
Endowment Draw	\$0.00	\$30,000
Other Revenue	\$14,334	\$6,139
Total Operating Revenue	\$97,445	\$157,427
Operating Expense		
Mission Outreach	\$975	\$1,382
Other Spiritual Life	\$3,877	\$0.00
Worship, Music and Congregational Life	\$91,816	\$26,739
House, Property & Insurance	\$47,232	\$46,721
Salaries, Benefits and Allowances	\$105,865	\$114,203
Rev. Didier Housing	\$3,708	\$3,708
Total Operating Expense	\$253,474	\$192,754
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$156,029)	(\$35,327)

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Monday Exchange

Mondays, April 5 and 19 | 7 p.m. via Zoom

Adult Enrichment: Earth Care at Oak Grove Sunday, April 11 | 11:15 a.m.

Green Team members from Oak Grove Presbyterian Church in Bloomington will share their congregation's inspiring successes with solar and wind powered electricity, stormwater management, and more.

Great Decisions

Tuesday, April 13 | 4 p.m. via Zoom

Brexit and the European Union with Norma Noonan
Brexit took effect as 2021 began. What does the future of Europe and the UK look like? Norma Noonan is Professor Emerita of Political Science and Leadership Studies at Augsburg College. She is an expert in comparative and international politics and leadership, with special interests in Russia, Europe, and Women in Society.

Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/GreatDecisionsApril13>

Earth Care: Intergenerational HOH Park Clean-Up Saturday, April 17 | 10–11 a.m.

In case of rain: Saturday, April 24, 1–2 p.m.

Join us to clean up the HOH Park and grounds. Co-sponsored by the Peace and Justice Earth Care Group and Children and Family Ministry. Sign up here: <https://www.signup-genius.com/go/8050a49adae2fa0f58-intergenerational>

Adult Enrichment: Earth Care with Fresh Energy Sunday, April 18 | 11:15 a.m.

Fresh Energy is a non-profit founded in 1990 that has a "proven track record for achieving measurable progress toward a strong and prosperous Minnesota energy economy." Isabel Ricker, Senior Policy Associate at Fresh Energy, will provide practical steps we can take at home through clean energy options for electricity, home heating, vehicles, lawn equipment, and more. Sign up here: <http://bit.ly/AdultEnrichmentApril18>

Take Action on Climate for Earth Day Saturday, April 24 | 10–11 a.m. via Zoom

Join Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light for an intergenerational climate justice event. What is climate justice and a carbon footprint? What can I do in my household and community to effect change? This is a family-friendly event that will help you create goals to take action from home and be a climate hero! Register and learn more here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050a49adae2fa0f58-take>

Children and Family Ministry

April Family Kit Pick-up

Sunday, April 11 | 2–3 p.m. | Porte Cochere

Weekly Zoom Programming

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

No Zoom programming on April 2, Good Friday.

Contact Kiera Stegall for more information and to receive Zoom links to these events.

Youth and Family Ministry

The SUMMIT via Zoom

Wednesdays | 7-8:15 p.m.

Junior High School Frisbee & Play

Saturday, April 10 | 2-3:30 p.m.

With warming weather, and longer days, we can't wait to get together! We'll toss a frisbee together, play games, and enjoy fellowship. Light refreshments will be provided.

Senior High Spring Bonfire

Sunday, April 25 | 7 p.m.

Meet at HOH to roast marshmallows and enjoy music. Mark your calendars and watch for more details.

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson for more information and to receive Zoom links for these events.

Choir School

April Choir School Anthems for Palm Sunday Worship

St. Nicholas Choir: *Jesus Refuge of the Weary* (J.S. Bach)

St. Andrew: *Surely He Has Borne Our Grievs* (Leonardo Leo)

Children and Youth Art Exhibit in May

May is the time when we celebrate our children and youth artists. Join us in creating an art exhibit video. To submit artwork, take a picture and email it to Kiera at KieraS@hohchurch.org. You may submit artwork in any medium (including digital). You may also submit more than one piece. All submissions are due by Sunday, April 25. Contact Kiera for more information.

March Food Drive continues through April 11. Ways to give:

- Mail a check to HOH, Memo: Food Pantry
- Donate at hohchurch.org > Support House of Hope > Donate Now > Fund: Food Pantry
- Text HOH Food to 73256

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Anchor Society Sunday | May 2

On May 2, we will recognize members of the Anchor Society—individuals and families who have made a commitment to HOH in their estate plans—in our worship, and with a virtual coffee hour.

Our endowment began 50 years ago through the generosity and foresight of HOH members.

Gifts to the endowment provide flexibility that help support the operation of the church as well as our ministries and mission. About 43% of HOH's annual operating budget—almost \$1.2 million last year—originates from our endowment.

Gifts can take many forms, such as naming HOH as a beneficiary of a life insurance policy or IRA, setting aside a portion of your assets in a will, or setting up a trust. If you are interested in learning more about how you can support our congregation with a gift from your estate, contact Michelle Freyholtz, Director of Administration.

—Ann Harrington, Chair, Endowment Gifts Committee