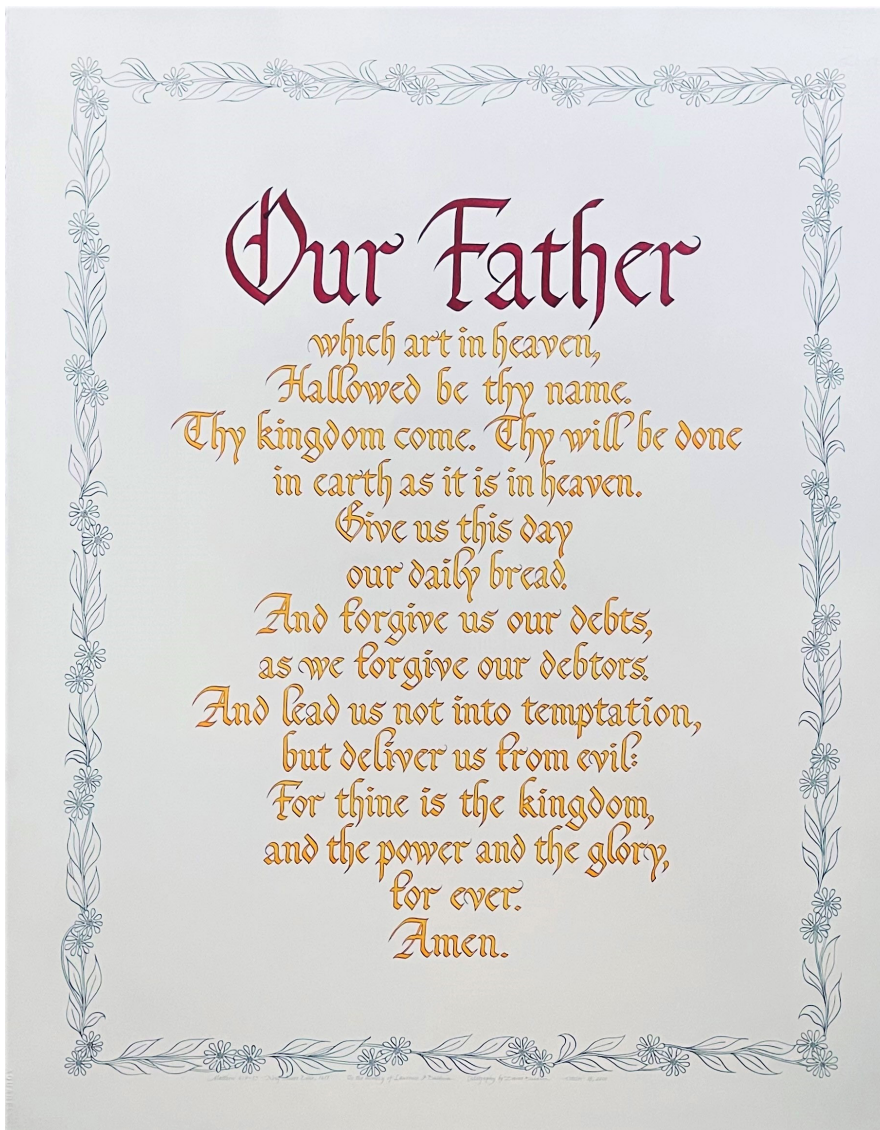


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Macalester Sunday | March 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.

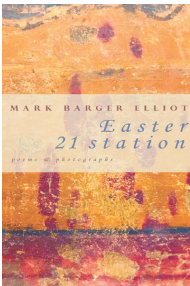
We extend the hospitality of Christ to all.

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, Sofia Ardan, and Lynn Barger Elliott 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 316 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 \$1,134,200 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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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.

Join here: bit.ly/HOHMondaysAtOne

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

Upcoming Adult Enrichment: Kiera Stegall, Director of Children and Family Ministry Sunday, March 14 | 11:15 a.m. via Zoom. HOH’s Director of Children and Family Ministry, Kiera Stegall, will discuss the spiritual and fellowship programming of our children’s ministry, support for our families, and how those programs pivoted virtually for the pandemic. Link in the events calendar on our website.

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

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

Festival Procession of Bagpipes and Drum

Macalester Bagpipe and Drum Ensemble; Michael Breidenbach, Director

Welcome and Announcements

Lynn Barger Elliott

Call to Worship

Mark Barger Elliott

Leader: The kingdom of God is here, and yet always coming.

People: Jesus said the Kingdom is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in a field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.

Leader: The kingdom of God is here, and yet always coming.

People: It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all was leavened.

Leader: The kingdom of God is here, and yet always coming.

People: It is like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then joyfully sells all one owns and buys the field.

Leader: The kingdom of God is here, and yet always coming.

People: It is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one of great value, sells everything to buy the pearl.

Leader: The kingdom of God is here, and yet always coming.

People: Come, let us worship. Let us open our eyes and our ears to discover God's presence in our midst. Amen.

Hymn

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

Joel Fisher, Soloist

Call To Confession

Leader: Rachel Held Evans said these words about the Kingdom of Heaven:

"What I love about the Bible is that the story isn't over. There are still prophets in our midst....

It might not look like it, but the resistance is winning. The light is breaking through....

So listen to the voices crying from the wilderness. They are pointing us to a new king and a better kingdom." Let us pray:

Prayer of Confession — adapted from Frederick Buechner

Help us, O Lord to have eyes to see, ears to hear, and the wits to understand that your Kingdom is as close as our breathing and it is crying out to be born both within us and within the world. Help us to comprehend that your Kingdom is holiness, goodness, and beauty. It is where our best dreams and our truest prayers come from. We glimpse it in moments when we find our selves being better than we are and wiser than we know. We catch sight of it when in a crisis, a strength comes to us greater than our own. And yet, O Lord, we admit at times we find ourselves anxious and distracted, judgmental and fearful, and we miss signs of your presence. So in this season of Lent we pray, help us to once again come to our senses, and to open our senses to the glory of your divine realm in our very midst. 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

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Matthew 16:1-3; 13:31-32

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

The Call

Ralph Vaughan Williams

St Nicholas Choir; Sofia Ardalán, Director

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

-George Herbert

Second Lesson

Kiera Stegall

Matthew 13:44-46; 6:9-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Architecture of Prayer

Lynn Barger Elliott

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

Affirmation of Faith — *Apostles' Creed*

Harrison Feldbrugge

**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

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

Rejoice, The Lord Is King

Darwall's 148th

Benediction

Postlude

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

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Daniel ben Judah, 1404
 Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt.

Hebrew melody
 Adapt. Thomas Olivers
 and Meyer Lyon, 1770

1. The God of A-braham praise, Who reigns en-throned a - bove;
 2. Your spir - it still flows free, High surg - ing where it will;
 3. You have e - ter - nal life Im - plant - ed in the soul;

The an - cient of e - ter - nal days, The God of love!
 In proph-et's word You spoke of old And You speak still.
 Your love shall be our strength and stay, While a - ges roll.

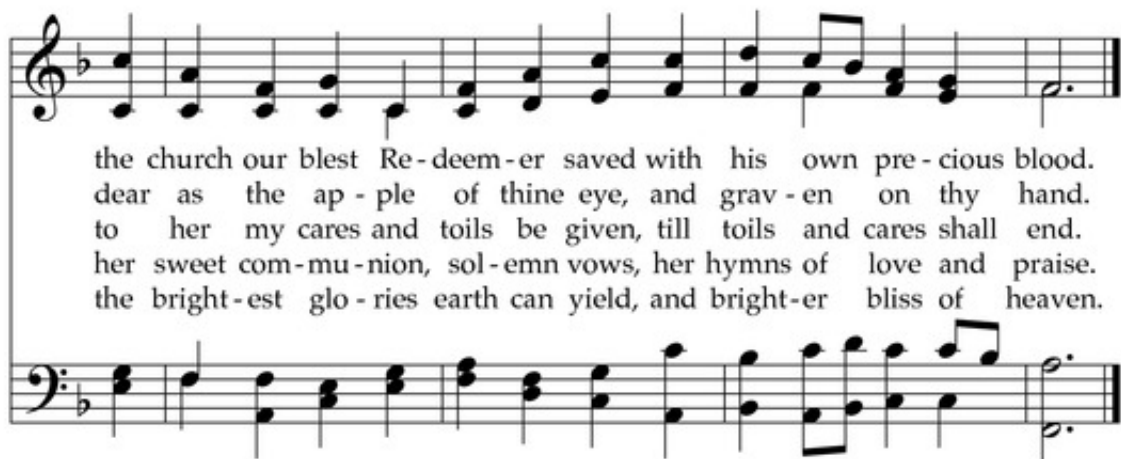
The Lord, the great I Am, By earth and heaven con - fessed,
 Es - tab - lished is Your law, And change-less it shall stand,
 We praise You, liv - ing God! We praise Your ho - ly name;

We bow be - fore Your ho - ly name, For - ev - er blest.
 Deep writ up - on the hu - man heart, On sea, or land.
 The first, the last, be - yond all thought, And still the same!

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord



1 I love thy king - dom, Lord, the house of thine a - bode,
2 I love thy church, O God. Her walls be - fore thee stand,
3 For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers as - cend;
4 Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven - ly ways:
5 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zi - on shall be given



the church our blest Re - deem - er saved with his own pre - cious blood.
dear as the ap - ple of thine eye, and grav - en on thy hand.
to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.
her sweet com - mu - nion, sol - emn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
the bright - est glo - ries earth can yield, and bright - er bliss of heaven.

John Darwall, 1770

Charles Wesley, 1746

Desc. Sidney Hugo Nicholson (1875-1947)

Descant

3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!
 2. God's king - dom can - not fail, Christ rules o'er earth and heaven;
 3. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

To glo - ri - fy the saints For their e - ter - nal home:

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, And tri - umph ev - er - more:
 The keys of death and hell Are to our Je - sus given:
 To glo - ri - fy the saints For their e - ter - nal home:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

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Food and Donation Drives in March

March Food Drive | March 1–April 11

Help us fight hunger in Saint Paul

House of Hope supports food pantries each year during the March Food Drive. In addition, these organizations receive produce grown in HOH's Community Garden and harvested by our members and friends.

Food insecurity has been a critical challenge for many families due to the economic impacts of the pandemic, and food pantries have seen dramatic increases in participants. Be a part of this important effort, when churches come together to support our local food pantries!

Thank you for your generosity! Ways to give:

- Mail a check to HOH with the notation: "Food Pantry"
- Donate through hohchurch.org > Support House of Hope > Donate Now > select Food Pantry
- Text HOH Food to 73256

Do you want the joy of helping more? Consider volunteering at Neighborhood House. Contact Kathy Schubert at keschubert@q.com for more information.

HOH Youth Donation Drive for Neighborhood House

Sunday, March 14 | 2-4 p.m. | Porte Cochere

Neighborhood House has made a special request and HOH Youth are excited to help! There is a need for basic health and hygiene items as well as household cleaning products.

Please consider supporting our Youth in this service project by purchasing items and dropping them off curbside at the church. Items will be collected from your car by our Middle and High School Youth. Thank you for your generosity! Requested items include:

- Diapers and Baby Wipes
- Infant Formula
- Toothpaste and Toothbrushes
- Laundry Detergent
- Shampoo and Conditioner
- Soap and Shower Gel
- Hand Sanitizer
- Dish Soap
- Lotion
- Toilet Paper and Facial Tissue

Macalester Sunday

Today we commemorate House of Hope's nearly 150 year connection with Macalester College. Enjoy Bagpipes and Drums in the service.

Adult Enrichment: Today, 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>

In Memoriam

Annabel Randolph joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on March 23, 1964. She entered the Church Triumphant on February 28, 2021. The family will plan a service for a later date.

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8

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