

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Confirmation Sunday | April 18, 2021 10 a.m.

Welcome

We are delighted 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 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.

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>

The Didier Seminar 2021 via Zoom- speaker 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 on Sunday, April 25 | 11:15 a.m.

Partners in Transformation: Shaping the Future

Pre-Didier Study and Discussion via Zoom Wednesday, April 7 & 14 | 7 p.m.

Take Action on Climate from Home (Virtual Earth Day Event) Saturday, April 24 | 10-11 a.m.

Join House of Hope and Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light for a climate justice virtual event. In this event we're starting with the basics: What is climate justice and how am I a part of it? What is a carbon footprint and how can I change mine? 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! Use the [Sign-up Genius](#) to R.S.V.P.

Interested in Membership? New Member Class: In-Person and Virtual Options

Monday, May 17 | 6:30 p.m. via Zoom; 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary (you do not need to attend both).

Join us to learn more about the exciting things that are happening in our congregation regarding children and youth ministries, educational opportunities, and serving our community. To join, visit the events calendar on our website: hohchurch.org for more information.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Voluntary

William Boyce

Aaron David Miller, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Lynn Barger Elliott

Call to Worship

Mark Barger Elliott

Leader: O God of Abram who became Abraham, God of Sarai who became Sarah, God of Simon who became Peter, we gather this morning in Your name.

People: We gather to remember who we are and who we can become.

Leader: We gather to remember our identity as your beloved children.

People: And we gather to open ourselves to the transforming power of your Holy Spirit.

Leader: As we worship, let us hear your voice and recognize your presence with us,

People: So that we will know your will and become the person you call us to be.

Leader: Come, let us worship!

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Timothy Bruett, Soloist

Invitation to Prayer

Novelist John Green once wrote, "Maybe you are what you can't not be." Prayer provides the space, the vocabulary, and the silence through which we can discover who we are, and who God created us to be. Let us pray:

Prayer of Reflection

O God, on this Confirmation Sunday you invite us once again to reflect on identity. We confess at times we invite and allow that which is external to us to define our sense of who we are – our grades and achievements, our status and our wealth, our profession and our reputation. Yet we know, as one writer put it, "If you do not know your own identity, who is going to identify you?" So, help us this morning, to follow the journey of biblical figures who discovered their identity in you - as a child of God, given particular gifts and talents to be used to make our world a better place. And help us, we pray, to turn away from all that drapes upon us a false identity and obscures the sacred that resides in us, and to step towards the potential you long for us to realize. Hear our silent prayers:

Assurance of Pardon

Minister: 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

Genesis 12:1-3; 17:1-5, 15-16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Listen Sweet Dove

Alan Smith

Motet Choir Section Leaders, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Listen sweet Dove unto my song,
And spread thy golden wings in me;
Hatching my tender heart so long,
Till it get wing, and fly away with thee.

The sun which once did shine alone,
Hung down his head, and wisht for night,
When he beheld twelve suns for one
Going about the world, and giving light.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow,
That th'earth did like a heav'n appear;
The stars were coming down to know
If they might mend their wages, and serve here.

Lord, though we change, thou art the same;
The same sweet God of love and light:
Restore this day, for thy great name,
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

Second Lesson

Matthew 16:13-20

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Lynn Barger Elliott

What's in a Name?

Hymn

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak

Canonbury

The Rite of Confirmation

History of Confirmation

Presentation of Confirmands

Harrison William Feldbrugge
Henry Wright Hilton
Ellery Ames Merriam
Henry Francis Stein
Grace Holland Stephan
Cordelia Bryn Thomas
Zora Jean Schemper Vorhes

Confirmation Questions

Leader: Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

Confirmand: I do.

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Confirmand: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

Confirmand: I will, with God's help.

Leader: Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?

Confirmand: I will, with God's help.

Presentation of Gifts

Welcoming the Confirmands

**With joy and thanksgiving
we welcome you to share with us
in the ministry of Christ,
for we are all one in him.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed,
claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls people to all ministries of the church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus."**

Invitation to Offering - There are three ways to support House of Hope:

- **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 Response

*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

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

Benediction

Postlude

Toccatà

Léon Boëllmann

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

The Communion Table Flowers are given in honor of the HOH Confirmation Class of 2021.

Recommendations for Elders, Deacons, and Trustees

The Nominating Committee is charged with drawing up a slate of candidates to serve on the church's governing boards: as Elders, Deacons, Trustees, or as members of next year's Nominating Committee.

Please help the committee by nominating members of the congregation to serve in one of these capacities by filling out the form at: [hohchurch.org>About Us>Governing Bodies](http://hohchurch.org>About Us/Governing Bodies), or by clicking [here](#).

The slate of candidates will be presented at a Congregational Meeting on May 16, 2021.

The deadline for submissions is today, April 18, 2021.

Ancient Irish poem

Trans. Mary E. Byrne, 1905

Vers. Eleanor Hull, 1912; alt.

Irish ballad

Harm. David Evans, 1927

1. Be Thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2. Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 3. Be Thou my wis - dom, and Thou my true word;

Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art—
 Thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 I ev - er with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;

Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 Thou and Thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

Wak - ing or sleep - ing, Thy pres - ence my light.
 Great God of heav - en, my trea - sure Thou art.
 Still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 426

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872

CANONBURY LM

Robert Schumann, 1839

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wan - dering
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre - cious
 4. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un - til my

ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet; O feed me, Lord, that
 things Thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

let me seek Thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed Thy hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
 Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
 Until Thy blessed face I see,
 Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

446 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

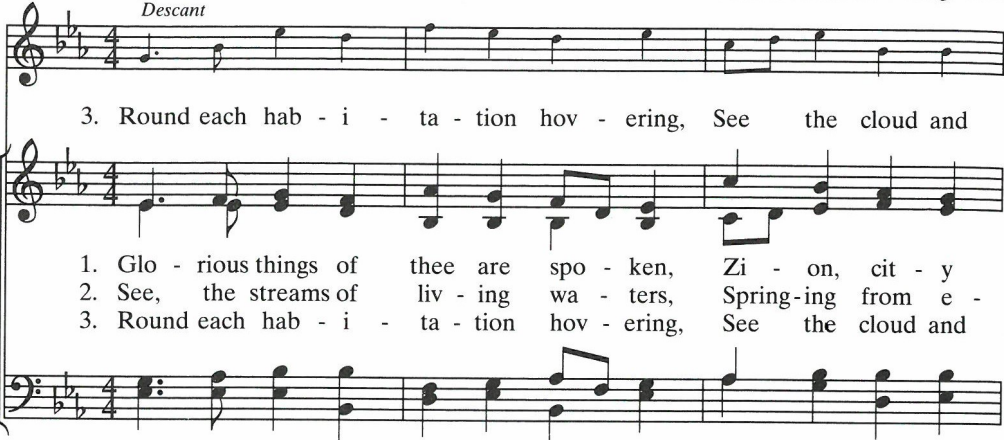
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John Newton, 1779; alt.

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

Desc. Michael E. Young, 1979

Descant



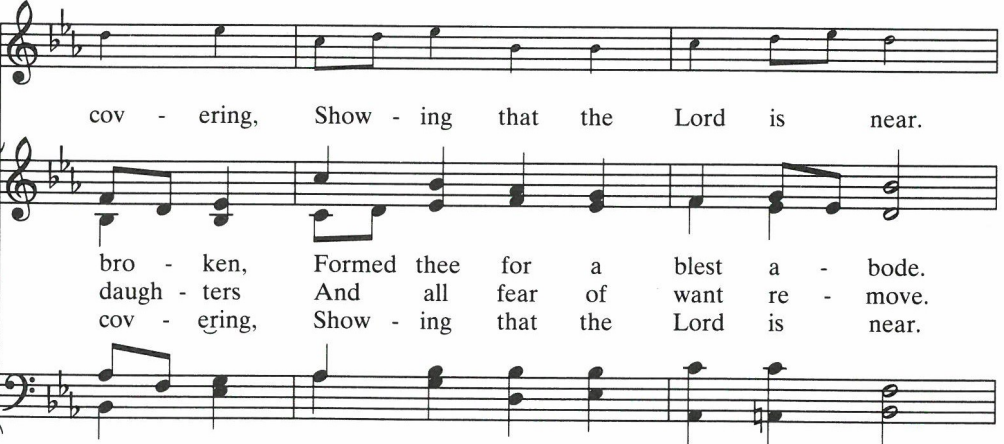
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and

1. Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
2. See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, Spring - ing from e -
3. Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, See the cloud and



fire ap - pear For a glo - ry

of our God; God, whose word can - not be
ter - nal love, Well sup - ply thy sons and
fire ap - pear For a glo - ry and a



cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near.

bro - ken, Formed thee for a blest a - bode.
daugh - ters, And all fear of want re - move.
cov - ering, Show - ing that the Lord is near.

Thus de - riv - ing light by night and

On the rock of a - ges found - ed, What can shake thy
 Who can faint while such a riv - er Ev - er flows their
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner Light by night and

shade by day, Safe they feed on

sure re - pose? With sal - va - tion's walls sur -
 thirst to as - suage? Grace, which like the Lord the
 shade by day, Safe they feed up - on the

man - na Which God gives them when they pray.

round - ed, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 giv - er, Nev - er fails from age to age.
 man - na Which God gives them when they pray.

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: From the House of Hope Passion Window. Photo credit: Dick Crone

Children and Family Ministry

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.



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.

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.

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.

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