

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;
repent, and believe in the good news.

- Mark 1:15

Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 25, 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.



The Didier Seminar 2021

Jeannine Hill Fletcher, speaker and guest preacher

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.”

Adult Enrichment on Sunday, April 25 | 11:15 a.m. Q & A with Jeannine Hill Fletcher

Sunday, May 2 | Anchor Society Sunday. Join us in worship to recognize members of the Anchor Society—those who have made a commitment to remember HOH in their estate plans. Gifts to the endowment provide flexibility that help support the operation of the church as well as our ministries and mission.

Adult Enrichment: Sunday, May 2 | 11:15 a.m.

Post Didier Seminar Discussion: *Christian Entanglement with Racism. So, What Now?*

“I want to think, talk, do ... something ... more about this. I want to ask. I want to share. I want House of Hope to” Last week, Jeannine Hill Fletcher got us focused on this. Many of us are not ready to just forget it and move on. Join us. Let’s debrief. And think a bit about, “What now?” Visit the event calendar on our website to join. Phil Bolinder, facilitator.

Sunday, May 16 | 2 p.m. Choir School Spring Concert. The HOH Choir School Spring Concert *Simple Gifts* will be livestreamed on our website. Join us to celebrate the Choir School’s year that included online and in-person rehearsals.

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, music, and prayer. Please visit the “House of Hope Parents” page or email Kiera Stegall at Kiera5@hohchurch.org for more information.

Curious about 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

Aaron David Miller, Organist

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

Call to Worship

Lynn Barger Elliott

Leader: "Depart from evil, and do good," declares the Psalmist, "so you shall abide forever with God."

People: "For the Lord loves justice; God will not forsake the Lord's faithful ones."

Leader: Come, let us worship in spirit and in truth.

Hymn

Called As Partners in Christ's Service
Joel Fischer, Soloist

Beecher

Invitation to Prayer

In response to the Derek Chauvin verdict, the Rev. Dr. Herbert Nelson, the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) wrote these words:

*We do not celebrate, nor do we gloat at this verdict, for there is no joy in what has happened here.
But we do hope this means a new beginning and a movement that begins to dismantle the structures
of racism in our world. . . . It is my prayer that this verdict is the first step.*

And so let us pray, as together we take this first step:

Prayer of Reflection

Leader: Loving God, you were there as George Floyd took his last breath.
You were there with the jurors as they deliberated. You were with us as we waited for a verdict.

People: Hear our prayers of sorrow and grief, catharsis and gratitude.

Leader: We pray for peace, knowing that your peace is not the absence of conflict or the silencing of pain or anger, but the tangible harmony of living as if we belong to you and to each other.

People: O God, may your peace come both through us and despite us.

Leader: We pray for healing, knowing that healing does not return things to how they were, but brings about what is meant to be.

People: O God, may your healing come both through us and despite us.

Leader: In your strong name we pray, Amen.

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

Mark 1:4-8, 14-18

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Grant Us Thy Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

Motet Choir Section Leaders, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Mercifully grant us peace,

Lord God, in our time.

There is none other

Who can struggle for us

But you alone, our God.

Second Lesson

Luke 19:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Follow Me

Jeannine Hill Fletcher

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

All Who Love and Serve Your City

Charlestown

Affirmation of Faith — from the *Confession of 1967*

God has created the peoples of the earth to be one universal family. In God's reconciling love, God overcomes the barriers between sisters and brothers and breaks down every form of discrimination based on racial or ethnic difference, real or imaginary. The church is called to bring all people to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore, the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Crusaders' Hymn

Benediction

Postlude

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

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Jane Parker Huber, 1981

John Zundel, 1870



1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, Called to min-is-tries of grace,
2. Christ's ex - am - ple, Christ's in - spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
3. Thus new pat-t-erns for Christ's mis-sion, In a small or glob-al sense,
4. So God grant us for to - mor-row Ways to or - der hu - man life



We re-pond with deep com-mit-ment Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
Let us fol - low, nev - er fal-tering, Rec - on - cil - ing folk on earth.
Help us bear each oth - er's bur-dens, Break-ing down each wall or fence.
That sur-round each per - son's sor-row With a calm that con - quers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Men and wom-en, rich - er, poor-er, All God's peo - ple, young and old,
Words of com-fort, words of vi - sion, Words of chal-enge, said with care,
Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, Our com - pas - sion to in - crease,



E - qual part - ners in our car-ing To ful - fill God's cho - sen end.
Blend-ing hu - man skills to - geth-er Gra - cious gifts from God un - fold.
Bring new power and strength for ac-tion, Make us col-leagues, free and fair.
Mes - sen - gers of faith, thus giv-ing Hope and con - fi - dence and peace.



All Who Love and Serve Your City

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CHARLESTOWN 8.7.8.7

The United States Sacred Harmony, 1799
Harm. Carlton R. Young, 1964

Erik Routley, 1966

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, All who bear its dai - ly stress,
2. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, Wast - ed work and wast - ed play,
3. For all days are days of judg - ment, And the Lord is wait - ing still,
4. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y Be the cit - y of de - spair?

All who cry for peace and jus - tice, All who curse and all who bless:
Call to mind the word of Je - sus, "You must work while it is day."
Draw - ing near a world that spurns Him, Of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
Come to - day, our judge, our glo - ry. Be its name "The Lord is there!"

The musical score is written in 3/4 time. The vocal line is on a single staff with a treble clef. The piano accompaniment is on two staves (treble and bass) with a grand staff bracket. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains four verses of the hymn. The second system contains the concluding lines of the hymn. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the melody.

Fairest Lord Jesus

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CRUSADERS' HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850; alt.

Silesian folk melody

In Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
And all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

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: House of Hope Friendship 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 - RESCHEDULED for Sunday, May 2 | 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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