

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



Abiding does not mean sitting idly by. It means resting in the work,
resting in the moment, resting in the truth, resting in the confidence
that God is your provision.

- Robin Bertram

Fifth Sunday of Easter | May 2, 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 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.



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 <https://bit.ly/AdultEnrichmentMay2> to join. Phil Bolinder, facilitator.

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.

The Session has called a **Meeting of the Congregation** for **Sunday, May 16 | 11:15 a.m.** via Zoom. The purposes of the meeting are to elect members of the Session, Board of Deacons, and Board of Trustees; to elect a Congregational Nominating Committee to serve in 2021-2022; and to hear progress reports concerning HVAC, the 1-7-75-175 Initiative, and plans to reopen for in-person worship.

Feminist Theology with Julia Carlson. Sunday, May 16 | 12 p.m. (Noon)

All are welcome to a time of learning and discussion around women’s experience of God and the many gifts women bring to the church. bit.ly/HOHFeministTheologyMay2021

Choir School Spring Concert. Sunday, May 16 | 2 p.m. 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.

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: <http://bit.ly/May2021NewMemberClass>

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on *St. Anne*
Richard Langer, Bagpipes

Welcome and Announcements

Julia A. Carlson

Minute for Mission: Anchor Society

Ann Harrington

Introit

Our God Our Help in Ages Past
Brad Runyan, Soloist
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Hymn

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

Eastertide Affirmation

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation;
in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible.
All things have been created through him and for him.
He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead,
so that he might come to have first place in everything.
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven,
by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

First Lesson

Psalm 22:25-31

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Organ Interlude

Second Lesson

John 15:1-8

Kiera Stegall

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Heartbeat of God

Julia A. Carlson

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

God, Bless Your Church with Strength!

Ich halte treulich still

Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

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 women and men 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!"

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

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

Benediction

Postlude

Canticle

Gilbert Martin

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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REPTON 8.6.8.8.6.6

Fred Pratt Green, 1981

C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888

1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
 3. We mark Your saints, how they be - came In hin - dranc - es more sure,
 4. In what You give us, Lord, to do, To - geth - er or a - lone,

To live ac - cord - ing to Your word, And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 If world - ly pres - sures fray the mind And love it - self can - not un - wind
 Whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name,
 In old rou - tines or ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You—


That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your power to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.

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John A. Dalles, 1984

Attr. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1736




1. God, bless Your church with strength! Wher - ev - er we may be,
2. God, bless Your church with life! May all our branch-es thrive,
3. God, bless Your church with hope! De - spite cha-ot - ic days,



Up - build Your ser - vants as we work In com-mon min - is - try.
Un - blem-ished, whole-some, bear-ing fruit, A - bun-dant - ly a - live.
May we in cha - os shine to light A path-way through life's maze.



Urge us from fledg-ling faith To ven-ure and to soar Through
From You, one ho - ly vine, In free-dom may we grow; Sus -
May jus - tice be our aim, And kind-ness ours to share, In



o - pen skies, to - sing the praise Of Christ whom we a - dore.
tain us in our mis-sion, Lord, Your love and peace to show.
hum - ble-ness O may we walk, As - sured our God is there!

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I'M GONNA LIVE Irregular

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual
Arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)

1. I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 2. I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 3. I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 4. I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can use me an - y - where, Lord,

an - y - time!

I'm gon-na live so (live so)
 I'm gon-na work so (work so)
 (an-y - time!) I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)
 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

God can

use me an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!
 (my Lord,) (an-y - time!)

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: Detail of the great arch in the sanctuary. 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, May 2 | 7 p.m.

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

Middle School Spring Bonfire - Sunday, May 16 | 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.

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