

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Then the apostles prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart.
Show us which one of these two you have chosen.’”

- Acts 1:24

Seventh Sunday of Easter | May 16, 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 live-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 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 the events calendar on our website: hohchurch.org or call 651-227-6311 for more information.

Sundays, May 23 and 30 | Sanctuary Sundays

Sign up to join us in the Sanctuary from 4-5 p.m. for a time of music, reflection, and prayer. Attendance will be limited to 50 as we test our process leading up to our June 6 reopening. <http://bit.ly/HOHSanctuarySundays> or call the church office at 651-227-6311. May 23 will feature cellist Kristen Whitson who has played extensively with St. Paul Chamber Orchestra and Minnesota Orchestra. She will be sharing solo cello pieces including pieces written specifically for her.

Adult Enrichment: Clyde Doepner, Curator for the Minnesota Twins Baseball Club May 23 | 11:15 a.m. Join us as we welcome Clyde Doepner who will share Twins Baseball history and stories. The first-ever curator in Twins history, Doepner, a lifelong Twins supporter, catalogs, maintain and collects Twins memorabilia items for historical purposes. <http://bit.ly/AdultEnrichmentMay23>

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 KieraS@hohchurch.org for more information.



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

Prelude

Maestoso in D Major
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Louis Vierne

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

Call to Worship — Ephesians 1:8

Leader: The Holy Spirit grants us a spirit of wisdom and revelation,
so that, with the eyes of our hearts enlightened,
we may know the hope to which Christ has called us,
the riches of God's glorious inheritance among us,
and the greatness of God's power for those who believe.

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

Hymn

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
Hannah Armstrong, Soloist

Ellacombe

Invitation to Prayer

Lynn Barger Elliott

God of grace, God of glory, as the hymn invites us to pray, "on thy people pour thy power. Crown thine ancient church's story, bring its bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour."

Prayer of Reflection

May we come, O Lord, we pray, to discern your spirit's leading as disciples and as a community of faith. Grant us a holy illumination so we might discern how to live with faith, love and hope. Show us the way forward, so we might choose wisdom and courage. And forgive us moments when we have turned away from your path, your light, and remained in the shadows and the darkness of life. Hear our silent prayers:

Assurance of Forgiveness

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

THE WORD OF GOD

Time for Children

Prayer of Illumination

Julia A. Carlson

O Lord, scripture teaches how your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Open our hearts and minds, we pray, by the power of your Holy Spirit to hear your good news.
Show us how to ground our days in faith and in love, discerning your will for our lives and congregation.
Amen.

First Lesson

Exodus 3:1-6

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Solo

Sanctus

Franz Schubert

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord,
Father, Son and Spirit,
Evermore shall be,
Holy, Holy, Holy, Blessed Trinity.

Praise to you our Lord,
Hosanna in the highest,
Holy, Holy, Holy, God of power and might.

Second Lesson

Acts 1:1-5, 12-17, 21-26

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Mark Barger Elliott

In One Fifth of a Second

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Affirmation of Faith — from the *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us all, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

cwm Rhondda

Benediction

Postlude

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

The Session has called a CONGREGATIONAL MEETING for TODAY, May 16, 2021, following the worship service at 11:15 a.m. on Zoom. <http://bit.ly/HOHCongMtg2021>

The purposes of the meeting are: to elect members of the Session, Board of Deacons, and Board of Trustees; and to elect a Congregational Nominating Committee to serve in 2021-2022.

Elder Nominees: Jon Cotner, Chris Hilton, Elise Jamison, Renee Lane, Dick Langer, Tani Maruyama, Becky Mayer, John Tulloch, Steve Yetter

Deacon Nominees: Jim Brooks, Marybeth Dorn, Judith Foley, Chris Langer, Anita Nelson, Mark Prpich, Betsy Schaller, Robin Solac, Caroline Stone, Nick Thompson, Eric Vorhes, Elizabeth Wedel, Cheryl Winget

Trustee Nominees: Jan Anderson, John Couchman, Dick Crone, Anna Weispfenning

'21-'22 Nominating Committee Nominees: Seale Lea, Missy Wilson, John Zwier

Isaac Watts, 1715; alt.

1. I sing the might-y power of God That made the moun-tains rise;
 2. I sing the good-ness of the Lord That filled the earth with food;
 3. There's not a plant or flower be-low But makes Thy glo-ries known;

That spread the flow-ing seas a-broad And built the loft-y skies.
 God formed the crea-tures with a word And then pro-nounced them good.
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, By or-der from Thy throne;

I sing the wis-dom that or-dained The sun to rule the day;
 Lord, how Thy won-ders are dis-played, Wher-e'er I turn my eyes;
 While all that bor-rows life from Thee Is ev-er in Thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, And all the stars o-bey.
 If I sur-vey the ground I tread, Or gaze up-on the skies!
 And ev-ery-where that we can be, Thou, God, art pres-ent there.

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE 10.10.9.10

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.

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.

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.

Children and Family Ministry

Children and Youth Art Exhibit in May.

Celebrate HOH's children and youth artists! A virtual gallery video will be posted on our website featuring homemade artwork and Choir School music.



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.

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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