

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The soil is the great connector of lives, the source and destination of all.
It is the healer and restorer and resurrector."

- Wendell Berry

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost | June 20, 2021 10 a.m.

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.

Our caring and active community welcomes you.

We extend the hospitality of Christ to all.

In-Person Worship

We are pleased to announce that the Session approved a motion to return to in-person worship.

For the time being, we ask all those present to please be masked and to maintain physical distance from other worshippers not in your household, as children under the age of 12 are not yet able to be vaccinated, and in effort to provide a safe environment for limited congregational and choral singing.

Offering plates will be available at the sanctuary doors.

After the service, please join us for a time of fellowship on the Summit Lawn

Our worship service is also livestreamed and can be accessed on the home page of our website (hohchurch.org) and on our Facebook page (The House of Hope Presbyterian Church).

Session Update Regarding Masks in Worship. This past Tuesday, June 15, the Session approved a new guideline (effective July 4) regarding wearing masks that during worship which will follow the CDC guideline that masks are recommended for those who have not yet been vaccinated. Those who are vaccinated will not be required to wear masks.

Donuts for Dads. Who doesn't love a donut, especially a dad? This Sunday we invite you to bring your father and to meet on the Summit Lawn following worship as we celebrate the dads in our lives with special donuts ordered from Kowalski's.

Donation Drive for Neighborhood House — Sunday, June 20. Grocery carts will be awaiting your food donations or cash contributions on Sunday, June 20. In addition to bringing food items to the church you can also: Mail a check to HOH marked Neighborhood House, Donate online: www.hohchurch.org/how-to-donate/ or Text: HOH Food to 73256 Most needed items include: infant formula/cereals, peanut butter, oatmeal, cereal, coffee (ground), tea, sugar, gallon plastic bags, oil (vegetable, olive, etc.), spices, buckwheat, sardines, jasmine rice, baby wipes, newborn diapers.

Children and Family Ministry Worship takes place on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom. Join Kiera Stegall for a Bible story, art, music, and prayer. Bring art supplies or Legos. Please visit the "House of Hope Parents" page or email Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org for more information.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Three Pastorales
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Raymond Haan

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

Introit

Deo Gracias
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

William Byrd

Call to Worship — Genesis 8:22; Hebrews 4:12

Leader: Scripture proclaims, “As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.”

People: Worship draws our attention to sacred rhythms that reveal God’s participation and presence in all of creation.

Leader: Come, let us worship in humility and in expectation,

**People: For “God’s word is alive and active,”
waiting for us to open our mind, soul and heart.**

+ Processional Hymn

All Things Bright and Beautiful

Royal Oak

Invitation to Prayer — adapted from Kathy Galloway (*50 New Prayers from the Iona Community*)

Prayer is an auditing, hauling the boulders of self-absorption and anxiety, fear and prejudice, away from where they sit midstream, blocking the flow of life. Prayer makes visible what is hidden, to ourselves first, and then points to what can be planted in our lives as gratitude, courage, and faith. Let us pray:

Prayer of Reflection — adapted from Bishop of Bloenfontein

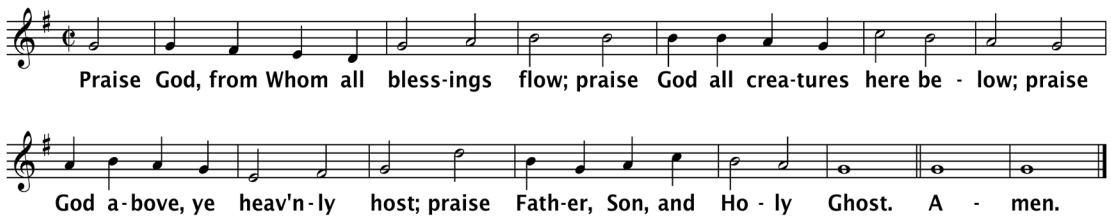
O Lord, we confess at times we close the window of our soul to your presence.
We cross our arms and nurse grudges. We keep a tally of unanswered prayers.
Such actions, we know, distance ourselves from others and from you.
So help us, we pray, to begin again. To till the soil of our lives so we might
make room for your seeds of truth and goodness, beauty and love, wisdom
and courage. Reveal how the Christ might be formed anew in us today,
tomorrow, and forevermore. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Doxology



Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures here be - low; praise
God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host; praise Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE WORD OF GOD

The Sacrament of Baptism — Eleanor Scaletta

Congregational Response

Baptized in Water (verses 1 & 3)

Buinessan

First Lesson

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Psalm 126

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sing Unto God

G. F. Handel

Sing unto God, and high affections raise,
To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:1-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Mark Barger Elliott

Unmute - 4 Parables for a Post-Pandemic Life - 3

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Nyland

+ Affirmation of Faith — from the *Confession of Belhar*

Lynn Barger Elliott

**We believe God's life-giving Word and Spirit
has conquered the powers of sin and death,
and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred,
bitterness and enmity,
that God's life-giving Word and Spirit
will enable the church to live in a new obedience
which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world.
Amen.**

Offering - There are three ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be available at the sanctuary doors.
- **Website.** On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Donate Now" Members can also sign into MyHOH to give.
- **Mail.** Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105

Offertory Anthem

Just as I am Without One Plea

Matthew Culloton

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt;
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

+ Offertory Response



O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to - day and sing the love a-maz-ing that
songs can - not re - pay; for we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send, at
bless-ings with-out num-ber and mer-cies with-out end: we lift our hearts be-fore you and
wait u - pon your word, we hon - or and a-dore you, our great and might - y 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.**

+ Recessional Hymn

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

+ Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in G

Théodore Dubois

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Beverly Kerr McKinnell.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Eleanor Scaletta,
child of Shayli and Paul Scaletta. Elder assisting is John Zwier.

We respectfully request that photographs not be taken during the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please help us honor the sacrament and the prayerful attention of the congregation. Photographs may be taken in the sanctuary following the service.

All Things Bright and Beautiful

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ROYAL OAK 7.6.7.6 with refrain


English melody, 17th century

Adapt. Martin Shaw, 1915

Harm. for *The Hymnbook*, 1953

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

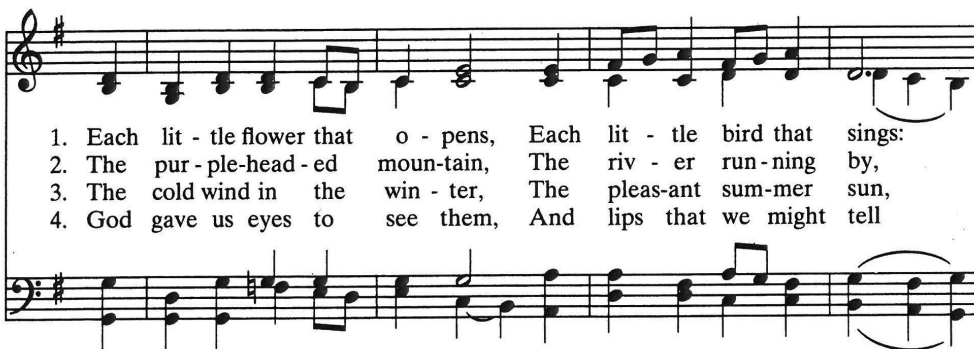
Refrain



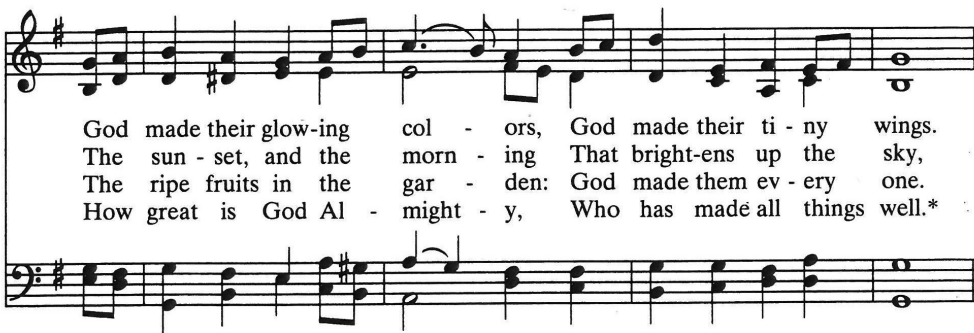
All things bright and beau-ti - ful, All crea-tures great and small,



All things wise and won - der - ful: The Lord God made them all.



1. Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, Each lit - tle bird that sings:
 2. The pur - ple-head - ed moun-tain, The riv - er run - ning by,
 3. The cold wind in the win - ter, The pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
 4. God gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell



God made their glow-ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
 The sun - set, and the morn - ing That bright-ens up the sky,
 The ripe fruits in the gar - den: God made them ev - ery one.
 How great is God Al - might - y, Who has made all things well.*

*Repeat Refrain.

Baptized in Water

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BUNESSAN 5.5.8.5.5.9

Michael A. Saward, 1981

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing the
 tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spir - it, We are God's

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

We Plow the Fields and Scatter

NYLAND 7.6.7.6 D

Matthias Claudius, 1782

Trans. Jane Montgomery Campbell, 1861; alt.

Finnish folk melody

Adapt. and harm. David Evans, 1927



1. We plow the fields and scat - ter The good seed on the land,
2. You on - ly are the Mak - er Of all things near and far;
3. We thank You, then, Cre - a - tor, For all things bright and good,



But it is fed and wa - tered By God's al - might - y hand;
 You paint the way - side flow - er, You light the eve - ning star;
 The seed-time and the har - vest, Our life, our health, our food;



God sends the snow in win - ter, The warmth to swell the grain,
 The winds and waves o - bey You, By You the birds are fed;
 Ac - cept the gifts we of - fer, For all Your love im - parts,



The breez-es and the sun - shine, And soft, re - fresh-ing rain.
 Much more to us, Your chil - dren, You give our dai - ly bread.
 And what You most would wel - come, Our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

Let All Things Now Living

ASH GROVE 6.6.11.6.6.11 D

Welsh folk melody

Katherine K. Davis, 1939; alt.

Harm. Gerald H. Knight (1908-1979)

Unison

1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
 2. By law God en - forc - es. The stars in their cours - es,

To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,

By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing

A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:

Unison

Till shad - ows have van - ished, All fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,

As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.



It's going to be a fabulous summer at HOH! Join us for any or all of these events for Children, Youth and Families!

The HUB Club | Upcoming HUB Club Dates: July 17 and August 21

Join us at the HOH Park and parking lot for outdoor children, youth and family activities.
10 am-12 p.m. Infant - 5th gr: Bring bikes and balls and enjoy popsicles and storytime in the park!
2-3:30 p.m. Middle & High School: Join us for games and treats.

Children and Family Ministry

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

Basecamp is a place for students grades 6-12 to come together to fellowship and grow in faith, while enjoying quality time with one another. Students are invited to bring a lunch, a mask, and a Bible, every Wednesday at 12 p.m. from June 9 - Sept. 1.

For more information, please contact DanMN@hohchurch.org

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson for more information about Youth and Family Ministry.

House of Hope Choir School

The HOH Choir School Spring Concert Simple Gifts was livestreamed and is available to watch again on the streaming page of our website

LOOKING AHEAD...

June 24 | Neighborhood Puppet Show | 6 p.m.

Bring a blanket or chair and join us on the Summit Lawn for Open Eye Figure Theatre's performance of The Amazing Cowboat. This intergenerational event is free and open to the public.

July 10 & 11 | Schoolhouse Rock LIVE! Jr. | 2 p.m.

Bring a blanket or chair and join us in the Holly parking lot for the Lakeshore Players outdoor performances of this timeless comedy. This intergenerational event is free and open to the public.

A Service of Remembrance — June 27, 2021 | 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary

As we begin to emerge from our pandemic practices and merge into some familiar patterns, some of the realities of the past fourteen months are making themselves felt. Graduations and proms didn't happen. Families endured varying degrees of separation; baptisms and funerals often did not take place.

It will take time to process what happened and what did not happen during the COVID-19 pandemic. An important part of that work is to remember the loved ones who died in the past year. The House of Hope is offering a Service of Remembrance on June 27, 2021 at 2 p.m. so we might gather ourselves and our griefs into the sanctuary and before God.

We would like to recognize any and all deaths you would like to share. Please email hoh@hohchurch.org with the name(s) of friends or family who have died and you wish to have recognized. The names will be read as a part of our liturgy or call the church office at 651-227-6311 and leave a message. Please mark your calendars for this service.

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