

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure hidden in a field...”

- Matthew 13:44

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost | June 27, 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.

Session Update Regarding Masks for In-Person Worship.

Effective July 4, the Session will no longer require those attending worship to wear masks. In accordance with CDC guidelines, it is still recommended for those who have not yet been vaccinated to wear masks while inside the church building. Those who are vaccinated will not be asked to wear masks.

On June 27, 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. All singers in the Motet Choir are required to be vaccinated.

Offering plates will be available at the sanctuary doors.

After the service, please join us for a time of fellowship in the Kirk Parlour.

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).

A Service of Remembrance — 2 p.m. in the Sanctuary

As we begin to emerge from our pandemic practices and step back into 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, today, June 27, 2021 at 2 p.m. so we might gather ourselves and our griefs into the sanctuary and before God.

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 at KieraS@hohchurch.org for more information.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Dorian Toccata, BWV 538
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Welcome and Announcements

Lynn Barger Elliott

Introit

Be Still, My Soul
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Jean Sibelius

Call to Worship — Romans 12:12

Mark Barger Elliott

Leader: Saint Paul reminds us to “Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
constant in prayer.”

**People: In worship we are reminded of the contours and content of living
as a disciple of Jesus Christ.**

Leader: Come, let us worship in the boldness of truth and in the joy of the spirit.

+ Processional Hymn

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

Invitation to Prayer

Prayer is discernment, as it leads us to the gifts of the Spirit. As the writer Anne Lamott once said, “I think joy is a spiritual path.... You just have to get rid of so much baggage to be light enough to dance, to sing to play.” Let us pray:

Prayer of Reflection — adapted from Mechtild of Magdeburg (1212-87)

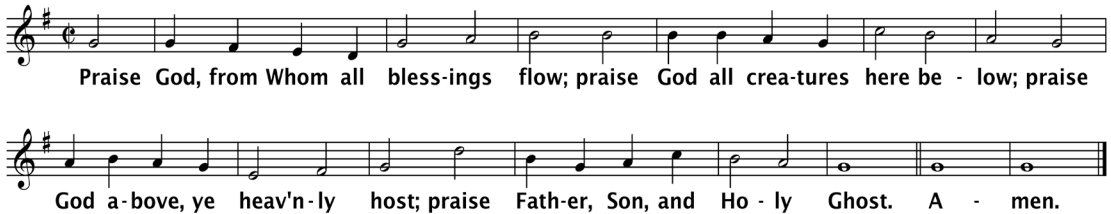
O Lord, in a place of reflection, within the openness of prayer, we are reminded how “a fish cannot drown in water. A bird cannot fall in the air. Gold is not dissolved in fire – for there it receives its brilliant sheen.” This, O Lord, we recognize is your gift to us and to creation, that we are to live within our own nature, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. So as we emerge from this pandemic, help us to find our true selves once again, and the hope, the faith, and the joy you extend to us as those created in your image. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

+ Doxology



THE WORD OF GOD

The Sacrament of Baptism — Asher Nitzkowski

Congregational Response

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here (Verses 1 & 2)

Liebster Jesu

First Lesson

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Proverbs 2:3-5, 9-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Ubi caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

The love of Christ has gathered us together.

Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.

Let us revere and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Amen.

Amen.

Second Lesson

Matthew 13:44

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Lynn Barger Elliott

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

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn

Seek Ye First

Lafferty

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — adapted from *Song of Faith*, United Church of Canada Julia A. Carlson

The fullness of life includes

**moments of unexpected inspiration and courage lived out,
experiences of beauty, truth, and goodness,
blessings of seeds and harvest,
the reconciliation of persons through justice
and communities living in righteousness.**

And so we sing of God the Spirit,

**who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation,
animating all energy and matter
and moving in the human heart.**

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

How Lovely Are Thy Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are thy messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

+ 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

To God Be the Glory

To God Be the Glory

+ Benediction

Postlude

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Robert and Beatrice Milton.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Asher Nitzkowski, child of Allison and Zane Nitzkowski. Elder assisting is Becky Mayer.

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.

Today's Cover Photo Credit: Lyndon French for The New York Times.

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

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UNSER HERRSCHER 8.7.8.7.7.7

Benjamin Schmolck, 1732
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863

Joachim Neander, 1680
Harm. *The Chorale Book for England*, 1863; alt.
Desc. John Dykes Bower (1905-1981)

Descant

3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done in - deed;

1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me en - ter there,
2. Gra - cious God, I come be - fore Thee, Come Thou al - so down to me;
3. Speak, O Lord, and I will hear Thee, Let Thy will be done in - deed;

May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed.

Where my soul in joy - ful du - ty Waits for God who an - swers prayer;
Where we find Thee and a - dore Thee, There a heaven on earth must be;
May I un - dis - turbed draw near Thee, While Thou dost Thy peo - ple feed.

Here of life the foun - tain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.

O how bless - ed is this place, Filled with sol - ace, light, and grace.
To my heart O en - ter Thou, Let it be Thy tem - ple now.
Here of life the foun - tain flows, Here is balm for all our woes.

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

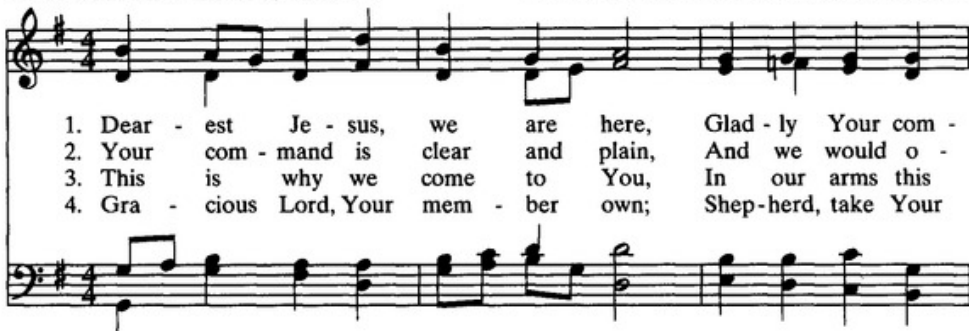
LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8

Benjamin Schmolck, 1704

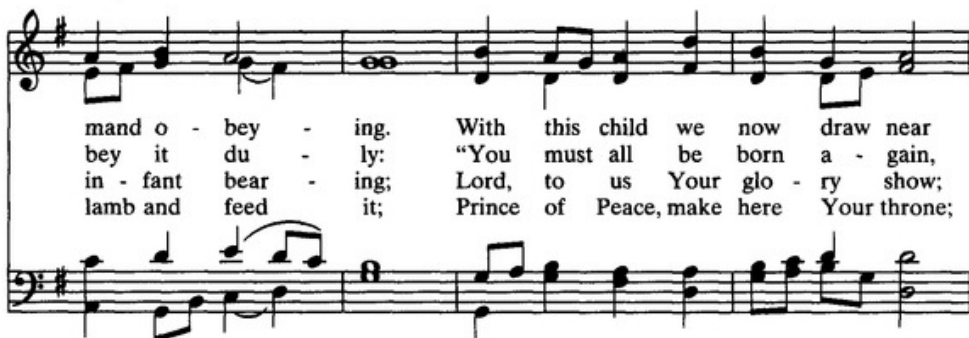
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.



1. Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -
 2. Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
 3. This is why we come to You, In our arms this
 4. Gra - cious Lord, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your



mand o - bey - ing. With this child we now draw near
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing; Lord, to us Your glo - ry show;
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
 Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
 Let this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
 Way of life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious vine, let



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."
 shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY Irregular

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

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Descant Al - le - lu - ia, Al -
 1. Seek ye and first the king - dom of God And His
 2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and
 le - lu - ia, Al - le -
 righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
 add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

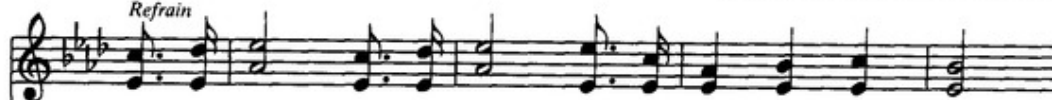
1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!
 2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!





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

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 Dan Miglets-Nelson at: DanMN@hohchurch.org

The House of Hope Choir School

Make a Joyful Noise! The 39th year of HOH Choir School!

Registration opens online August 1.

Choir School Ensembles. Choristers may register for the entire year (Sept-May) or by session (Fall I: September 8-October 20; Fall II: October 27-December 15). Space is limited. For more information visit: <https://www.hohchurch.org/worship-music/music/choir-school/>

LOOKING AHEAD...

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.

Feed My Starving Children | July 16 | 9 a.m. The House of Hope Youth Group is volunteering to pack meals in Eagan. We will meet at the packing site at 9. Once we wrap up, volunteers are invited to meet back at church for a picnic lunch! We will need 3-4 adults to volunteer as well. Please let Dan MN know as soon as possible if you're interested. This event is for Youth grades 6-12.

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.





Special Music in July

2021 Carillon Recital Series. The 27th Annual House of Hope Summer Recital Series opens on Independence Day, Sunday, July 4, and will continue on successive July Sundays. House of Hope Carillonneur Dave Johnson will perform on July 4 and 18. House of Hope Associate Carillonneur Timothy Short will perform on July 11 and 25. All programs are at 4 p.m. Bring a blanket, folding chair, a basket of treats, and invite your friends!

The Motet Choir will present F.J. Haydn's Missa brevis Sancti Joannis de Deo, better known as "Kleine Orgelmesse (or Little Organ Mass)" in worship on Sunday, July 11. This work, a favorite of HOH choir members and congregation alike, will feature organist Aaron David Miller, soprano Hannah Armstrong, and guest string trio.

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