

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Let us, together, sow seeds for a better harvest—a harvest for hope."

- Jane Goodall, Anthropologist

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost | September 5, 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.

### **Regarding Masks for In-Person Worship.**

Please know in light of the evolving situation regarding the Delta variant and new guidelines offered by the Mayor of Saint Paul, we now strongly encourage all those who attend worship to wear a mask. In this fluid situation with changing national, state and local protocols, we will continue to monitor developments and discern how best to respond while keeping in mind the safety of church staff and those attending worship.

Please continue 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.

Offering plates will be available at the sanctuary doors.

After the service, please join us for a time of fellowship by the Spirit of Hope statue for Caribou coffee and chocolate chip cookies.

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

### **Rally Sunday — Sunday, September 12 | 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. | Sanctuary and Summit Lawn**

Join us as our congregation gathers after a wonderful summer of reopening to in-person worship, hearing our choirs sing, gathering with HUB Clubs, National Night Out, and celebrating the 10th Anniversary of our Community Garden! Festivities will begin after worship at 11:15 a.m. with a picnic lunch, the Ned Kantor Jazz Trio, an inflatable obstacle course and toddler bounce house, book swap, lawn games, and the opportunity to bring donations for Women's Advocates and Prior Crossing. *Suggested donation for picnic: \$10 per person (\$20 family max.)*

### **Rally Sunday Free Book Exchange**

How do you pass on a good read? On Rally Sunday, HOH will have our version of "A Little Free Library." If you have a good read you are ready to pass on, be it gardening, cookbook, mystery, theology, or something for young people and children, please drop it off at the church office between now and September 10. There will be a Book Swap table at our picnic where you or one of our neighbors might pick up something new to read.

Our **NEW** midweek program, **Wednesday Night Live!** begins **September 15**. What you will find at 797 Summit Avenue are family friendly meals from Kowalski's in our newly carpeted Great Hall, Confirmation Class, faith enrichment classes led by Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson and Revs. Lynn and Mark Barger Elliott, and opportunities to join our music program from the Choir School to The Motet Choir.

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## THE APPROACH TO GOD

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### Prelude

Canzona and Baletti  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Girolamo Frescobaldi

### Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

### Call to Worship — Isaiah 9:2-3

Lynn Barger Elliott

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;

**People: those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone.**

Leader: For you, O Lord, have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy;

**People: they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest.**

Leader: Come, let us worship.

### + Opening Hymn 469

*Morning Has Broken*

Bunessan

### Invitation to Prayer

Author Jodi Picoult observed, "The only difference between a wish and a prayer is that you're at the mercy of the universe for the first, and you've got some help with the second." Let us pray:

### Prayer of Reflection — adapted from Thomas Aquinas

**O Lord, we gather this morning seeking your help:**

**help for our world and community;**

**help for our lives and those we know and love.**

**Assist us, we pray, so that no unworthy affection may drag us downwards.**

**Nurture in us an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out.**

**Define for us an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose may tempt aside.**

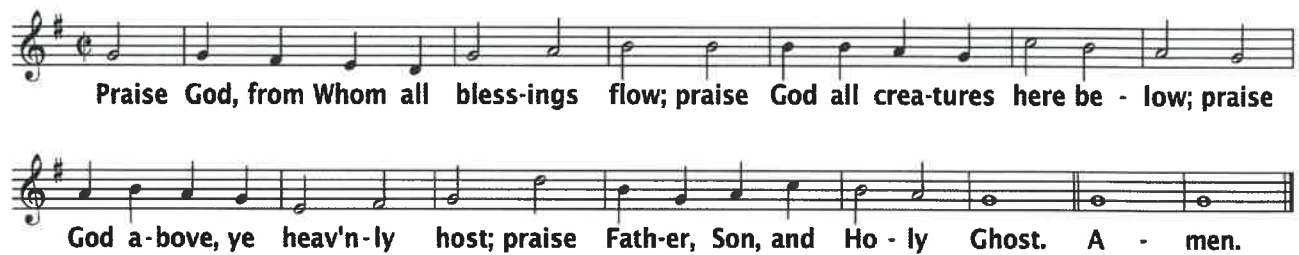
**Bestow upon us, we pray, a faithfulness that trusts your timing and your purpose for our lives. Amen.**

## Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: The psalmist declares, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." At times we need to bring before God both our aspirations and our failures, trusting God's grace is indeed faithful and amazing. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## + Doxology



## THE WORD OF GOD

## Time for Children

### First Lesson

Deuteronomy 16:13-15 (OT, p. 173 in pew Bible)

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Piano Solo

Improvisation on *Crusaders' Hymn*

### Second Lesson

Julia A. Carlson

Galatians 6:7-9 (NT, p. 191 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Mark Barger Elliott

*Hypethral: Life in a Cathedral without Walls - 5*

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### + Hymn 384

*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

St. Margaret

### + Affirmation of Faith — Confession of 1967, 9:38

**The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are,  
at work or play, in private or in the life of society.  
Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship  
and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism.**

**Each member is the church in the world,  
endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible  
for the integrity of his or her witness in each particular situation.**

### Offering - There are three ways to give an offering:

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

### Offertory Solo

Courante

17th Century Scottish

## + 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.**

## + Closing Hymn 306

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

Crusaders' Hymn

## + Benediction

## Postlude

## Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur



## Children and Family Ministry

### In-person Nursery & Sunday School - Beginning Sept. 12

**Infants – PreK | 9:45-11:15 a.m.** Infants-PreK will use age-specific Frolic curriculum as each group learns to take little steps toward big faith. With stories and prayer, they will explore faith concepts the way they know best – through play.

**Kindergarten - Grade 5** students worship with their families in the sanctuary before joining us for Sunday school following the Time for Children.

Our elementary students will use Growing in God's Love: A Story Bible Curriculum that features diverse artwork from more than twenty artists. Students are invited to wonder, play, and connect as they engage with the Bible stories.

### Zoom Sunday School for Families with Infants-Grade 5 Sundays, 4 p.m.

Contact Kiera Stegall for more information at [KieraS@hohchurch.org](mailto:KieraS@hohchurch.org).

## Youth and Family Ministry

### Confirmation Information Meeting | September 8 | 7 p.m.

All youth grades 9+ and their parents are invited to learn about preparing for church membership and confirming one's faith on March 6, 2022.

### Confirmation Classes Begin | September 15 | 7 p.m.

All youth grades 9+ who are interested in membership at HOH will meet Wednesday nights to explore basic Christian beliefs and membership in the Presbyterian Church.

### Middle School Sunday School Begins September 12 10:15 a.m. | Room 9

Middle Schoolers will meet on Sunday mornings following the Time for Children to learn about God's word, deepen their faith, and grow together.

### The SUMMIT Youth Group Fall Kick-Off

**September 12 | 7 p.m.** All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to kick off a new year of youth ministry at The SUMMIT taco party in the Great Hall! The SUMMIT will meet Sunday nights 7-8:30 p.m.

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson for more information at [DanMN@hohchurch.org](mailto:DanMN@hohchurch.org).

## House of Hope Choir School

**Every child can sing!** The Choir School offers outstanding music education for all children ages 4-18 beginning September 8. Registration is open online and spots are going fast! [bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration](https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration)

Contact Sofia Ardan for more information at [SofiaA@hohchurch.org](mailto:SofiaA@hohchurch.org).



**Supporting Relief Work in Haiti.** The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance is responding to the devastating 7.2 magnitude that struck Haiti the morning of August 14, 2021 that has resulted in the loss of more than 1,200 lives. Working closely with our ministry partners on the ground, Presbyterians are addressing emergency needs such as WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), emergency power generators, shelter, food, first aid and more. To make a contribution, please go to <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/haiti/>



## **SUNDAY SERIES with David Brooks**

September 26 | 2 p.m. | Sanctuary and livestream

Topic: **Society and the Soul**

David Brooks writes a bi-weekly Op-Ed for *The New York Times* and is a regular analyst on PBS *NewsHour* and NPR's *All Things Considered*. Mr. Brooks has a gift for bringing audiences face to face with the spirit of our times with humor, insight, and quiet passion. He is a keen observer of the American way of life and a savvy analyst of present-day politics and foreign affairs.

Seating is limited. Please register to reserve a seat at: [bit.ly/DavidBrooksSept26](https://bit.ly/DavidBrooksSept26)

***We ask all who attend to please wear a mask.***



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## Morning Has Broken

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BUNESSAN. 5.5.5.4 D

Eleanor Farjeon, 1931

Gaelic melody  
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G Dm G C

1. Morn-ing has bro - ken Like the first morn - ing, Black-bird has  
2. Sweet the rain's new fall Sun - lit from heav - en, Like the first  
3. Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing Born of the

Em Am Em F G C Am F C

spo - ken Like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall On the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness Of the wet  
one light E - den saw play! Praise with e - la - tion, Praise ev - ery

Am G C G Am Dm G7 C

morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing Fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, Sprung in com - plete - ness Where God's feet pass.  
morn - ing, God's re - cre - a - tion Of the new day!

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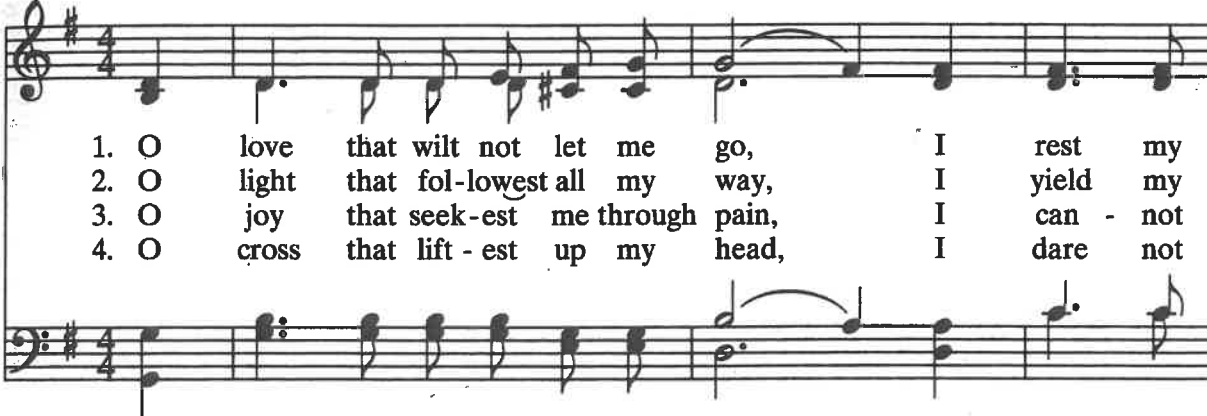
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# O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go 384

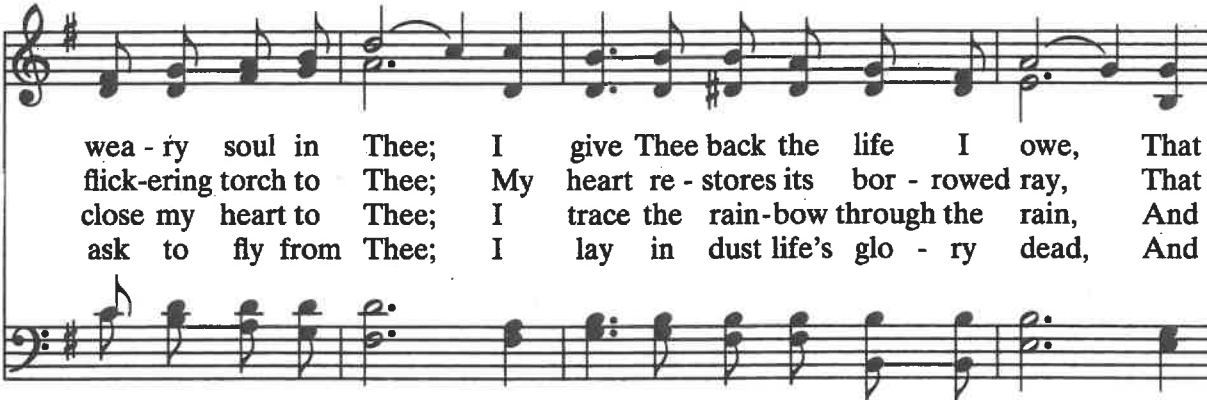
ST, MARGARET 8.8.8.8.6

George Matheson, 1882

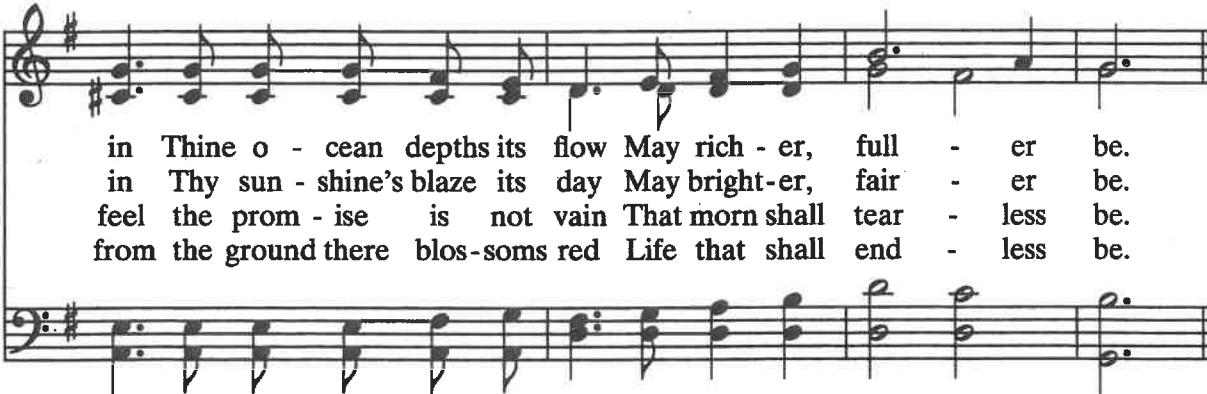
Albert Lister Peace, 1884



1. O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my  
 2. O light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my  
 3. O joy that seek-est me through pain, I can - not  
 4. O cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not



wea - ry soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, That  
 flick-ering torch to Thee; My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, That  
 close my heart to Thee; I trace the rain-bow through the rain, And  
 ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, And



in Thine o - cean depths its flow May rich - er, full - er be.  
 in Thy sun - shine's blaze its day May bright-er, fair - er be.  
 feel the prom - ise is not vain That morn shall tear - less be.  
 from the ground there blos-soms red Life that shall end - less be.

E♭ A♭ E♭ A♭ B♭ E♭ A♭ Fm E♭ B♭ E♭

By Your pa - tience and Your cour-age You have taught us work is good.  
You, the Bread of heaven, are bro-ken In the sac - ra - ment of life.

## 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.