

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"In Sunday school, I learned to think of God as a very old white-bearded man on a throne, who stood above creation and occasionally stirred it with a stick... what I see is an infinite web of relationship, flung across the vastness of space like a luminous net."

Barbara Brown Taylor
The Luminous Web

Rally Sunday | September 12, 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) 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.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Hymn to Joy
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Paul Manz

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

Introit

O Come Let Us Sing

Scottish Psalter

Call to Worship Isaiah 9:6

Leader: The prophet Isaiah foretold of his coming,

People: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given,"

Leader: And what will his name be?

**People: "He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."**

Leader: Come, let us worship in his name.

+ Processional Hymn 464

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

Invitation to Prayer

"Prayer and comfortable living are incompatible," observes Teresa of Avila. Why is that? Prayer moves us to front lines of our life, our community and our world. Prayer directs us to places that require our attention. Let us pray:

Prayer of Reflection adapted from Scottish liturgy

We gather, O Lord, to offer you our praise, for you are our maker, sustainer, and our redeemer. We praise you for when there was but a universe yet imagined, you brought forth constellations, stars, and planets. Dawn and evening celebrate your glory and remind us the echoes of eternity are ever in our midst. We praise you for in Christ, your Son, heaven and earth were joined, forging the promise of a new creation, given, and yet still to come. And yet, O Lord, we know there are pressing needs in our world that require us to be your hands, your voice.

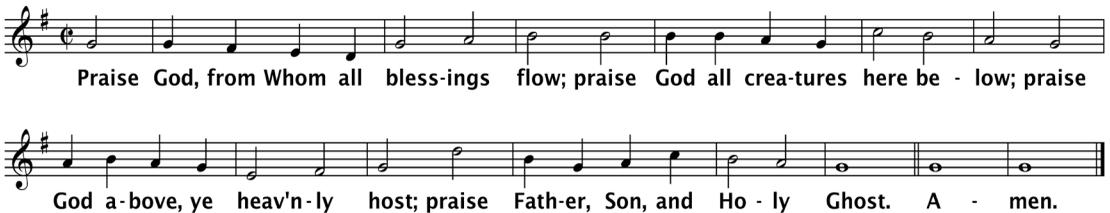
So help us, we pray, to step forward as your disciples with our eyes, hearts and hands wide open, seeking to be participants in your re-creation of our world, so it might be as you imagined, a home where justice, mercy and love reign. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: John Henry Newman once wrote, "To holy people the very name of Jesus is a name to transport. His name can raise the dead and transfigure and . . . beautify the living." And so hear 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.

Anthem

I Will Praise Thee, O Lord

Knut Nystedt

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my heart;
I will show forth all thy marvelous works.
I will rejoice and be glad in thee:
I will sing praise to thy name,
O thou most High!

THE WORD OF GOD

Choral Ascription

Let Thy Word abide in us, O Lord.

First Lesson

Dan Miglets-Nelson

Psalm 19: 1-6 (OT, p. 498 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

All Praise To Thee

Thomas Tallis arr. Pooler

St Nicholas Choir, Sofia Ardanan, director; Timothy Short, organist

All praise to thee, our God and King,
For all the blessings thou dost bring,
For loving care thou dost bestow
On all thy creatures here below.

Teach us to live that we might be
Most faithful followers of thee,
Keep us, O keep us, King of Kings,
Beneath thine own almighty wings.

We thank thee, Lord, for thy dear son,
For all the goodness he hath done,
For all the sorry he hath borne,
For joy he brings to men forlorn.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him, all creatures here below,
Praise him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

All this for us thy love hath done,
By this to thee our love is won,
For this thy loving children sing,
Our thanks and praise to thee we bring.

Time for Children and Kindergarteners Bible Presentation

Kindergarteners receiving their Bibles today are Eldon Camozzi, Juliette Faghihi, Anderson Fox, Leif Greibrok, Dylan Hoogland, Peter Sales and Noah Webster

Following the Time for Children: Children are invited to walk down the center aisle with Sunday School volunteers to the Education Wing for Faith Formation.

Second Lesson

Julia A. Carlson

Mark 8: 27-37 (NT, p. 43 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Lynn Barger Elliott

Quotidian: Daily Infinity Nets in the Gospel of Mark - 1

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 298

There's A Wideness In God's Mercy

IN BABILON

+ Affirmation of Faith — excerpt from Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
Fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

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 Anthem

Jubilate Deo

William Mathias

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves:
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,

And into his courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth to all generations. Amen.

+ 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 332

Live Into Hope

TRURO

+ Benediction

Postlude

Toccata

John Rutter

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Lindsay Jean Knutson.

The Pulpit Flowers are given in Loving memory of Alfred M. and Lua B. Fulton,
Donald B. and Sara A. Fulton, Martha J. Fulton.



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.

Youth and Family Ministry

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.

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 for fall session II beginning October 27. bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration.

Contact Sofia Ardan for more information at SofiaA@hohchurch.org.

Supporting Relief Work in Haiti and impact of Hurricane Ida. The Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Team is responding to devastation in the areas hit by the earthquake and hurricanes. 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/> OR <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-ida/>



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

We ask all who attend to please wear a mask.

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