

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



The season of Advent means there is something on the horizon the likes of which we have never seen before ... [but you can] miss it, turn just as it brushes past you. And you begin to grasp what it was you missed, like Moses in the cleft of the rock, watching God's [back] fade in the distance. So stay. Sit. Linger. Tarry. Ponder. Wait. Behold. Wonder. There will be time enough for running. For rushing. For worrying. For pushing. For now, stay. Something is on the horizon.

- Jan Richardson

Second Sunday of Advent | December 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 guidelines, 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 5 are not yet able to be vaccinated.

Deacons will provide offering plates at the sanctuary doors.

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.)

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



We invite you to join the over 80 House of Hope members and friends who have already pledged with an average pledge increase of 12%.

Pledge cards can be found in the narthex information racks and in the front office.

"If" is one of the most significant words in the Bible. Jesus uses it repeatedly to deepen our understanding of what it looks like to follow him in our lives. Jesus said, for example, "if you listen..." "If you forgive..." "If you believe..."

Our 2022 Stewardship Campaign that seeks to fund our Annual Budget focuses on how the word "if" has shaped the past, present, and future of The House of Hope.

If generations before us had not generously provided the means to build The House of Hope, we would not be able to enjoy our lovely sanctuary and building.

If members and friends had not given to The Houses of Hope Fund, we would not be able to make substantial grants to provide affordable housing in our community.

If members and friends had not contributed generously to our 2021 Stewardship Campaign, we could not have funded Mission Outreach giving from our annual operating budget for the first time in seventeen years.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Savior, of the Nations, Come

Johann Sebastian Bach

BWV 659 – based upon Advent Hymn 14

The Bells of Hope; Timothy Short, Music Associate

Welcome and Announcements

Mark Barger Elliott

Choral Antiphon

Lighting of the Second Advent Candle

Ben, Ann, Margot and George Mack

Introit

Keep Awake

Aaron David Miller

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

+ Processional Hymn 11

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Invitation to Prayer

Dan Miglets-Nelson

With the melody of Advent on our lips, we are reminded how God invites us in this sacred season to also pay attention to our hearts. And so let us pray:

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Gracious and loving God, we bring before you our restless hearts.

People: We pray that they may cease rushing and pushing, and instead linger and wonder at the news that a miracle will soon unfold under a Bethlehem star.

Leader: We offer to you, O God, our anxious hearts.

People: Free us from our desire to anticipate and to control, we pray, and instead trust what waits for us in a manger is acceptance and joy.

Leader: We lay before you the secrets of our hearts: our unspoken fears, regrets, and sins.

People: We ask by your grace, O God, that you might create a pure heart and a right spirit within us.

Leader: In the silence, hear the prayers that rest upon our hearts.

Assurance of Forgiveness — Psalm 30, adapted by Rev. Susan A. Blain

Leader: Sing Praises to God, all you faithful ones,

People: God hears us in our fear and our sorrow.

Leader: Where there was no way,

People: God leads us in a new way.

Leader: Where there was no mercy,

People: God surprises us with grace.

Leader: Where there was weeping,

People: God invites us to step into a new dance.

Leader: 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.

Anthem

Teach Me, O Lord

Thomas Attwood

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:

And I shall keep it unto the end.

(Psalm 119:33)

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Ann Geery

Luke 1:5-15a, 18-23 (NT, p. 56 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

A Christmas Carol

Charles Ives

St Nicholas Choir; Sofia Ardalán, director, Timothy Short, organ

Little Star of Bethlehem!
Do we see Thee now?
Do we see Thee shining o'er the tall trees?
Little Child of Bethlehem!
Do we hear Thee in our hearts?
Hear the Angels singing:
Peace on earth good will to men! Noel!

O'er the cradle of a King,
Hear the Angels sing:
In Excelsis Gloria, Gloria!
From His Father's home on high,
Lo! For us He came to die;
Hear the Angels singing:
Venite adoremus Dominum.

Time for Children

Kiera Stegall

All children and youth, Grades 8 and younger, are invited to walk down the center aisle to meet Kiera Stegall and Dan Miglets-Nelson in the center aisle to be led to the Education Wing.

Second Lesson

Luke 1: 57-72 (NT, p.p. 57-58 in pew Bible)

Julia A. Carlson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

An Asemic Advent: New Signposts in a Strange Land - 2

Mark Barger Elliott

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 20

Watchman, Tell Us Of the Night

ABERYSTWYTH

+ Affirmation of Faith – Brief Statement of Faith

Lynn Barger Elliott

**In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

Offering - There are four ways to give an offering:

- **In-Person.** Offering plates will be provided by deacons 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
- **QR Code.** Please see page 9.

Anthem

The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God.

All things were made by Him that have been made.

Nothing was made he has not made.

+ 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 8**

Lift Up Your Heads

TRURO

+ **Benediction**

Postlude

Toccata on Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul O. Manz

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

Tableaux Set-up and take down - The Tableaux set up will be done in two steps this year. On Monday December 13 at 1 p.m. we'll bring all the Tableaux parts up to the sanctuary. Then on Tuesday, December 14 at 6 p.m., we'll assemble and set up the Tableaux. Take down will be as usual right after the Tableaux service on Saturday, December 18. Many hands make light work. No experience necessary.

In Memoriam

Alden W. Allen joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on May 18, 1984. He entered the Church Triumphant on July 1, 2021. A memorial service is not planned at this time.

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's." - Romans 14:8



Children and Family Ministry — Contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org

Infants – Toddlers | 9:45 a.m. | Room 8 Our youngest children will take little steps toward big faith through stories and play.

Preschool – Grade 5 | 10:15 a.m. | Room 5 Our preschool and elementary Sunday school classes will Build-a-World for Christmas, as we prepare for the Christmas pageant.

Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - Sunday, December 5 | 11:15 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Preschool – Grade 5 will meet in Room 5 to get in their costumes and perform their scene for one another. They will meet with their scene supervisor to ensure they are prepared for our presentation of this year's Guided Tour Christmas Pageant on December 12 at 11:15 a.m.

Tween Christmas Party | Friday, December 10 | 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. | Sky Zone

Fourth and fifth graders, join us for a free Christmas celebration at Sky Zone in Oakdale! Friends are welcome! Families are responsible for their own transportation. Completed waivers are required. Adult chaperones are needed. R.S.V.P. to Kiera Stegall at kieras@hohchurch.org by Friday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m.

Youth and Family Ministry — Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson at DanMN@hohchurch.org

Middle School Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Room 1

Sunday School for grades 6-8 will not occur on Communion Sundays. Students are invited to remain in worship to experience the Sacrament.

Sponsor-A-Family Donation Drop-Off | Sunday, December 5 & 12 | 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Once again, the House of Hope Youth Group is helping to make Christmas happen for dozens of families across the Twin Cities. On Sundays, December 5 & 12, the Youth will meet at 2pm to collect donations for the Sponsor-A-Family event. This collection will include fellowship and service, and will replace the SUMMIT for those weeks. For more information, please contact DanMN@hohchurch.org.

Sponsor-A-Family Truck Loading | Saturday, December 18 | 9:00 a.m.

This year, the Youth will be meeting on Saturday December 18 to load all of the collected donations into a moving truck to be delivered throughout the city. We will meet at 9:00a.m., and donuts will be provided. Please bring layers, as you might be working both inside and outside for the event. Please let Dan know if you have any questions, or would like to sign up.

The SUMMIT: Youth Group Christmas Party | Sunday, December 19 | 7:00 p.m.

Following a busy month of service and fellowship, students are invited to meet on Sunday evening, December 19 for our annual Christmas Party. There will be snacks, games, and lots of silliness. Stay tuned for more information.

House of Hope Choir School — Contact Sofia Ardalan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org

Every child can sing! The Choir School offers outstanding music education for all children ages 4-18. Limited registration is open for Spring Session I beginning January 5.

This Week at House of Hope

Sunday, December 5, 2021

- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School Infants - Toddlers,
Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School Preschool - Grade 5,
Room 5
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
- 11:15 a.m. Intercessor's Guild Gathering, Rooms A&B
- 2 p.m. Sponsor-A-Family Collection/Youth
Service Project

Monday, December 6, 2021

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. AA, Great Hall

Tuesday, December 7, 2021

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Louisiana Cafe
- 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Room 1

Wednesday, December 8, 2021

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study, Library
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals
- 6:45 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Youth Room
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Thursday, December 9, 2021

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group, Louisiana Cafe
- 9 a.m. Thursday Morning Bible Study, Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Group Coalition
- 7 p.m. Personnel Committee Meeting, Zoom

Friday, December 10, 2021

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Book Group, Zoom
- Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom

Sunday, December 12, 2021

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Christmas Pageant
- 2 p.m. Sponsor-A-Family Collection/Youth
Service Project



The Communion Table flowers
are given in loving memory of
Frederick E. and Harriette Weyerhaeuser,
Frederick and Margaret Weyerhaeuser Harmon,
Frederick T. (Ted) Weyerhaeuser

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The logo for the Festival of HOPE. It features a red square with a white stylized 'rth' monogram on the left. To the right of the square, the words 'Festival of' are written in a smaller, multi-colored font (blue, green, red, blue). Below this, the word 'HOPE' is written in a large, black, serif font.

Festival of HOPE

“Hope is the last thing ever lost.” The words of this Italian proverb inspire us to scan our horizons to detect places of emerging hope, especially in challenging times. Festival of Hope, our online conference, invites us to find hope in the landscapes of the refugee crisis, faith and science, the writings of William James, racial injustice, the sacred within us, and the American identity.

These conversations are available on our website: hohchurch.org.



Becca Stevens, a “CNN Hero,” is a social entrepreneur, author, priest, and founder of Thistle Farms. Her new book *Practically Divine* is about experiencing the sacred in our lives.



Jess McHugh is a writer and researcher whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Washington Post*, and *TIME*. Her book, *Americanon*, was published this year.



Dr. John Kaag is an award-winning author and Chair of Philosophy at UMass Lowell. He will speak on his new book, *Sick Souls, Healthy Minds: How William James Can Save Your Life*.



Jessica Goudeau is author of *After the Last Border: Two Families and the Story of Refuge in America*, named a *New York Times* Editors’ Choice book. She has written for *The New York Times* and *The Atlantic*.



Greg Cootsona is a professor, author and noted speaker on the intersection between science and faith. He has written for *The Wall Street Journal* and has been interviewed by CNN and the BBC.

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS



Sunday, December 12 Children's Christmas Pageant

Join us after worship on Sunday, December 12, for a unique retelling of the nativity story. Enjoy a guided tour through the Education Wing, as you witness vignettes about Jesus' birth. Our tour will conclude with caroling in the sanctuary.



Saturday, December 18 Traditional Christmas Tableaux

5:30 p.m. | Sanctuary (Doors open at 5 p.m.)

A tradition at HOH for 100 years, this is the Christmas story as told through the Scriptures, through lovely carols and anthems, and in the adaptation in tableaux ("living pictures") of well-known paintings and familiar scenes of the nativity. Childcare available for ages 4 and under.



Sunday, December 19 Choir School Christmas Concert

Sing Noel!

Sunday, December 19 at 11:15 a.m. in the sanctuary. This festive, 30-minute program features carols from around the world sung by our choristers PreK-Grade 12. Come celebrate with sounds of the season from the voices of our Choir School!



Friday, December 24 Christmas Eve Services in the Sanctuary

4 p.m. Family Candlelight Service *

7 and 9:30 p.m. Carillon Recitals by David Johnson

7:30 p.m. Candlelight Service *

10 p.m. Candlelight Service

* Childcare available for PreK and younger

Special Music (7:30 and 10 p.m.): Johann Kuhnau's delightful Christmas cantata *Und ist ein Kind geboren* (To Us a Child is Born). The House of Hope Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra; Aaron David Miller, organ; Rachel Brandwein, harp; Matthew Culloton, conductor.

Candlelight Services include lessons, carols and anthems.

There is no service on Christmas Day.

Sponsor-A-Family

All of our 71 families are sponsored! We are partnering this year with the YWCA, Neighborhood House, Liberty Plaza, and the Wilder Foundation to spread some Christmas joy!

Curbside Drop-Off Dates: December 5 and 12, 2-4 p.m.
All gifts should be delivered to HOH by December 12.

Sue Zumberge, owner of Subtext Books in St. Paul, will be in the Assembly room TODAY at 11:00 a.m. to talk about books for young and old. Come and get ideas for gifts for the readers in your life.

Christmas Memorials. You may purchase a poinsettia (\$15) or make a donation in any amount to the Mission Outreach Fund in memory or in honor of loved ones for publication in the December 19 bulletin. Visit or call the church office, or sign up online at bit.ly/HOHChristmasMemorials The deadline for reserving Christmas Memorials is next Sunday, December 12.

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O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN 7.6.7.6 D

Paul Gerhardt, 1653

Trans. Catherine Winkworth and others, 1863; alt.

Melchior Teschner, 1614

Harm. William Henry Monk, 1861

1. O Lord, how shall I meet You, How wel - come You a - right?
 2. Love caused Your in - car - na - tion, Love brought You down to me;
 3. A glo - rious crown You give me, A trea - sure safe on high,

Your peo - ple long to greet You, My hope, my heart's de - light!
 Your thirst for my sal - va - tion Pro - cured my lib - er - ty.
 That will not fail nor leave me As earth - ly rich - es fly.

O kin - dle, Lord most ho - ly, A lamp with - in my breast,
 O love be - yond all tell - ing, That led You to em - brace
 My heart shall bloom for - ev - er For You with prais - es new,

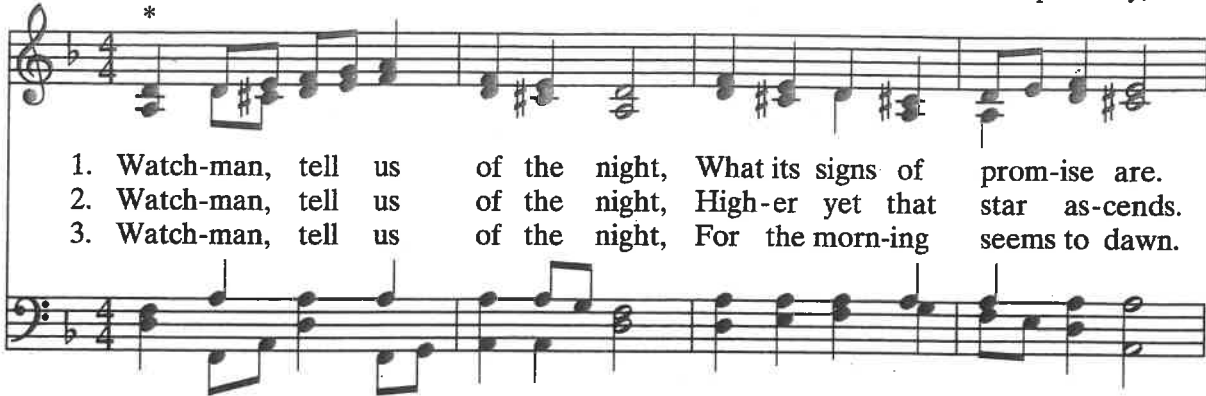
To do in spir - it low - ly All that may please You best.
 In love all loves ex - cel - ling Our lost and fall - en race.
 And from Your name shall nev - er With - hold the hon - or due.

Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

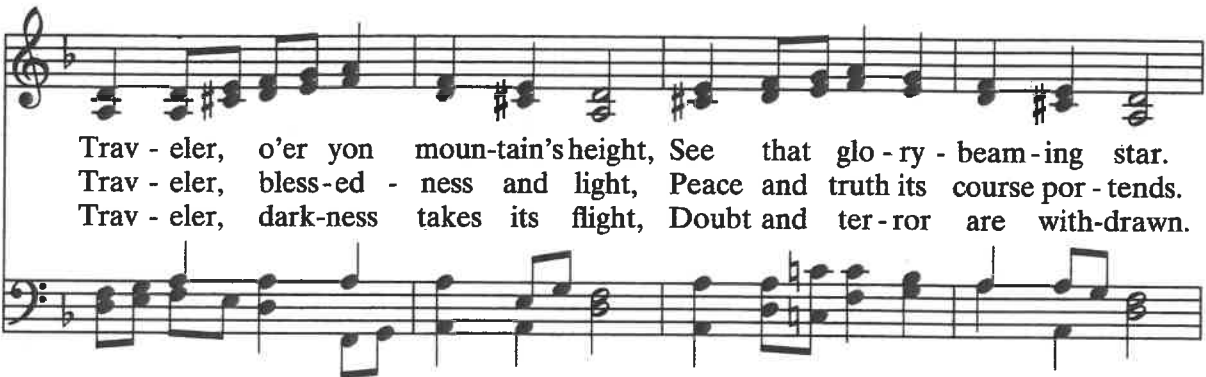
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John Bowring, 1825; alt. 1972

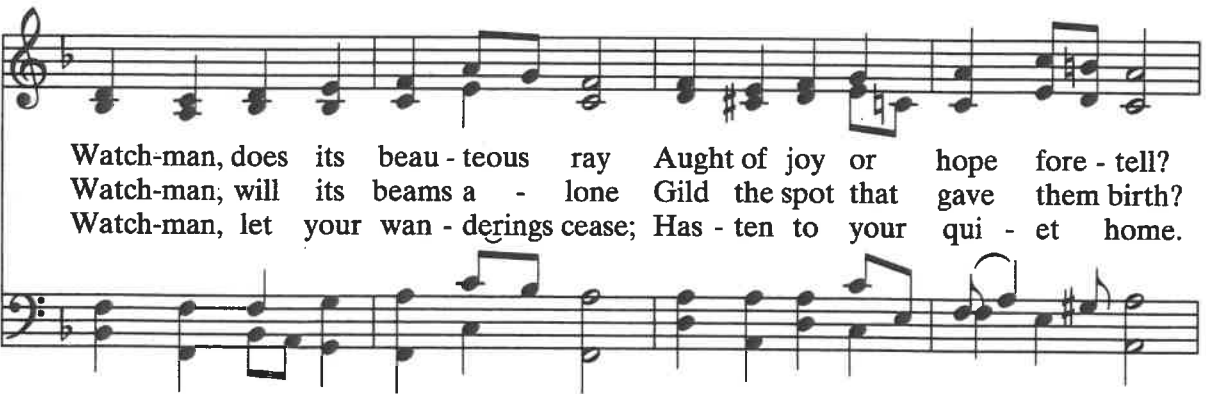
Joseph Parry, 1879

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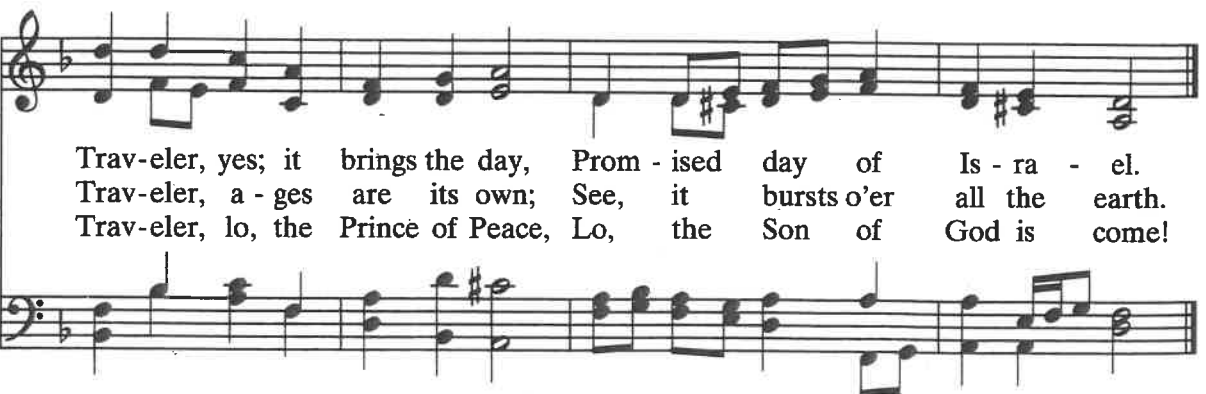
1. Watch-man, tell us of the night, What its signs of prom-ise are.
 2. Watch-man, tell us of the night, High-er yet that star as-cends.
 3. Watch-man, tell us of the night, For the morn-ing seems to dawn.



Trav-eler, o'er yon moun-tain's height, See that glo-ry - beam-ing star.
 Trav-eler, bless-ed - ness and light, Peace and truth its course por - tends.
 Trav-eler, dark-ness takes its flight, Doubt and ter-ror are with-drawn.



Watch-man, does its beau-teous ray Aught of joy or hope fore - tell?
 Watch-man, will its beams a - lone Gild the spot that gave them birth?
 Watch-man, let your wan - derings cease; Has - ten to your qui - et home.



Trav-eler, yes; it brings the day, Prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
 Trav-eler, a - ges are its own; See, it bursts o'er all the earth.
 Trav-eler, lo, the Prince of Peace, Lo, the Son of God is come!

stead - y brow, And robe of sor - row round You.
 pride, o'er-thrown, Went down to dust be - side You.
 of Your peace, By which a - lone we choose You.
 fore Your cross; Come, fin - ish Your sal - va - tion.

This tune in a higher key, 483

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 8

TRURO LM

Georg Weissel, 1642

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855

Thomas Williams, 1789

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates, Be - hold, the
 2. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; Make it a
 3. Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide My heart to

King of glo - ry waits; The King of kings is
 tem - ple, set a - part From earth - ly use for
 Thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me Thy in - ner

draw - ing near; The Sav - ior of the world is here!
 heaven's em - ploy, A - dorned with prayer, and love, and joy.
 pres - ence feel; Thy grace and love in me re - veal.