





Music Sunday May 22, 2022 My Heart is Inditing, G. F. Handel



In October 1727, a flooded Westminster Abbey delayed the Coronation of King George II by a few weeks. Handel was commissioned to compose anthems for

the service, and the resulting four works remain immensely popular to this day. With a Chapel Royal choir of 47, operatic sopranos to bolster the singing of the boys, and an orchestra of nearly 160 players spread throughout the church, it's hard to imagine the day going off without a hitch! Late in the Coronation service, Queen Caroline was crowned, and thus came the anthem *My Heart is Inditing*, drawing on texts from Psalm 45 and Isaiah 49 - more appropriate to the Queen than the King. It is an elegant anthem that makes mention of the King's daughters, as well as the paternal and maternal roles of both King and Queen. The Motet Choir will be joined by the House of Hope Chamber Orchestra, conducted by Matthew Culloton.

The St. Paul Farmers' Market is coming to HOH!

At their last meeting, The Session agreed to allow the St. Paul Farmers' Market to use the Holly Lot as the site of their neighborhood market previously located at St. Thomas More Catholic Church.

Due to construction projects at St. Thomas More, a new location was needed, and they contacted HOH to see if we might be a possible site. They were delighted to see how the Holly Lot (corner of Avon and Holly) was a wonderful size for vendors, and we have ample parking.

The Market will take place on Fridays from May 13th through late October. The market hours are 1:15 to 5 p.m.

The St. Paul Farmers' Market is operated by the St. Paul Growers' Association, Inc. The association allows only fresh,



locally grown produce (within 50 miles of St. Paul) to be sold — directly from the grower to the consumer. In addition to produce, a variety of items are available including cheese, meat, maple syrup, eggs, honey, baked goods, flowers, plants, and more.

We are excited to offer the market as it is a great opportunity for us to both serve and get to know our neighbors.

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, May 1, 2022 *Third Sunday of Easter* Jeannine Hill Fletcher

Bells of Hope: Canticle of Hope, Dobrinski Meditation on Beautiful Savior, Moklebust

Motet Choir: Ubi caritas, Gjeilo The Lord is My Shepherd; Rutter

Sunday, May 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter Youth Sunday

Choir School: Jubilate Deo, Praetorius Tree Song, Medema Built on the Rock the Church doth Stand, Lenel Cantar!, Althouse Beautiful Land, Perkins

Sunday, May 15, 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter Rev. Dr. Molly Marshall

Motet Choir: Grant Us Thy Peace, Mendelssohn Praise to the Lord, Distler

> Choir School: St Nicholas Choir Blessing, Bart

Sunday, May 22, 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Music Sunday Motet Choir & Chamber Orchestra: Coronation Anthem #3: My Heart is Inditing, Handel

> Sunday, May 29, 2022 Seventh Sunday of Easter Rev. Julie Neraas

Motet Choir: Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether, Friedell Listen, Sweet Dove, Smith

A Note from Aaron



Moments of Silence

This morning I took my car in for an oil change; I quickly did the paperwork and stepped into

the waiting room. The waiting room had six televisions mounted on various walls. Three of them were blasting entertainment at the same time. I was the only person there.

It is hard to find silence these days. Every gadget we encounter beeps, buzzes, or chirps the moment you glance at it. Industrial music pours out of everything from advertising to my dishwasher announcing a clean load of dishes.

I miss the quiet I regularly encountered when I was younger. I remember driving on a dirt road late one night in rural Illinois. I pulled over and turned off the car to admire the star-filled sky. However, it wasn't the sky that startled me, it was the silence. It was so quiet I could hear my heart. I gently touched my index finger to my thumb, and I could actually hear the moment my fingers came in contact. I heard that silence again a few weeks ago. After a choir rehearsal on Wednesday night, I stayed a bit longer and wandered up to the balcony. After everyone had left, I played a bit on the organ just for myself. On this particular Wednesday, I turned the organ off, turned off the lights, walked down the stairs, and stood in the back of the sanctuary. Silence. No traffic on Summit Avenue or buzzing light fixtures, no squeaking doors or humming airplanes in the distance. Perfect stillness. I touched my index finger to my thumb and heard that tiny tap again.

It might seem odd for a musician to value silence so much, especially a musician that plays an instrument as commanding as the pipe organ. For me, those rare seconds of quiet are moments of extraordinary focus. My inner thoughts and creative energies burn more vividly with a clarity I rarely encounter. In those moments, anything seems possible. Anything that grows from that silence becomes especially poignant and carries a value I take to heart.

I wish for all of you that wonderful sense of awe and wisdom found in those special moments of peace.

Aaron

Update from the Personnel Committee: Transitional Pastor

A subcommittee within the Personnel Committee has begun interviewing candidates for the Transitional Pastor in coordination with our Presbytery representative, Rev. Denise Dunbar-Perkins and Rev. Gale Robb. Once a candidate or candidates are identified, members from the Personnel Committee and the staff will be involved in the interview process. Once a Transitional Pastor is in place, we will have a clergy team of Senior Associate Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson and a Transitional Pastor.

Notice of Congregational Meeting Sunday, May 22 | 11:15 a.m.

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, May 22, 2022, immediately following the 10 a.m. service for the purpose of electing Session, Deacon, and Trustee officers, as well as the 2023 Nominating Committee. Please make plans to attend this important meeting for electing our future leaders that will be ordained and installed on June 5.





Welcome HOH Sabbatical Pastor The Rev. Dr. J. Michael Anderson

Dr. Anderson will be assisting with clergy duties and as Session Moderator while Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson is on Sabbatical, and/or until a Transitional Pastor begins. Michael (Mike) was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama, where he met his wife, Monnie. He received both his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Golden Gate Theological Seminary in Mill Valley, California.

For 25 years of ministry, Mike served in the Southern Baptist Convention as pastor, missionary, and denominational executive. He was received into the Presbytery of South Alabama as a Minister of Word and Sacrament in May, 2004. Mike continued to find his place of service in interim/transitional ministry serving churches in the Presbyteries of South Alabama, Western Reserve (OH), Sheppards and Lapsley (AL), Mississippi, and most recently the Cherokee Presbytery (GA). Mike honorably retired on October 1, 2020.

Mike and Monnie have two grown sons and four grandchildren. Son, John, wife Kelly Stone, and two grandsons live here in Saint Paul. Last but not least is Libby, the Anderson's 4-year-old beagle rescue, who is the true "baby" of the family. Mike, Monnie, and Libby live at Lexington Landing in St. Paul.



House of Hope Intercessors' Guild

The House of Hope Intercessors ministry has been around for decades – for so long no one quite remembers when it started. The central part of the work is the prayers that Intercessors say each day for those on the Intercessors' list. They lift up each name in prayer and express God's love for them. Many light a candle and then say their prayers. Emily Brenengen coordinates the Intercessors' Guild, and currently there are 36 Intercessors.

In addition, Elly Verhagen and Margie Crone write notes to all those who are on the list, letting them know that HOH's Intercessors are praying for them. They send a note to each HOH member and to the family of someone who has passed. When they are given the address for the requested person, they send them a card directly. They have been doing this for over 10 years and consider it a privilege.

Several years ago Emily had a compassionate idea. As she thought about the members of our church who had passed, her heart paused to consider those who were left behind. She asked HOH's Bonnie Alton of Great Harvest Bread Company to become involved, and since then Intercessors have delivered a warm, fresh loaf of bread to family members who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

HOH's Intercessors' ministry is one of love and care that reflects God's grace. If you would like to become an Intercessor, please contact Emily (<u>brenengenemily@hotmail.com</u>). If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please contact Debbie Tschida (<u>DebT@hohchurch.org</u>) or call her at 651-227-6311.

May Labyrinth Days in the Great Hall

Tuesday, May 10 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 | 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. Thursday, May 12 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Friday, May 13 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tuesday, May 24 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Wednesday, May 25 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday, May 26 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday, May 27 | 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 29 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Building codes for Wednesdays after 5 p.m. are available in the church office.

Summer Faith Builders: Save the Dates

Monday, June 27 - Friday, July 1 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. (Wednesday ends at 2:30 p.m.)

1065 Gorman Ave. W., West St. Paul Make plans to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity's Summer Faith Builders project where HOH partners with other church congregations to construct a home. Select a day or work the week. Contact Dave Olsen or Jenny Stevens for information.

Children, Youth and Family Ministry

HOH Red Balloon Book Fair for Children and Youth Sunday, May 15 | HOH Park | 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Join us for a HOH sponsored book fair and fellowship time! Each child and youth (0–18 years) is invited to choose one free book from the Red Balloon Bookshop's inventory to take home as a gift from the congregation. We have invited the neighborhood and the families of Project Home to join us!

Volunteer Recognition | Sunday, May 22

Join us in saying "thank you" to the many adult and youth volunteers who make programming for children and youth possible. Thank you to all who assist with Sunday school, Confirmation, tween events, youth events, intergenerational activities, Choir School, and more. These ministry offerings are made possible because of your love and commitment to the children and youth.

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Kiera Stegall: KieraS@hohchurch.org

In-Person Sunday Morning Children's Ministry

- Nursery: Infants-PreK | 9:45 a.m. Room 8
- Kindergarten–Grade 5 | 10:15 a.m. Room 5

Virtual Sunday School via Zoom

Sundays, May 1, 8, and 22 | 11:30 a.m. Children, grades 5 and younger, are invited to join us for a time of faith formation via stories, artwork, and prayer.

Rising-Kindergarten Bible Presentation

Sunday, May 15 | 10 a.m.

Children entering kindergarten in the 2022-23 school year will be presented a *Spark Storybook Bible* in worship.

Tweens Among Us IRL Friday, May 20 | 6–8 p.m.

Fourth and fifth graders, their friends, and their adult(s) are invited to join us. We'll play Among Us IRL, where crewmates will complete simple tasks and "pie" potential imposters.

Summer Sunday School May 29 – September 4 | HOH Park, Room 8 | 10 a.m.

Children, three-years through rising sixth grade, are invited to join us for Sunday school in the HOH Park. Children, infants through two-years are invited to play and hear stories in Room 8.

istry Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Dan Miglets-Nelson: DanMN@hohchurch.org

Middle School Sunday School Sundays | 10:15 a.m.

The SUMMIT Youth Group Sundays | 7 p.m.

May 8 | Youth Sunday and Mother's Day Flower Event | 10 a.m.

Join our youth as we lead worship and celebrate those who mother us! The Youth have been working hard at creating a worship service, and can't wait to lead and share. Following worship, flowers will be available for children to give to loved ones.

Dan Miglets-Nelson, Director of

Youth & Family Ministry has resigned from House of Hope to pursue a new opportunity. We are grateful for his time at HOH and pray for God's blessings in this new chapter in his life. Dan joined our church staff in November of 2020, and he helped lead Confirmation, Sunday School, the Youth Group, and more. He greatly enjoyed working with students and families as they learned about and grew in their faith. His last Sunday at HOH will be May 22, 2022.

The Youth Committee and Personnel Committee members are committed to supporting our middle and high school youth and will continue to plan opportunities for fellowship.

Cloister Gallery



Children's and Youth Art Show May 3 - June 5

It's been three years since the last Children's and Youth Art Exhibit in the gallery, so we're delighted to display their drawings, paintings, and other creative expressions once again after two years of virtual exhibits. Be sure to stop in the gallery and enjoy these varied, colorful, and whimsical creations.

"It took me four years to paint like Raphael, but a lifetime to paint like a child." – Pablo Picasso



Oceans and Stars Choir School Spring Concert Sunday, May 15 | 2 p.m. Sanctuary and Streamed

All are welcome to the final Choir School concert of the season in the sanctuary and streamed at hohchurch.org. Come experience the beauty of our choristers' voices in songs of dreams, journeys, laughter, and joy.



Adult Education & Events | MAY

Adult Enrichment with Dr. Jeannine Hill Fletcher

Sunday, May 1 | Sanctuary |11:15 a.m.

Living Religious Pluralism

What can we learn from interreligious relationships? How can we maintain deep roots in Christianity while opening up to a world rich with other traditions? Dr. Fletcher will preach in worship and will conclude The Didier Seminar 2022 with this lecture and Q&A.

Adult Enrichment with Holly Brod Farber

Sunday, May 8 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

Judaism On One Foot - Living Religious Pluralism

Holly Brod Farber joins us to discuss the beliefs, values, and religious traditions upon which the Jewish faith is based. The conversation will foster understanding and religious tolerance, and she will discuss the common roots of the three Abrahamic Faiths and Jewish beliefs and way of life. Holly grew up in St. Paul and is a graduate of the University of MN Law School. Holly was on the team that founded the Jewish Community Relation Council's speakers bureau program in 2002 and has been a director ever since.

Great Decisions: Changing Demographics with Henry Berman

Tuesday, May 10 | Kirk Parlour | 4 p.m.

Henry Berman is a retired businessman, working for 34 years at Ecolab. He has personal ties to the Middle East Region and has spent much time there in the last decade. Henry has a strong interest in the ever-changing dynamics in this turbulent part of the world, including the emerging continent of Africa. He has given presentations on such varied topics as Saudi Arabia, Future of the Kurds, Egypt and the Arab Spring, Syrian Refugee Crisis and the U.S.-Israel relationship. We will examine the fascinating topic of *Changing* *Demographics* as a critical driver of events in both the Middle East, Africa, and elsewhere on the planet.

Adult Enrichment with Elise Jamison, and Nancy Brady of Neighborhood House

Sunday, May 15 | Assembly Room 11:15 a.m.

HOH Mission Outreach and Neighborhood House Overview

HOH Mission Outreach Chair Elise Jamison will present an overview of the HOH Mission Outreach budget and discuss the many organizations supported by HOH. Nancy Brady, president and CEO of Neighborhood House, will explain the work of this organization which has been serving immigrants, refugees, and low-income families since 1897 helping with basic

HOH Community Garden

Spring planting will begin in May in the HOH Community Garden. Volunteers are always welcome! Even if you can only help out a couple times, it all contributes to creating the 1,000+ pounds of nutritious food each year for our neighbors. All ages, abilities, experience levels, and schedules of volunteers are welcome. Work with others, or work on your own. Drive the vegetables to food pantries. Volunteer once or all season long. We'll begin in early May, and gardening goes on through late fall. If you are interested, have questions, or to be on our email list, contact Elizabeth Karre at houseofhopegarden@gmail.com.



The Anchor Society

The Anchor Society Sunday | May 22

On May 22, we will recognize members of The Anchor Society in worship and at a brunch after the Congregational Meeting. The Anchor Society is made up of individuals and families who have make a commitment to HOH in their estate plans. We invite you to become part of The Anchor Society and join others who consider HOH a blessing and make a grateful commitment to the future as their legacy.

Founded in 2003, The Anchor Society began as a way to honor those who have thoughtfully and generously remembered HOH in their estate planning. These gifts will sustain our ministry and mission long into the future. Approximately 40 percent of the church's operating budget comes from legacy gifts. Your dedicated gifts, however large or small, make a real difference. Contact Director of Administration Michelle Freyholtz to learn more about the ways you can make a legacy gift to HOH.

Earth Care

Pollinator Friendly Gardens

Pollinator populations have been declining. Without pollinators, many of the foods, beverages, fibers, spices, and medicines we use daily wouldn't be possible. Here's how you can help:

- Reduce your impact: Pesticides can be deadly so avoid them or explore organic alternatives.
- Plant for pollinators: An ongoing way to enjoy pollinators and all the work they do is to plant a pollinator-friendly garden with a focus on native and non-invasive plants that bloom from early spring into late fall.
- Spread the word: Together we can improve pollinator habitat, rebuild populations, and raise awareness for these essential species. Talk to your family, friends, and neighbors.

For steps on how to build a pollinator garden, visit <u>https://fws.gov/story/</u> <u>how-build-pollinator-garden</u>



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