

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“You can argue that it’s a different world now than the one when Matthew Shepard was killed, but there is a subtle difference between tolerance and acceptance. It’s the distance between moving into the cul-de-sac and having your next-door neighbor trust you to keep an eye on her preschool daughter for a few minutes while she runs out to the post office. It’s the chasm between being invited to a colleague’s wedding with your same-sex partner and being able to slow-dance without the other guests whispering.” — Jodi Picoult

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 21, 2022 10 a.m.

Welcome

We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.

House of Hope extends the hospitality of Christ to all who gather here. Our church uses traditional worship, progressive values, and intellectual growth to enable people to better serve the neighborhood, community, and the world. Our caring active community welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds.

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m., followed by refreshments, social hour, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our ushers will be glad to help you.

We invite you to join us for refreshments, including fair trade coffee, served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.



There is Hope

A CELEBRATION YEAR OF
PREACHING AND MUSIC



Upcoming Preaching and Events:

August 28: Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, HOH Transitional Pastor

September 4: Rev. Cam McConnell, Retired, and former HOH Associate Pastor

September 11: Rally Sunday! Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, preaching

Save the Date: September 11 is Rally Sunday!

On Rally Sunday our church community comes together again.

Many of us have been on a summer vacation at the lake, visiting family, or traveling, but in September the choirs return, education programs resume, and we gather for community.

After 10 a.m. worship, we will enjoy an all-church picnic with burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and all the trimmings. All members, friends, and neighbors welcome!

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Pastorale
Aaron David Miller, Organist

César Franck

+ Opening Hymn 412

Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds

FOREST GREEN

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake

Yet once more, we come to you with our prayers, Holy God.

Our crippling spirits keep us from following you. Our grudges weigh us down until we cannot walk straight in your way. Our anger becomes a fire which scorches our friends and loved ones. Our fears blind us to the goodness in those we believe to be different. Forgive us, God our Rock, and set us free from our wrong-doings and failures. From the day of our birth, we have known your love, grace, and hope. So may we offer you our joyful thanks, as Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, reaches out to touch us with your healing forgiveness, yet once more.

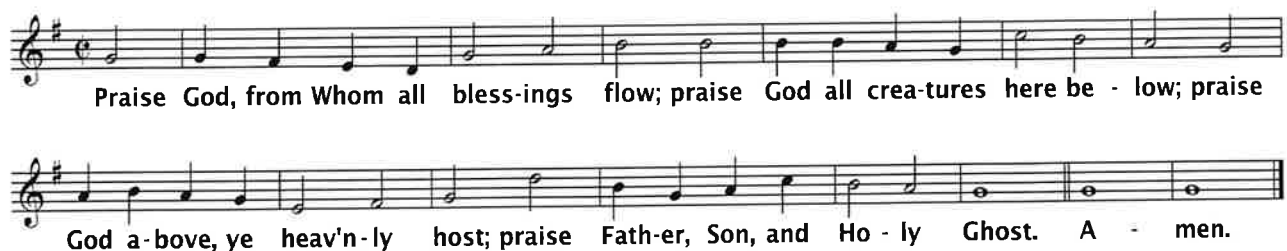
(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

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.

Welcome, Announcements, and Introduction to *Considering Matthew Shepard*

Following the announcements, all children Rising 6th Grade and younger are invited to exit to the Narthex to meet Kiera Stegall and be led to the HOH Park.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (OT, p. 698 in pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

+ Hymn 404

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Second Lesson

Luke 13:10-17 (NT, p. 76 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Considering Matthew Shepard (excerpted suite)

Craig Hella Johnson

Texts by Craig Hella Johnson, Leslea Newman, Michael Dennis Browne, and others
Members of The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists; Matthew Culloton, Artistic Director

1. The Fence (before) - John Rynders, soloist
2. The Fence (that night) - Timothy Bruett, soloist
3. Stray Birds
4. The Fence (one week later) - Hannah Armstrong, soloist
5. The Innocence

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — from *Confession of 1967, Inclusive Text*

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His human life involves the church in the common life of all people. His service to all people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all human suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of persons in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on the inhumanity that marks human relations, and the awful consequences of the church's own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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.

Offering — There are four 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 "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 insert.

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on WOODWORTH

William Bradbury

+ 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.

+ Closing Hymn 420

God of Grace and God of Glory

CWM RHONDDA

+ Benediction

Postlude

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

Peace Candle. The single candle near the pulpit is our Peace Candle, lighted as a reminder of the ongoing need for our prayer for peace in the world.

About Today's Special Music:

Considering Matthew Shepard by Craig Hella Johnson

In October of 1998, Matthew Shepard, a young, gay student at the University of Wyoming in Laramie was kidnapped, severely beaten, tied to a fence and left to die in a lonely field under a blanket of stars. Five days later, when Matt passed away, the world was watching. This three-part fusion oratorio (of which we will hear excerpts today) speaks with a fresh and bold voice, incorporating a variety of musical styles seamlessly woven into a unified whole. Johnson sets a wide range of poetic and soulful texts by poets including Hildegard of Bingen, Lesléa Newman, Michael Dennis Browne, and Rumi. Passages from Matt's personal journal, interviews and writings from his parents Judy and Dennis Shepard, newspaper reports and additional texts by Johnson and Browne are poignantly appointed throughout the work. Program note from conspirare.org:

"Matt Shepard and his story have led me on an inspiring, challenging and deeply meaningful journey that I continue to this day. In composing *Considering Matthew Shepard* I wanted to create, within a musical framework, a space for reflection, consideration and unity around his life and legacy." – Craig Hella Johnson, composer

Make a Joyful Noise! Celebrating 40 Years of HOH Choir School!

The House of Hope Choir School offers well-rounded music education to all children ages 4-18. For 40 years, The Choir School has inspired young singers to learn, grow, and have fun! Choristers sing high-quality sacred repertoire, learn the fundamentals of music through Orff and voice classes, and come together in an enthusiastic and encouraging community.

Registration open online at: <https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration>

House of Hope Pandemic Response Plan — Spring 2022

Based upon shared and guiding values of caring compassion, wearing a mask at House of Hope will be optional with the following provisions:

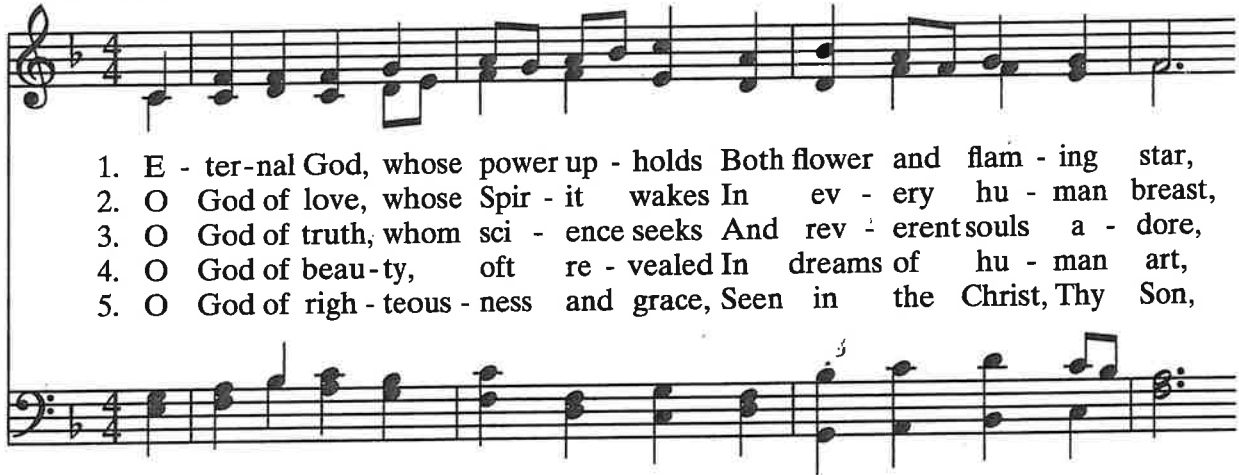
- If someone is vaccinated, feels well, and has had no known COVID-19 exposures in the previous 5 days, wearing a mask is optional.
- Anyone who feels more comfortable wearing a mask is encouraged to do so. A limited supply of masks are available at Welcome Kiosks.
- Those who are not vaccinated are asked to continue wearing a mask.
- For our youth and children, we trust parents and our staff to make appropriate decisions for the nursery, Sunday School and Youth Group.
- We trust the Motet Choir, Bell Choir and Choir School leaders to make appropriate decisions for each group.
- If warranted, wearing a mask may become required again based on future COVID-19 conditions and guidelines from the CDC and the City of Saint Paul. This would be communicated to the congregation in a timely manner.

FOREST GREEN CMD

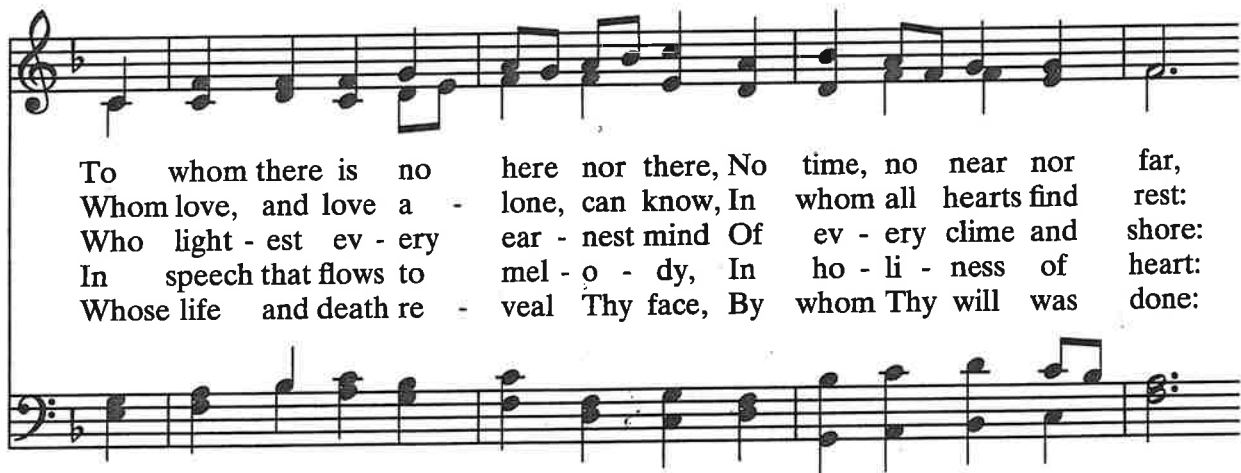
English folk melody

Henry Hallam Tweedy, 1929

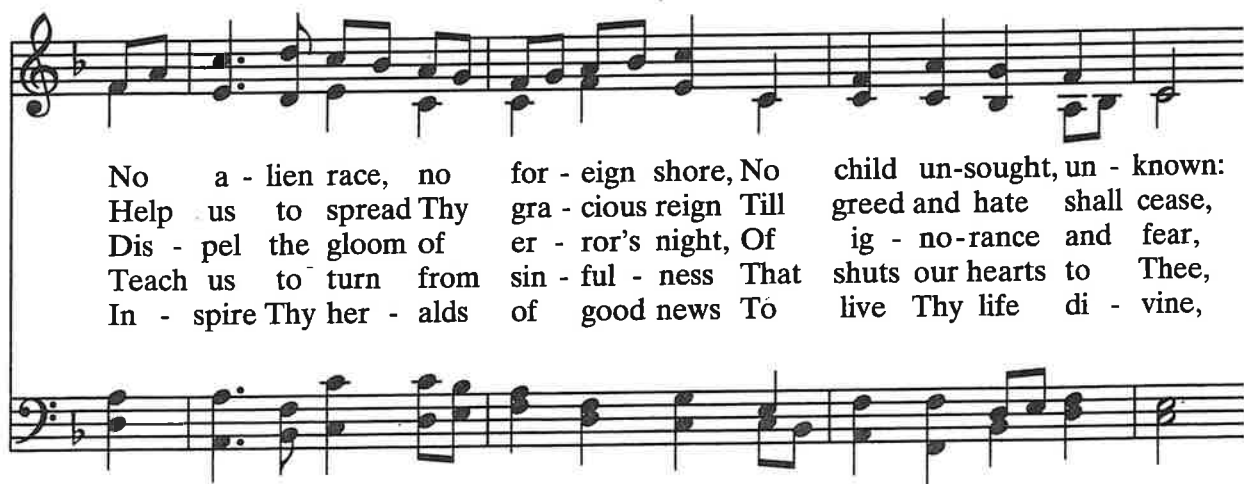
Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906



1. E - ter - nal God, whose power up - holds Both flower and flam - ing star,
 2. O God of love, whose Spir - it wakes In ev - ery hu - man breast,
 3. O God of truth, whom sci - ence seeks And rev - erent souls a - dore,
 4. O God of beau - ty, oft re - vealed In dreams of hu - man art,
 5. O God of righ - teous - ness and grace, Seen in the Christ, Thy Son,



To whom there is no here nor there, No time, no near nor far,
 Whom love, and love a - lone, can know, In whom all hearts find rest:
 Who light - est ev - ery ear - nest mind Of ev - ery clime and shore:
 In speech that flows to mel - o - dy, In ho - li - ness of heart:
 Whose life and death re - veal Thy face, By whom Thy will was done:



No a - lien race, no for - eign shore, No child un - sought, un - known:
 Help us to spread Thy gra - cious reign Till greed and hate shall cease,
 Dis - pel the gloom of er - ror's night, Of ig - no - rance and fear,
 Teach us to turn from sin - ful - ness That shuts our hearts to Thee,
 In - spire Thy her - alds of good news To live Thy life di - vine,

This tune in a higher key, 292

Music: Arrangement from the *English Hymnal*, 1906. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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PRECIOUS LORD 6.6.9 D

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

George N. Allen, 1844
Arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am
2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near; When my

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me
life is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

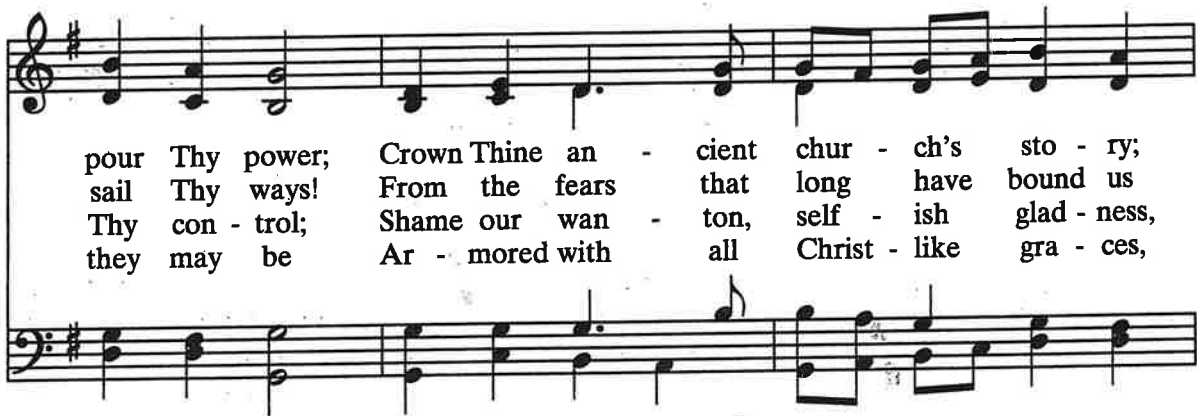
on to the light; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
hand lest I fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1930; alt.

John Hughes, 1907



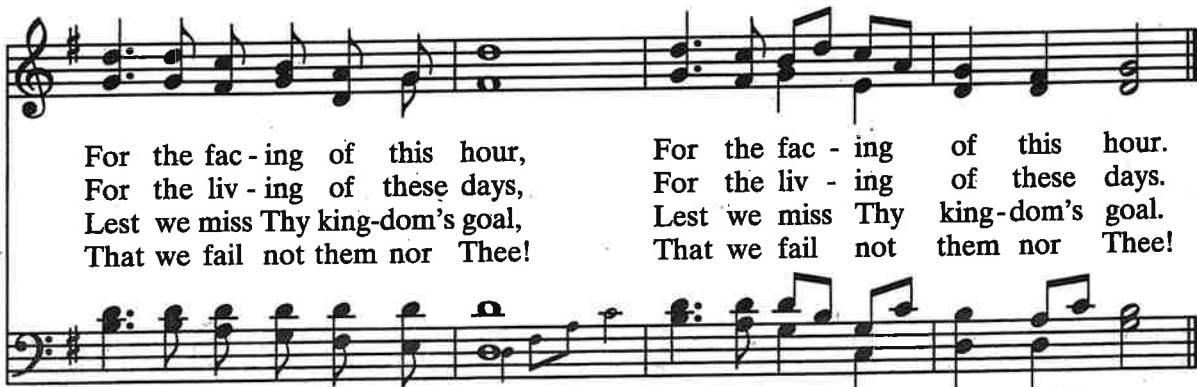
1. God of grace and God of glo - ry, On Thy peo - ple
 2. Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us Scorn Thy Christ, as -
 3. Cure Thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, Bend our pride to
 4. Set our feet on loft - y pla - ces; Gird our lives that



pour Thy power; Crown Thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry;
 sail Thy ways! From the fears that long have bound us
 Thy con - trol; Shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness,
 they may be Ar - mored with all Christ - like gra - ces,



Bring its bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Free our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,
 Pledged to set all cap - tives free. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,



For the fac - ing of this hour, For the fac - ing of this hour.
 For the liv - ing of these days, For the liv - ing of these days.
 Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal, Lest we miss Thy king - dom's goal.
 That we fail not them nor Thee! That we fail not them nor Thee!

5. Save us from weak resignation
 To the evils we deplore;
 Let the gift of Thy salvation
 Be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
 Serving Thee whom we adore,
 Serving Thee whom we adore.



News & Opportunities

August 21 - 28, 2022

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Kiera Stegall: KieraS@hohchurch.org

Nursery: Infants – Toddlers | 9:45 a.m. | Room 8

Summer Sunday School: 3 Years Old – Rising 6th Grade | 10:15 a.m. | HOH Park

Upcoming

Confirmation 2022-23

Any student (grades 9 - 12) not yet confirmed is welcome to join Molly Tenney Kaatz and Lynn Stein this year for Confirmation. In addition to discussing our faith by sharing conversations with staff and congregants, we will explore what it means to be a part of the House of Hope community. The year will include congregational mentors, a service project and interactive discussions about faith, spirituality, and our place in the world. There will be opportunities throughout the year to combine with Youth Group activities.

Classes meet throughout the year on Sundays from 6:15 - 7:30 p.m. in the Kirby Lounge.

The first class will be September 25 with a family welcome session.

To register or with questions, please contact lynngstein@gmail.com.

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Wilder School Supply Drive

July 24 - August 28

We are collecting school supplies for the Wilder Center School Supply Drive. Drop off supplies in Room 5 on Sunday mornings or in the front office during business hours throughout the week. A complete list of items can be found at the kiosks, entrance tables and the front office.

Sunday School Volunteers

We invite youth and adults to join our Sunday school leadership team for the 2022 – 2023 school year, leading roughly once a month. Enjoy creating community in a multi-age environment, as children explore their spirituality through sacred stories. No experience is necessary. Training is provided. To learn more contact Kiera Stegall at KieraS@hohchurch.org.

Upcoming August Labyrinth Days:

August 24-25 | 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

August 26 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

August 28 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

Thank you for a successful HOH/Red Cross Blood Drive.

Thank you to the donors, volunteers, and organizers for this important event.

Results by the numbers:

Goal: 22 units

Units Collected: 37 units!! (way to go!)

First time donors: 7

Thanks to your efforts over 110 lives will be impacted!

Week Beginning August 21, 2022

Sunday, August 21, 2022

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Summer Sunday School

Monday, August 22, 2022

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Kirk Parlour/Zoom
- 6 p.m. A.A., Great Hall and A&B
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 11 and 9
- 6 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Library/Zoom

Tuesday, August 23, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 6 p.m. Adult Ministry Committee, Room 1

Wednesday, August 24, 2022

- 9 a.m. Labyrinth Day, Great Hall (until 4:30 p.m.)

Thursday, August 25, 2022

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9 a.m. Labyrinth Day, Great Hall (until 4:30 p.m.)

Friday, August 26, 2022

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Labyrinth Day, Great Hall (until 12:30 p.m.)
- 1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmers' Market, Portland Lot

Sunday, August 28, 2022

- 9 a.m. Labyrinth Day, Great Hall (until 11:30 p.m.)
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10 a.m. Summer Sunday School
- 11 a.m. Social Hour in Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Ireland Pre-Gathering, A&B
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday School Teacher Training, Room 5

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.



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Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson,
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The House of Hope
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