

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The art of congregational life is about starting with who we are and what life has given and done to us, and discovering together, through the imagination of God, a form we would never otherwise have assumed.”

-Rev. Dr. Sam Wells, Vicar of St. Martin-in-the-Fields in London

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 4, 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:

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

September 18: Rev. Dr. Camille Cook Howe, Senior Pastor at
Georgetown Presbyterian Church, Washington D.C.

September 25: Rev. Dr. Robin Steinke, President of Luther Seminary

NEXT SUNDAY: 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. Suggested donation: \$10 per person, \$20 max for families.

All members, friends, and neighbors welcome!

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Chorale Prelude on HANOVER
Aaron David Miller, Organ

William Croft

+ Opening Hymn 477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

HANOVER

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth
and breathed life into our bodies.**

**Yet we take these lives for granted,
choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits.**

**We turn to idols that addict and enslave,
instead of the liberating resources Christ provides.**

**Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer,
and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith.**

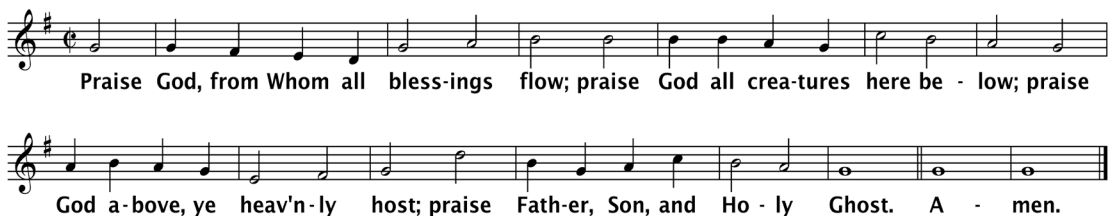
(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

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 and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Ann Geery

Psalms 139:1-6; 13-18 (OT, pp. 577-578 in pew Bible)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Piano Solo

Improvisation on KINGSFOLD

Second Lesson

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (OT, p. 720 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

The Value of God-Shaped Art

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

+ Affirmation of Faith — from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.

Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

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

Ballad

Irish Folk Melody

+ 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 430

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

+ Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

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.

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.



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Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson,
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