

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Light is light. And only light can bring our fragmented darkness  
into proper perspective and allow us to see things whole.”

- Kathleen Norris

Third Sunday after Epiphany | January 22, 2023 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 open and affirming, 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.

## Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Children are invited to join their families in the Sanctuary for worship. Following the anthem, children are invited to join us for the Sunday School Recessional, as we engage in faith formation via story, prayer, and activities.
  - A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
  - **Children's bulletins and crayons** are located at all Sanctuary entrances. (Please return the crayons.)
  - **Nursery** is open for infants – toddlers.
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they see fit. For those that require privacy, Room 6 is available.
- **Wiggle Room:** Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary. For those who desire a wiggle break, Room 7 is equipped with toys, books, puzzles, and livestream worship.

## Upcoming Adult Enrichment at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room:

- **TODAY:** *Being Mortal, Medicine and What Matters in the End* by Atul Gawande. Join us as we share our thoughts about this important book that talks about hospice and end-of-life care. Led by Nicole Paladie, a community-based Chaplain, specializing in grief and loss, and Patti Lazarus, an end-of-life Doula. Books are available for purchase in the church office for \$15.
- **January 29:** *Diesel Heart: Journey from Autobiography to Play* with Melvin Carter, Jr. and playwright, Brian Grandison, sharing how they transformed Melvin's autobiography, *Diesel Heart*, into a play opening at the History Theatre on March 11, 2023.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Arioso  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

### Introit

*Blessed are the Poor*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

### + Processional Hymn 274

*O God of Earth and Space*

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### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us,  
we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises.  
We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us.  
In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage.  
We believe, God. Help our unbelief.**

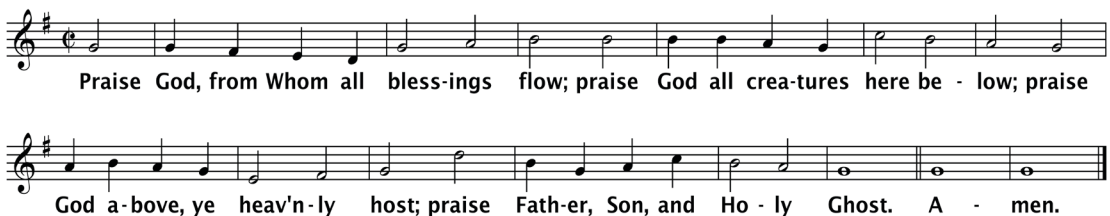
*(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)*

### 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

### Minute for Mission — Nominating Committee

Erik Vorhes

# THE WORD OF GOD

## First Lesson

Isaiah 9:1-4 (OT, p. 638 in pew Bible)

Linda Lane

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Anthem

*Happy Are All They Who Fear the Lord*

Bruce Neswick

Happy are all they who fear the Lord

And who follow in his ways!

You shall eat the fruit of your labor;

Happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house,

Your children like olive shoots round about your table,

The man who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed.

The Lord bless you from Zion,

And may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem

All the days of your life.

May you live to see your children's children;

May peace be upon Israel.

## Sunday School Recessional

*All children and youth are invited to walk down the center aisle with Kiera Stegall to the Narthex and be led to the east wing.*

## Second Lesson

Matthew 4:12-23 (NT, pp. 3-4 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

*Following the Light*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### + Hymn 309

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

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

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.  
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls all peoples to all ministries of the Church.  
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.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

### 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"
- **Mail.** Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105
- **QR Code.** Please see insert.

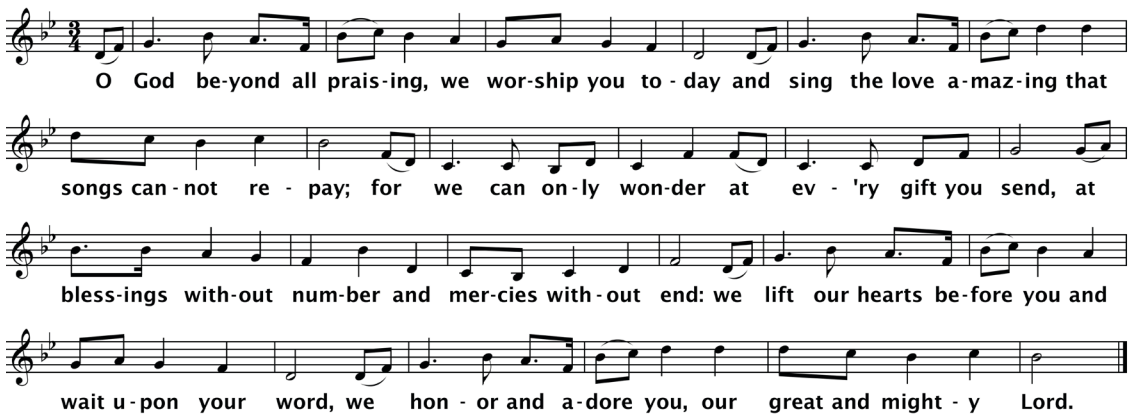
## Offertory Anthem

*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.

### + Recessional Hymn 485

*To God Be the Glory*

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### + Benediction

## Annual Meeting of the Congregation

**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.

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in loving memory of Delmar E. Bowers.

### *Upcoming Sunday Series Events in 2023*

#### **The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists and The Jason Max Ferdinand Singers in Concert | Monday, February 20 | 7:30 p.m. | Sanctuary**

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church's Sunday Series and The Singers - Minnesota Choral Artists proudly welcome The Jason Max Ferdinand Singers to the Twin Cities! The two ensembles will share an evening of meaningful music and combine their voices together in song! Founded in 2021, the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers is an ensemble of extraordinary talent and a rising star among professional choral groups. Founded in 2004, The Singers organization is dedicated to giving world-class performances of the finest choral literature. A limited number of complimentary tickets will be available in the office for the HOH congregation in advance of the concert (one per person). *Please note: complimentary HOH congregant tickets will not be available the evening of the event.* Additional tickets available at [singersmca.org](http://singersmca.org) are \$25, and all pre-ordered purchased tickets will be available at Will Call.

### **House of Hope Pandemic Response Plan**

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

- 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.
- 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.





Drawing by John A. Goodding



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