THE HOUSE OF HOPE Presbyterian Church



"The Eucharist is a remembering of the meal Jesus shared with his disciples. It is a meal of communion we share with each other. It is a little foretaste of what God wants for all humanity in the future God has promised. And it is also a way we urgently proclaim, energetically embody, enthusiastically describe in action God's intimacy with us, God's humanity." - Wes D. Avram

Maundy Thursday | April 6, 2023 7 p.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.

Sunday Worship

Our regular Sunday Worship time is 10 a.m. (except Easter), followed by refreshments, fellowship, and educational opportunities. If you have any questions, our greeters or ushers will be glad to help you. **Please see below for a list of our Holy Week worship services.**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is celebrated tonight. All who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.

Upcoming Holy Week Serivces:

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

- Noon, Elizabeth Chapel
- 7 p.m., Sanctuary; *Requiem* by John Rutter The Motet Choir and The House of Hope Chamber Orchestra. Childcare Available (7 p.m.)

Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023

- 7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Elizabeth Chapel
- 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services, Sanctuary; Festive worship with organs, choirs, and brass. Childcare and Sunday School Available (9 & 11 a.m.)

- THE APPROACH TO GOD ------

Prelude

Nun Bitten Wir Aaron David Miller, organist

Call to Worship

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Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Dietrich Buxtehude

Leader:	In the waning light of the evening,
People:	We gather to keep watch.
Leader:	In this place and in our hearts,
People:	We gather to retell this story.
Leader:	In our bread and in our cup,
People:	we remember the love of our Redeemer.

⁺ Hymn 97

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Humble Savior, your words were clear: "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you." You have loved us unfailingly, unceasingly, and we have rejoiced in that love. But we have not poured out on others the love you have lavished on us. Forgive us. Cover us with your mercy and lead us once again in your ways. (The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

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Agnus Dei



Assurance of Pardon

Minister: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. **People:** In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

+ Affirmation of Faith — The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

+ Hymn 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

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THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord is with you.
People:
And with thy spir - it.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.



Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Minister: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. . . Continue to hear us, O God, as we pray together the prayer Christ taught us, saying together: 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.

The Words of Institution

Following the Words of Institution, please come forward in two lines up the **center aisle** and receive the elements. You will be dismissed from the rear. **Please return to your pew along the side aisles.** Elements served are gluten-free bread and grape juice. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.

Prayer after Communion

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!

Minister: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

People: and forget not all God's benefits.

Minister and People:

God of Grace, your Son Jesus Christ left us this holy meal of bread and wine in which we share his body and blood. May we who have celebrated this sign of his great love show in our lives the fruits of his redemption; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

- THE OFFICE OF TENEBRAE —

Shadow of the Betrayed Shadow of Desertion

Matthew 26:20-25 Matthew 26:30-35 Ben Hoganson Laurel Gamm

All my friends will forsake me.

Agony of Soul Unshared Vigil Luke 22:39-44

Matthew 26:42-46

On the Mount of Olives He prayed to His Father.

Father, the Hour is Come That They May Be One John 17:1-3 John 17:15-21

He was brought as a lamb to the slaughter.

Arrow at the Gate Shadow of the Cross John 18:1-4 Mark 15:16-20

Arise, Jerusalem, and put off thy garments of joy.

Darkness

Solo

Were You There? Timothy Bruett, Soloist African American Spiritual

When the lights come up, people may leave the sanctuary in reverent silence, or are welcome to remain for quiet meditation.

The Office of Tenebrae is adapted from an early fourth century ceremony in solemn observance of the Lord's Supper. The expression Office of Tenebrae is derived from the Latin, and means the enactment or drama of shadows and darkness. The gradual extinguishing of the lights is symbolic of the flight of the disciples, the approach of the dark hate of Jesus' enemies, and the passion of our Lord.

The Choral Responses for the Office of Tenebrae are by Healey Willan.

Offering — There are four ways to give an offering:

- In-Person. Offering plates will be available at the Great Hall 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.

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

Christians and Jews: People of God

Holy Week presents a challenge to Christian communities in its understanding of language. The reference to the "Jews" is especially prevalent in the Gospel of John, and has the power to fuel the impression that Jews as a people are responsible for the death of Jesus. As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) we recognize that anti-Judaism is an affront and a contradiction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and affirm the following statement contained in the Presbyterian Study Paper "Christians and Jews: People of God":

The relationship between Christian faith and Judaism is unique, foundational, and enduring. The New Testament bears consistent witness to this relationship – the mercy of God in Jesus Christ embraces both Jew and Gentile; it does not abandon Jews in favor of Gentiles or forsake Jews in favor of the church. Supersessionism, the belief that God's covenant with the church has replaced God's covenant with Israel, and that the church has supplanted the Jewish people, is contrary to the core witness of the New Testament and is not supported by the mainstream of the first century, and certainly not of the twenty-first. While the New Testament contains numerous references to God's "new covenant" in Christ, these cannot be taken to mean that "new" cancels God's previous covenants.



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