

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The Gospel is a very dangerous idea. We have to see how much of that dangerous idea we can perform in our own lives. There is nothing innocuous or safe about the Gospel. Jesus did not get crucified because he was a nice man.”

- Walter Brueggemann

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 24, 2023 10 a.m.

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 **Cloister Gallery** following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- *New Children & Family Ministry Policy: A parent or guardian is required to sign in children for nursery before or during worship. Parents and guardians must sign out children from nursery after worship. Bring a photo ID with you.*
- **Worship:** Children are invited to join their families in the Sanctuary for worship. Following the Children's Blessing, children are invited to join us for Sunday School, 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 feel comfortable.
- **Wiggle Room:** Children are always welcome in the Sanctuary. For those who desire a wiggle break, the Library is equipped with toys, books, puzzles, and livestream worship.

Today's Enrichment with Elsa Kendig: *How is helping children and youth develop their faith a spiritual supercharger for all of us?* Sunday, September 24 | Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Elsa Kendig, our Director of Youth and Family Ministries, will share the latest research around developing the spiritual lives of children and youth and how each of us, playing a part in that process, can actually help grow our own faith and spiritual practice in ways that create greater meaning and connection.

Working backwards from the ways faith functions for adults, we will also consider how that might inform the ways we want to encourage the spiritual development of youth so that they may enjoy a vital spirituality throughout their lives.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Improvisation on WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Introit

Give Ear, O My People
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

+ Processional Hymn 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, hear our prayer:

For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness;

For the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us;

For the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist;

For the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us;

We pray for the courage to admit our fault,

The strength to amend our actions,

And the hope that your grace awaits us.

Through Christ we pray. *(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 blessings flow; praise God all creatures 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

Jonah 3:10-4:11 (OT, p. 861 in pew Bible)

Sherwood Pomeroy

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

Awake My Heart

Jane Marshall

Awake my heart, and render to God thy sure defender,
Thy Maker, thy preserver, A song of love and fervor.

Confirm thy deeds and guide me, my day with thee beside me,
Beginning, middle, ending, will all be upward tending.

My heart shall be thy dwelling, with joy and gladness swelling;
Thy word my nurture given to bring me on toward heaven.

Children's Blessing (unison)

Here in worship, or going out, we promise to nurture your faith, support your gifts and listen to your voices among us. Remember: God is with you always, everywhere and everywhere.

Following the blessing, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk with their guardians to the front of the sanctuary and out the West Transept doors (Pulpit Side) to be led to the Assembly Room for Sunday School.

Second Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16 (NT, pp. 21-22 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Humble Servants of an Irascible God

+ **Affirmation of Faith** — from *Enfleshed Liturgy*

We believe God is Love and from Love, all things are born.

No creature or creation falls outside of God's eternal embrace.

We believe forces of domination and destruction, control and greed, prejudice and violence, pervade our lives, seeking to turn us against one another, against the earth, and against the Spirit of the Liberating Christ.

We believe we depend on God, the courage of the prophets, and the wisdom that can only flow from the margins, in order to grow in Love.

We believe in the power of God, to make what seems impossible, possible.

We believe in the Good News that sets the captives free.

We believe in proclaiming the truths that unsettle unjust power and encourage collective liberation.

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

Give Us the Wings of Faith

Ernest Bullock

Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.

We ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe the conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
they reached the promised rest.

+ 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

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

GORDON YOUNG

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Dennis Reppen.

MOTET CHOIR WELCOMING NEW SINGERS!

The Motet Choir rehearsals resumed on Wednesday, September 6, at 7 p.m. The choir gladly welcomes new members throughout the church year, but the fall is a great time to start up. New members are invited to sing a rehearsal or two to try it out before committing further. Singers interested in membership (or with other questions) should contact Choirmaster Matthew Culloton at MatthewC@hohchurch.org.

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY 8.7.8.7.8.7

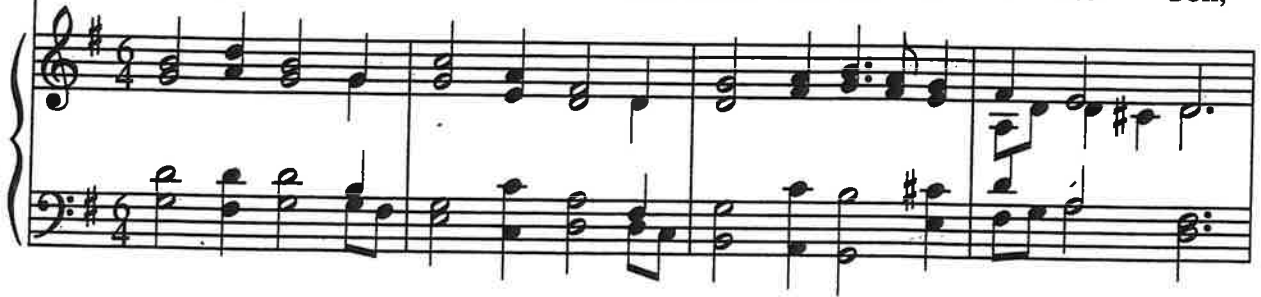
7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Purcell (1659-1695), adapt.



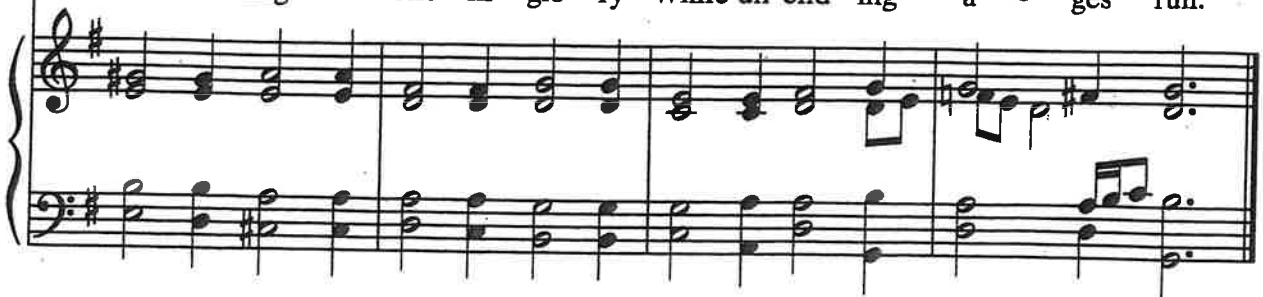
1. Christ is made the sure foun-da-tion, Christ the head and cor-ner-stone,
2. To this tem-ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of Hosts, to-day;
3. Here be-stow on all Your ser-vants What they ask of You to gain,
4. Laud and hon-or to the Fa-ther, Laud and hon-or to the Son,



Cho-sen of the Lord and pre-cious, Bind-ing all the church in one;
 With Your wont-ed lov-ing-kind-ness Hear Your peo-ple as they pray,
 What they gain from You for-ev-er With the bless-ed to re-tain,
 Laud and hon-or to the Spir-it, Ev-er three and ev-er one;



Ho-ly Zi-on's help for-ev-er, And our con-fi-dence a-lone.
 And Your full-est ben-e-dic-tion Shed with-in its walls al-way.
 And here-af-ter in Your glo-ry Ev-er-more with You to reign.
 One in might and one in glo-ry While un-end-ing a-ges run.



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My Faith Looks Up to Thee

OLIVET 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Ray Palmer, 1830

Lowell Mason, 1831

1. My faith looks up to Thee, Thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May Thy rich grace im - part Strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, And griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, When death's cold, sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: Now hear me while I pray, Take all my
 My zeal in - spire; As Thou hast died for me, O may my
 Be Thou my guide; Bid dark - ness turn to day, Wipe sor - row's
 Shall o'er me roll, Blest Sav - ior, then, in love, Fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day Be whol - ly Thine!
 love to Thee Pure, warm, and change-less be, A liv - ing fire!
 tears a - way, Nor let me ev - er stray From Thee a - side.
 trust re-move; O bear me safe a - bove, A ran - somed soul!

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY 11.11.11 with refrain

Fanny Jane Crosby, 1875

William Howard Doane, 1875

1. To God be the glo - ry, great things He hath done!
 2. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,

So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
 And great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

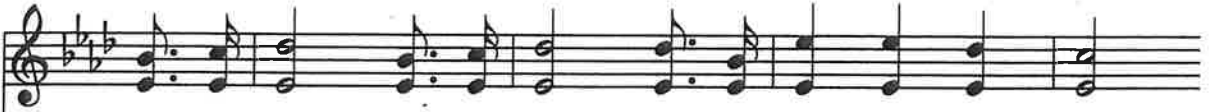
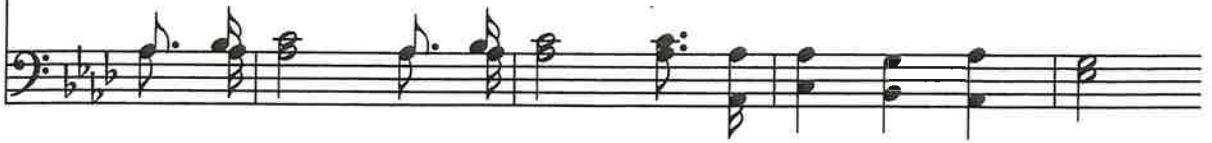
Who yield - ed His life an a - tone - ment for sin,
 But pur - er, and high - er, and great - er will be

And o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
 Our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

Refrain



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo - ple re - joice!



O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,



And give Him the glo - ry: great things He hath done!





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News & Opportunities

September 24 - October 1, 2023

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Children@hohchurch.org

In the Assembly Room:

Nursery-Preschool | 9:45 a.m. Assembly Room
Elementary Sunday School | 10:10 a.m. Assembly Room

Today:

Creative Play, Grades 2-5 | 11:15 a.m.
HOH Park, Assembly Room

Alleluia Choir | 11:15 a.m. | Library
PreK-Grade 1 can register for Alleluia Choir by contacting Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth/Confirmation Fall Retreat

YMCA Camp St. Croix | Hudson, WI
Friday, September 22 | 6 p.m. —
Sunday, September 24 | 11 a.m.

Upcoming: Pre-Worship Gathering | October 1
9:45 a.m. in the Skylight Room

The House of Hope Presbyterian Church is seeking a **Director of Children and Family Ministry** and a **Transitional Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Lifelong Learning**. Details can be found on our website. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested.

Upcoming

Sunday-Weekday Connections with Elsa Kendig Tuesday, September 26 Assembly Room | 5:30 p.m.

What does it mean to inherit and re-imagine a legacy of faith?

Born in an era when the US church was already in decline, the challenge for Elsa, like many in her generation, has been to hold on to what is good while also reassessing and re-imagining what it means to be a person of faith in a more secular age.

Raised influenced by the Mexican Presbyterian faith of her mother's family and the Greek Orthodox and agnostic values of her father, Elsa's journey highlights the hybrid ways in which people are engaging with faith and spirituality in the 21st century.

Please register for this HOH Woman's gathering here: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday> or call the church office.

Upcoming on Sunday, October 1: HOH will be participating in **World Communion Sunday** which celebrates our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world; and we will also collect the annual **Peace and Global Witness Offering** as a way of continuing the ancient Christian practice of sharing what we have with brothers and sisters in need. This is also the day of the **Twin Cities Marathon**, so there will be limited access to cross Summit Ave. from the south, so please plan your route to church accordingly!

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

Peace & Global Witness Offering

World Communion Sunday | October 1

The Peace & Global Witness Offering unites our church with Presbyterians everywhere reaching out to people across the globe who long for peace and reconciliation. As we work to share Christ's peace with those beyond our doors, please give to the Peace & Global Witness Offering. Ways to give:

- Special envelopes in the pew racks
- Mail your gift with the memo: Peace
- Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Other Gift > Memo: Peace
- Text HOH to 73256 > Fund: Other Gift > Memo: Peace



Week Beginning September 24, 2023

Sunday, September 24, 2023

- 9 a.m. Motet Choir, Kirby Lounge
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Assembly Room
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Assembly Room
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Cloister Gallery
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Creative Play for Kids, HOH Park
- 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Library

Monday, September 25, 2023

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Diane Smith's/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Library

Tuesday, September 26, 2023

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Voice, Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. Sunday-Weekday Connections, Assembly Room

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Library/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Library/Sanctuary
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation, Library
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Youth Room

Thursday, September 28, 2023

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5 p.m. HOH Property Visioning Task Force, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Friday, September 29, 2023

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Developing for the Future, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
- 1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmers' Market, Holly Lot

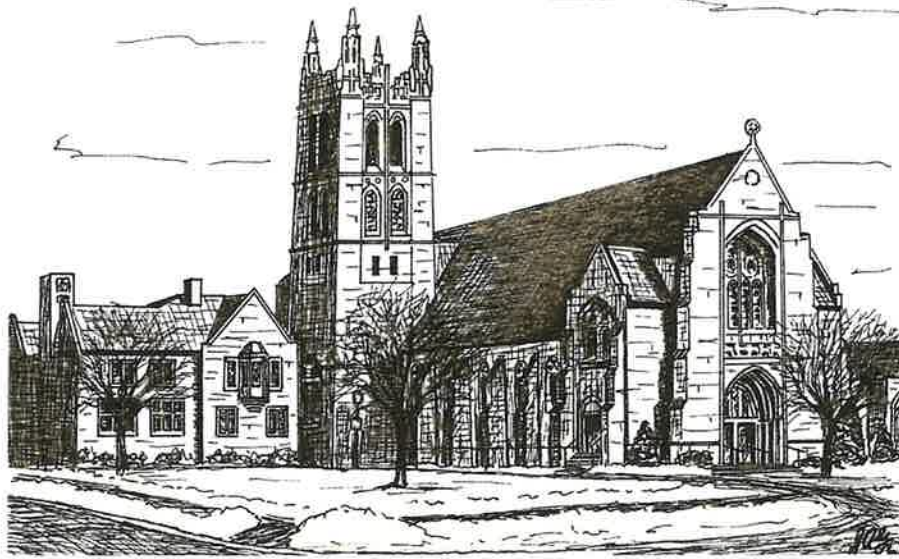
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- 9 a.m. Motet Choir, Kirby Lounge
- 9 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Library
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Assembly Room
- 9:45 a.m. Youth Gathering, Skylight Room
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Assembly Room
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Cloister Gallery
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
- 11:15 a.m. Creative Play for Kids, HOH Park
- 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Library

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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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