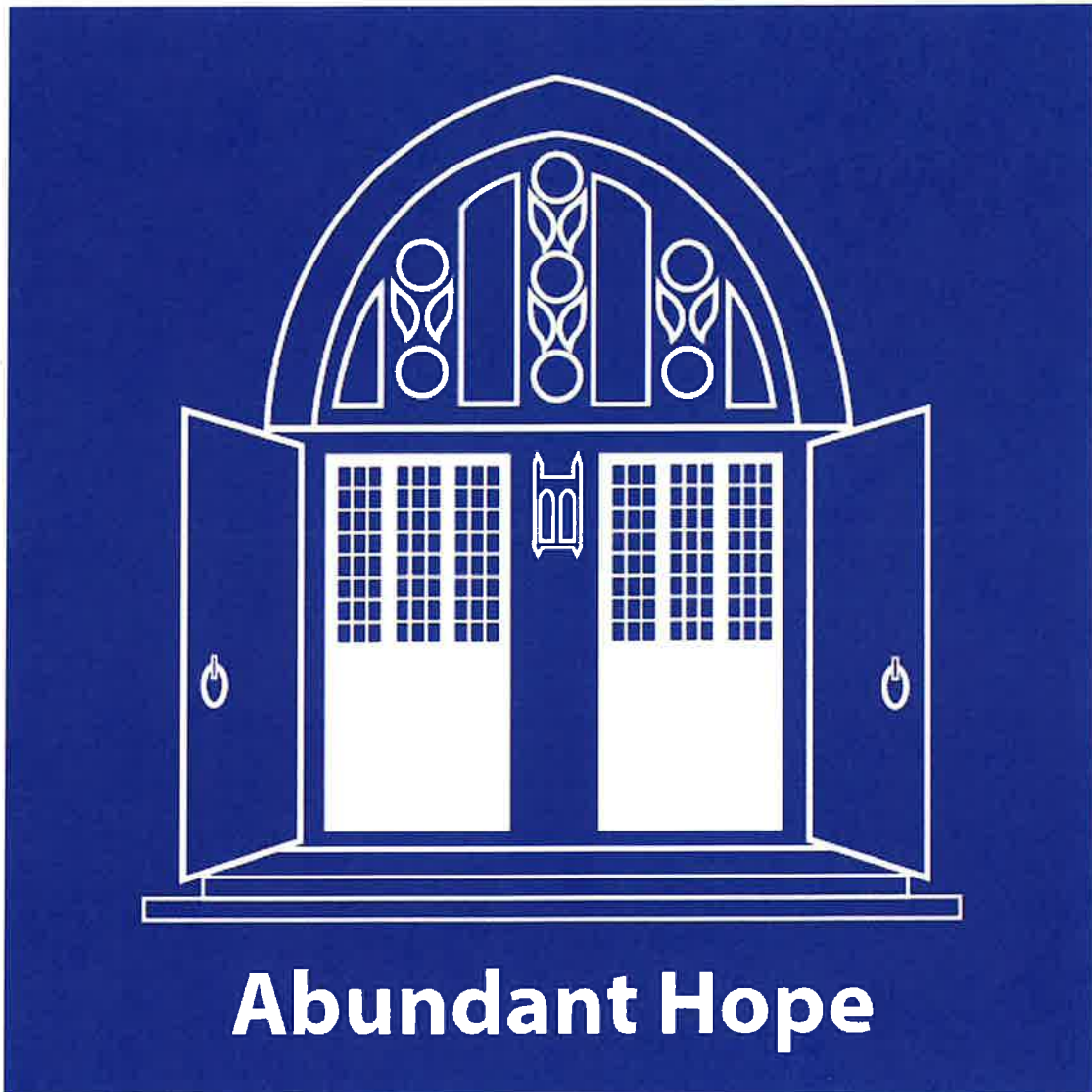


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Our God is the God who helps us have the courage to be honest about our history, to be peacemakers, to love and listen when it would be easier to hate and dismiss. Our God sends Spirit to encourage and inspire people to tirelessly work over years, in ways most people will never know, to do the things that move the needle, that bend the moral arc toward justice, that further the cause of the Kin-dom."
- Rev. Ginger E. Gaines-Cirelli

Stewardship Sunday | November 12, 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 **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.

HOH Unplugged

Due to schedule conflicts among our youth, HOH Unplugged will be rescheduled in the spring.

Next Sunday's Enrichment: Veterans and Houselessness with Charles Stephens and Laurel Gamm, Sunday, November 19 | Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m. Come learn about personal experience with Y-HELP, the YardHomes Home Expansion Lease Project, and connecting veterans to sustainable housing in the Twin Cities. As landowners, Charles and Laurel have a partnership with YardHomes, a company selling compact homes, and Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans, an organization with a mission to end veteran houselessness.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Let All Things Now Living (Hymn 554)
Shall We Gather at the River
The Bells of Hope; Timothy Short, Conductor

Carl Wiltse
William Mathis

Introit

Take Up Your Cross
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Dietrich Buxtehude

+Processional Hymn 138

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty

NICAEA

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

"Keep awake," you tell us, urging us to watch with expectant hope as we wait for you to reveal yourself in our midst. But, Lord, we grow tired of looking for signs of your presence among us. We grow weary from a steady diet of distressing news and convince ourselves that you are still far off. We are careless with the tasks you expect of us and, so, are not prepared to encounter you. Forgive us for losing heart and losing hope. Sustain us in faith, we pray, and keep us ever watchful so that we might be ready to greet you with joy.

(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



Anthem

Sing Unto God

G.F. Handel

Sing unto God, and high affections raise,
To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise

Welcome and Announcements

Presentation of Pledges

All adults and children are invited to come forward and place their pledge cards in the basket as an act of worship and a sign of commitment. Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle.

Litany of Dedication (congregation reads the text in bold)

Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good,

bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to you today.

These pledges represent our work, our hopes, and our dreams,

and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received.

May they be the first fruits of all we have,

and not what we have left over.

May we see these pledges as a sacred offering,

and not a gift of obligation or exchange.

May we use them wisely for your service,

to reflect your love to this city and this world.

May they move us to be more faithful disciples,

and energize us for lives of generosity.

In gratitude for the grace of God,

in the warmth of God's hospitality,

and in the spirit of the generosity embodied by Christ,

We dedicate these pledges to the work of God.

Thanks be to God!

Alleluia! Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25 (OT, pp. 215-216 in pew Bible)

Jan Dickinson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Poor Wayfaring Stranger

American Folk Hymn, arr. Jay Althouse

St. Nicholas Choir; Henry Stein, soloist; Sofia Ardalán, conductor; Timothy Short, piano

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger,
a-traveling through this world of woe.
But there's no sickness, toil, nor danger
in that fair land to which I go.

I'm going there to see my father,
I'm going there no more to roam.

I'm just a going over Jordan.

I'm just a going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me.

I know my way is rough and steep.

Yet beauteous fields lie just before me,
where God's redeemed their vigils keep.

I'm going there to see my mother,

I'm going there, no more to roam.

I'm just a going over Jordan.

I'm just a going over home.

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, everyday 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 25:1-13 (NT, p. 28 in pew Bible)

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Decisions, Decisions, Decisions!

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 314

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song

BRIDEGROOM

+Affirmation of Faith — from the *Confession of 1967* (inclusive language text)

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of kingdom. The kingdom represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

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 passed throughout the congregation at this time.
- **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

How Lovely Are Thy Messengers

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,
throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

+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.

+Prayer of Dedication

+Recessional Hymn 268

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

+Benediction

Postlude

Gigue

Dietrich Buxtehude

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, 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.

Updated House of Hope Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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NICAEA 11.12.10

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)
As in *Hymns Written and Adapted*, 1827; alt.John Bacchus Dykes, 1861
Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1948

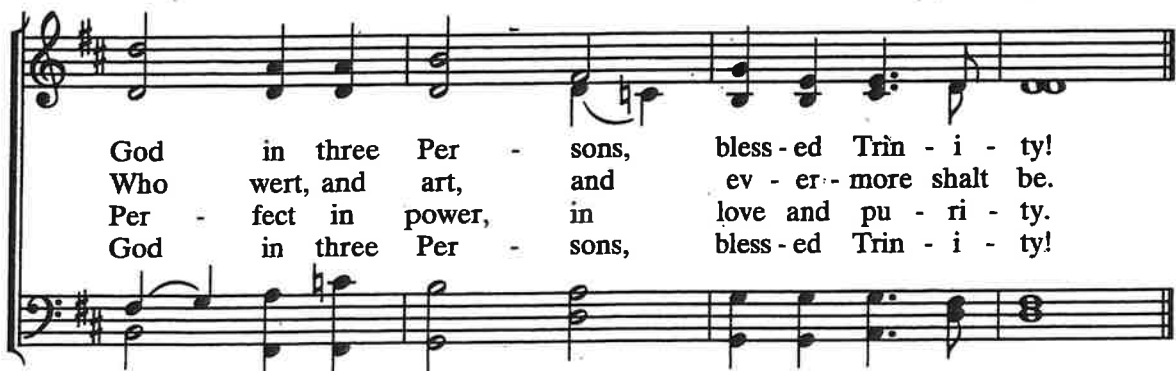

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore Thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark-ness hide Thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
 Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 Though the eye of sin - ful-ness Thy glo - ry may not see,
 All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
 On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 Who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 Per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song 314

BRIDEGROOM 8.7.8.7.6

Carl P. Daw, Jr., 1982

Peter Cutts, 1969



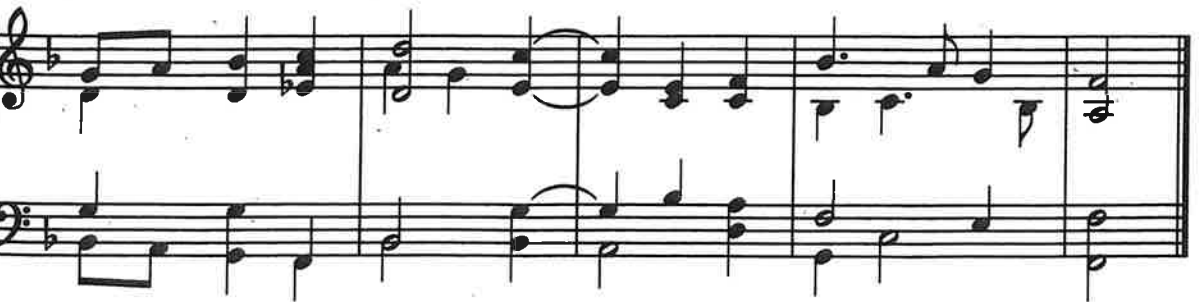
1. Like the mur - mur of the dove's song, Like the chal - lenge of her
 2. To the mem - bers of Christ's bod - y, To the branch - es of the
 3. With the heal - ing of di - vi - sion, With the cease - less voice of



flight, Like the vig - or of the wind's rush, Like the
 Vine, To the church in faith as - sem - bled, To her
 prayer, With the power to love and wit - ness, With the



new flame's ea - ger might:
 midst as gift and sign: Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.
 peace be - yond com - pare:



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HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7 D

Catherine Arnott Cameron, 1967; alt.

Attr. William Moore, 1825
Harm. Charles Anders, 1969

F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens In - fi - nite in
 2. We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of Since the child - hood
 3. As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, May it chal - lenge

Bb7 Dm C Dm C Bb7

time and place, Flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance
 of our race; Known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing
 us a - new: Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,

Am Bb7 C F F Dm7

Through the si - lent fields of space: We, Your chil - dren
 Through un - trav - eled realms of space; Probed the se - crets
 Serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring You. May our dreams prove

B♭7 Gm7 B♭7 Am7 B♭7 Gm7 C

in Your like - ness, Share in - ven - tive powers with You;
of the at - om, Yield - ing un - i - mag - ined power,
rich with prom - ise, Each en - deav - or well be - gun;

F Dm C Gm7 Am B♭7 C6 C F

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, Show us what we yet may do.
Fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion Or our most tri - um - phant hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance Till our goals and Yours are one.

November 12 - 19, 2023

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Children@hohchurch.org

In the Assembly Room:

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

Today:

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

Alleluia Choir | 11 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

Pre-Worship Gathering

9:40 a.m. in the Skylight Room

Confirmation - November 15 | 6:30-8 p.m.
Library

New Member Class TODAY, November 12,
Kirby Lounge (*up the stairs from the Assembly Room, follow signs*) | **11:15 a.m.**

Interested in membership or want to learn more about House of Hope? Please join us!

Upcoming

Special Music in Worship, November 26:
Haydn's *Little Organ Mass* - Motet Choir and Chamber Strings

Stewardship 2024 - *Abundant Hope*

TODAY is Stewardship Sunday. This year's Stewardship Campaign will emphasize our hope for the future of House of Hope that came from the visioning process over the last year. We ask that you bring your pledge card and come forward with your card during the worship service. Parents are encouraged to include their children.

Great Decisions: *Politics in Latin America* with Rob Scarlett Tuesday, November 14

Library | 4 p.m. Rob Scarlett has spent a good part of his NGO career and his business career in Latin America. Rob will acknowledge the "left-right" political trends in the region but will argue that this analysis is not particularly helpful to those who sincerely wish to understand the direction of change in politics in the region. Rob spent much of the past 50 years working and living in various countries in Latin America. He is also a former Chair of Global Minnesota.

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Wednesday, November 22 | 7 p.m.



All are invited to join us in worship and giving thanks. You are invited to bring non-perishable food items that will be shared with the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House.

You may also make a financial donation to the food pantries.

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing.

Christmas Sponsor A-Family

Our faith reminds us what the Christmas season is all about, by sharing with those most in need. We're planning to spread Christmas joy by providing gifts for approximately 70 families in partnership with some of our Mission Partners. **Visit the church website under "Things to Know" to find the SignUp-Genius link for information on families.** A family wish list with instructions will be emailed to you. For assistance in signing up, please contact the church office. Drop off gifts at the church by December 10.

Don't like to shop? Donations are welcome to provide a grocery gift card for each family. Mail or drop off donations in the church office noted **Family Sponsor**.

Week Beginning November 12, 2023

Stewardship Sunday, November 12, 2023

- 9 a.m. Motet Choir, Kirby Lounge
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Library
- 9:40 a.m. Youth Gathering, Skylight Room
- 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 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Creative Play for Kids, Assembly Room/HOH Park
- 11:15 a.m. New Member Class, Kirby Lounge
- 12 p.m. PNC Committee, Kirby Lounge

Monday, November 13, 2023

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Debby Fulton's/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Peace & Justice Committee, Kirby Lounge
- 6 p.m. AA, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Library

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Voice, Sanctuary
- 4 p.m. Great Decisions, Assembly Room
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Library/Zoom

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Library/Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4:00 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Library, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation, Library
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Youth Room

Thursday, November 16, 2023

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

Friday, November 17, 2023

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Developing for the Future Task Force, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
- Youth Lock-in, Overnight

Sunday, November 19, 2023

- 9 a.m. Motet Choir, Kirby Lounge
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Library
- 9:40 a.m. Youth Gathering, Skylight Room
- 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 a.m. Youth Education Hour, Skylight Room
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Creative Play for Kids, Assembly Room/HOH Park

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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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