

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Vital communities follow Jesus into places of injustice and struggle. They bear the light of hope, demonstrating love and mercy, and working faithfully for justice and peace. Their efforts will be sustained by personal and congregational patterns and practices of prayer and worship, learning and reflection. They will be stewards of God's abundant gifts in service to God's children here and everywhere. They will demonstrate to the world God's promises and life-giving power in this age and the world to come." - PC (USA) Matthew 25 Church

First Sunday in Lent | February 18, 2024 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:

- **Sunday School:** Following the Children's Blessing, children may leave the service to engage in faith formation with adult leaders in Room 4 (pre-K to grade 2) or Room 7 (grades 3-5). Caregivers should pick their children up from these classrooms.
- **Worship:** Children may also choose to engage their faith with their families by staying in the service.
- **Worship bags** are available in the Narthex with age-appropriate materials to help kids focus as they worship alongside their families. You can ask a Deacon to help you find the best bag for you!
- A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
- A carpeted **wiggle space** with books and toys is available in the Narthex during the service. Feel free to come in and out of the Sanctuary as needed.
- Our **nursery** is open for infants – toddlers. A parent/guardian must sign children in and out of the nursery. Bring a photo ID with you.
- **Nursing:** At House of Hope, parents are welcome to nurse their children wherever they feel comfortable.
- **Need help?** Ask a Deacon or Children and Family Ministry staff any time!

Upcoming Sunday Events and Enrichment Hours:

Sunday, February 18: Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative Update

Great Hall | 11:15 a.m. Craig Freeman, Community Connections Coordinator, and Fritz Bimberg, House of Hope's Congregational Organizer, will talk about House of Hope's history with Beacon and about Beacon's current project on the east side of St. Paul.

Sunday, February 25: Dr. Libby Shannon, Transitional Executive Presbyter, PTCA

Great Hall | 11: 15 a.m. Rev. Shannon will talk about Matthew 25 and the impact it can have and share examples from other congregations.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Elegy
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Florence Price

Introit

Heal Me Hands of Jesus
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

+ Processional Hymn 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

ABBOT'S LEIGH

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

**Holy and eternal one, God of all mercy and might,
we confess that we have not been faithful servants in your realm of righteousness,
justice, and peace. You scatter the proud in the thoughts of their hearts
while we cling to prejudice and privilege. You bring down the powerful from their
thrones while we perpetuate patterns of oppression. You fill the hungry
with good things while we turn away neighbors in need. Forgive us, God of grace.
Set us free from our captivity and corruption, strengthen us to seek your will in the
world, and teach us to worship and serve you alone; through Jesus Christ,
our Sovereign and Savior.**

(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

Anthem

The sun himself shall fade

John W. Work III

The sun himself shall fade,
The starry worlds shall fall,
Yet through a vast eternity
shall God be in all.

Though now his ways are dark,
Concealed from mortal sight,
His counsels are divinely wise
And all his judgements right.

Cease my tears to flow,
Cease my tears to moan,
Betide what may to me, I'll say,
His holy will be done.

In God my trust shall stand,
The waves of sorrow roll,
In life or death his name shall be
The refuge of my soul.

THE WORD OF GOD

Scripture Lesson

Janice Dickinson

Matthew 25:31-46 (NT, p. 29 in pew Bible)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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, every day and everywhere.

Following the blessing, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk out with their guardians to the Narthex to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School.

Meditation

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

The Only Way Out Is Through

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 311 (Verses 1&2)

We Meet You, O Christ

NORMANDY

Matthew 25 Action

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

+ Hymn 311 (Verses 3&4)

We Meet You, O Christ

NORMANDY

+ Affirmation of Faith — *A Brief Statement of Faith (excerpts)*

Leader: We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.

**All: Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives.**

Systemic Poverty

Leader: We trust in God,
whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**All: In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image
to live as one community.**

Structural Racism

Leader: We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

Congregational Vitality

Leader: With believers in every time and place,

**All: we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

See What Love

Lena McLin

See what love the Father has given us,
That we may be called the children of love.
And every one who hopes in him
Through the Lord is blessed
And every one who hopes in him
Through the Lord is blessed.

+ 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 386

O for a World

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+ Benediction

Postlude

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.

Wednesday Lenten Series: *Beautiful Work in the Neighborhood*

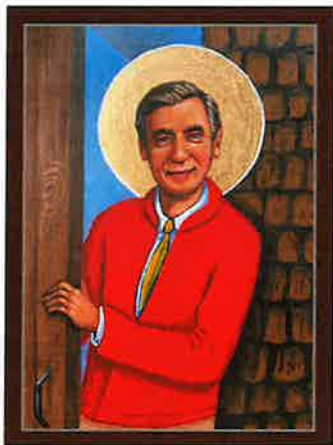
Wednesdays, February 21 through March 20 in the Kirk Parlour

Dinner: 5:45 - 6:15 p.m.

Presentation and Conversation: 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Soup supper and kid-friendly dinner options available. Nursery care available.

Register for meals at: <https://bit.ly/WednesdayLent> to ensure we have plenty of food for everyone. Donations appreciated to cover the meal cost. **Questions?** Contact Phil Romine, PhillipR@hohchurch.org



For this year's Wednesdays in Lent series, we're highlighting people, organizations, and initiatives that embody the legacy of Fred Rogers, a leading figure in the revolution of children's (and adults') learning and engagement in community. Come learn how our commitment to being a Matthew 25 congregation, our connections with local

community organizations, and the individuals who bring this work life can help us live into the legacy of Fred Rogers, creating neighborhoods where everyone can flourish.

February 21: Mary Cardinal Peterson, HOH member and Matthew 25 collaborator

February 28: Mary Delorié, Director of Individual Giving at Headwaters Foundation for Justice

March 6: Liz Loeb, Associate Director at Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light

March 13: Liliana Letrán-García, Chief Executive Officer at Interfaith Action of Greater St. Paul

March 20: Diver Van Avery, Writer, Public Artist, Therapist

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Howell Elvet Lewis, 1916; alt.

ABBOT'S LEIGH 8.7.8.7 D

Cyril Vincent Taylor, 1941

1. Lord of light, Your name out - shin - ing All the stars and
 2. By the toil of faith - ful work - ers In some far out -
 3. Grant that knowl - edge, still in - creas - ing, At Your feet may
 4. By the prayers of faith - ful watch - ers, Nev - er si - lent

suns of space, Use our tal - ents in Your king - dom As the
 ly - ing field, By the cour - age where the ra - diance Of the
 low - ly kneel; With Your grace our tri - umphs hal - low, With Your
 day or night; By the cross of Je - sus, bring - ing Peace to

ser - vants of Your grace; Use us to ful - fill Your pur - pose
 cross is still re - vealed, By the vic - to - ries of meek - ness,
 char - i - ty our zeal; Lift the na - tions from the shad - ows
 all and heal - ing light; By the love that pass - es knowl - edge,

Refrain

In the gift of Christ Your Son:
 Through re - proach and suf - fering won: Ab - ba, as in
 To the glad - ness of the sun:
 Mak - ing all Your chil - dren one:

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high - est heav - en, So on earth Your will be done.

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Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 426

Frances Ridley Havergal, 1872

CANONBURY LM

Robert Schumann, 1839

1. Lord, speak to me, that I may speak In liv - ing
 2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead The wan - dering
 3. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach The pre - cious
 4. O fill me with Thy full - ness, Lord, Un - til my

ech - oes of Thy tone; As Thou hast sought, so
 and the wa - vering feet; O feed me, Lord, that
 things Thou dost im - part; And wing my words, that
 ver - y heart o'er - flow In kin - dling thought and

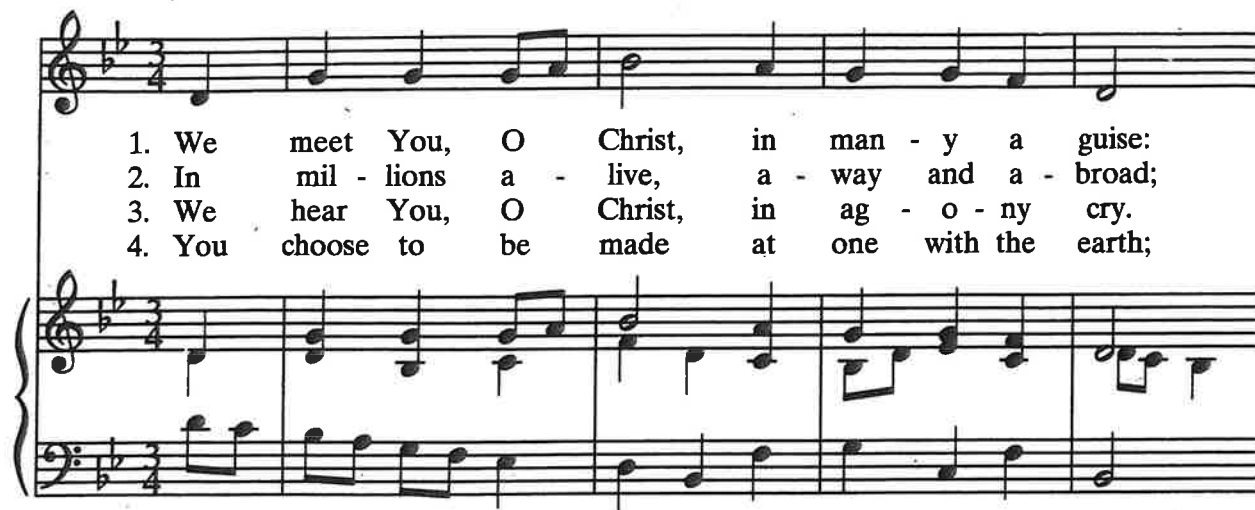
let me seek Thine err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 I may feed Thy hun - gering ones with man - na sweet.
 they may reach The hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 glow - ing word, Thy love to tell, Thy praise to show.

5. O use me, Lord, use even me,
 Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;
 Until Thy blessed face I see,
 Thy rest, Thy joy, Thy glory share.

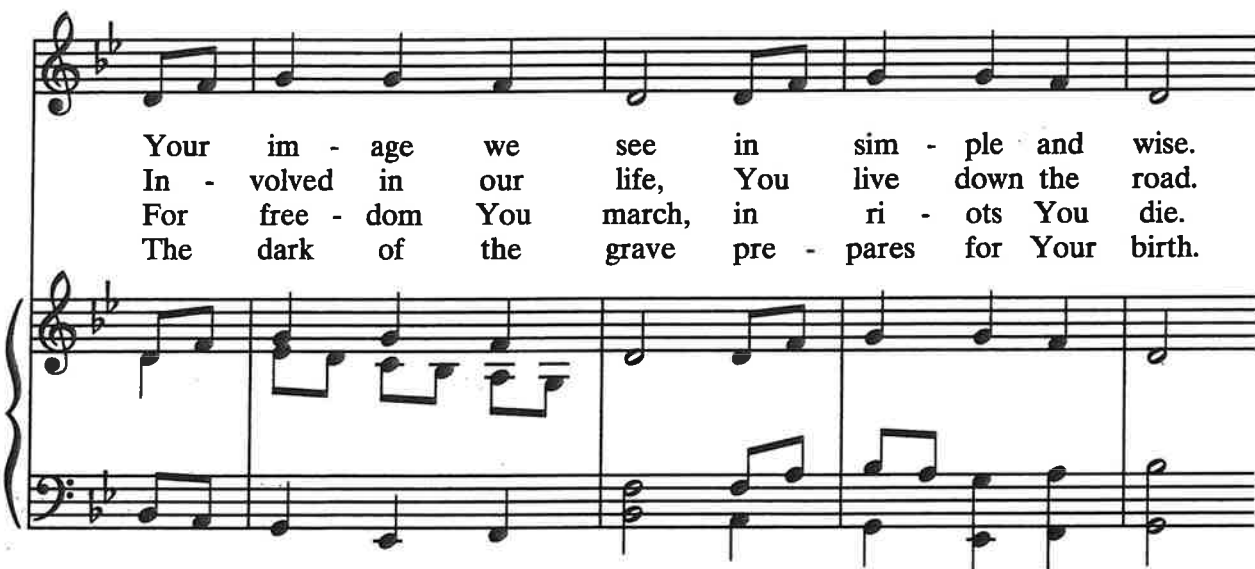
We Meet You, O Christ

NORMANDY 10.10.11.11

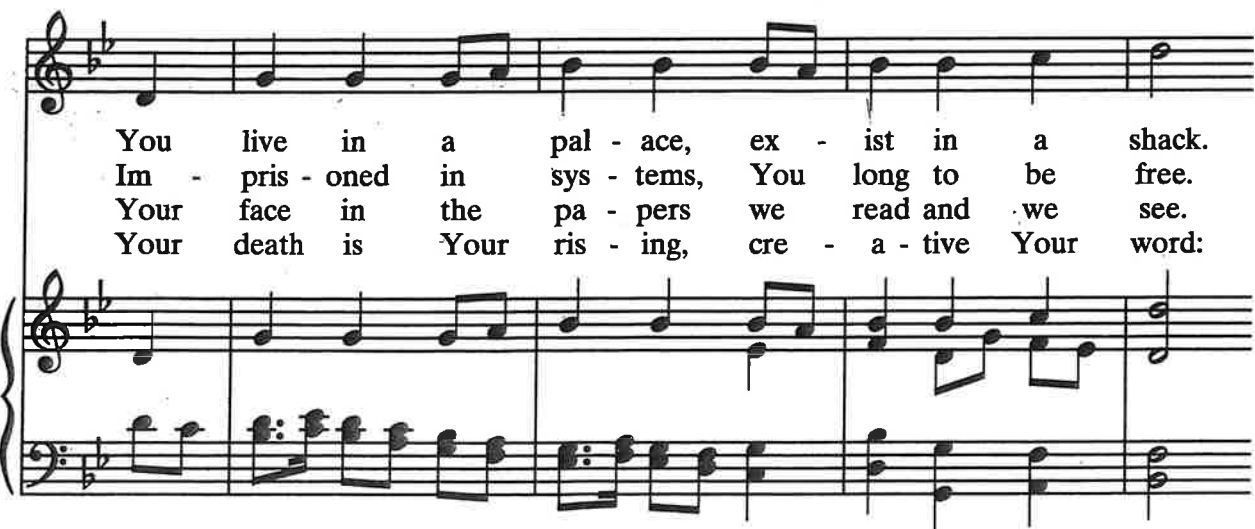
Fred Kaan, 1966

Basque carol
Harm. George Mims, 1979


1. We meet You, O Christ, in man - y a guise:
2. In mil - lions a - live, a - way and a - broad;
3. We hear You, O Christ, in ag - o - ny cry.
4. You choose to be made at one with the earth;



Your im - age we see in sim - ple and wise.
In - volved in our life, You live down the road.
For free - dom You march, in ri - ots You die.
The dark of the grave pre - pares for Your birth.



You live in a pal - ace, ex - ist in a shack.
Im - pris - oned in sys - tems, You long to be free.
Your face in the pa - pers we read and we see.
Your death is Your ris - ing, cre - a - tive Your word:

1-3 4

We see You, the gar-dener, a tree on Your back.
 We see You, Lord Je - sus, still bear-ing Your tree.
 The tree must be plant-ed by hu-man de - cree.
 The tree springs to life and our hope is re - stored.

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John 11:35

When Jesus Wept

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WHEN JESUS WEPT LM

William Billings, 1770

As in *New England Psalm Singer*, 1770

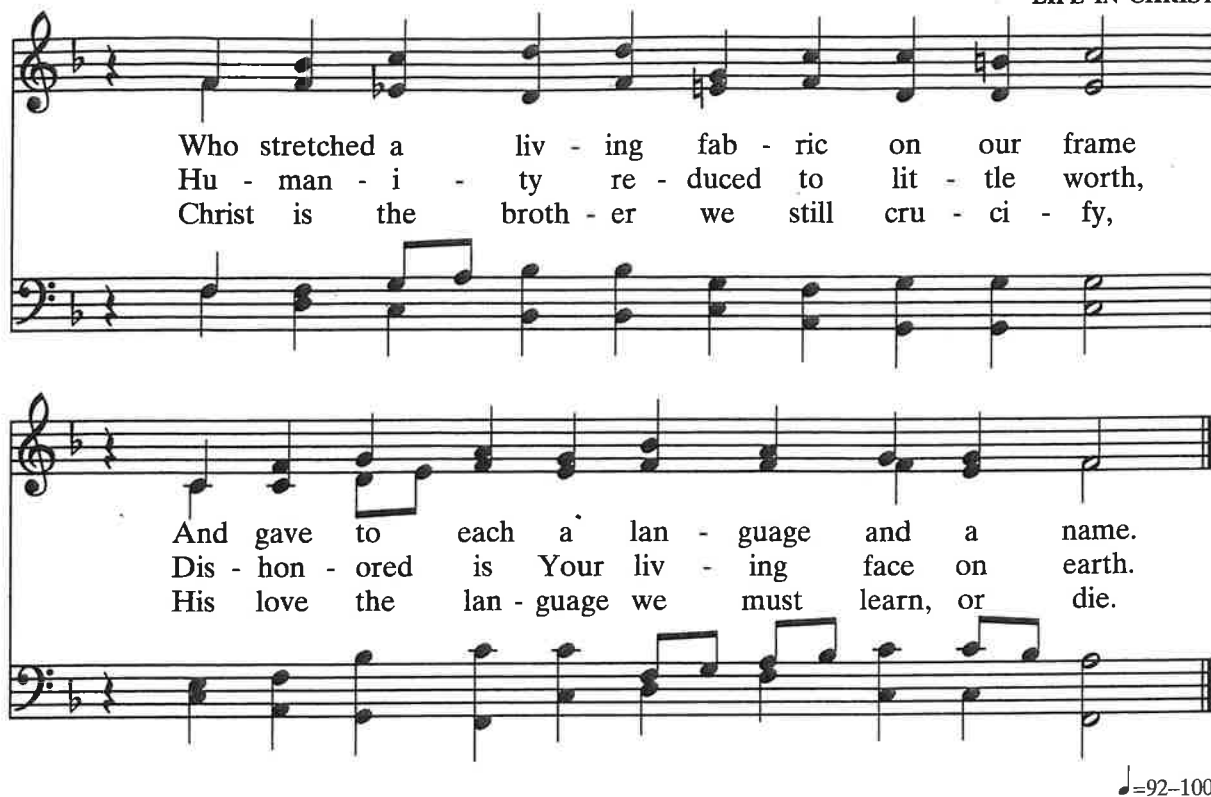
William Billings, 1770

* * *

When Je - sus wept, the fall - ing tear In mer - cy
 flowed be - yond all bound; When Je - sus groaned, a
 trem - bling fear Seized all the guilt - y world a - round.

*May be sung as a canon.

♩=96-104



Who stretched a liv - ing fab - ric on our frame
Hu - man - i - ty re - duced to lit - tle worth,
Christ is the broth - er we still cru - ci - fy,

And gave to each a lan - guage and a name.
Dis - hon - ored is Your liv - ing face on earth.
His love the lan - guage we must learn, or die.

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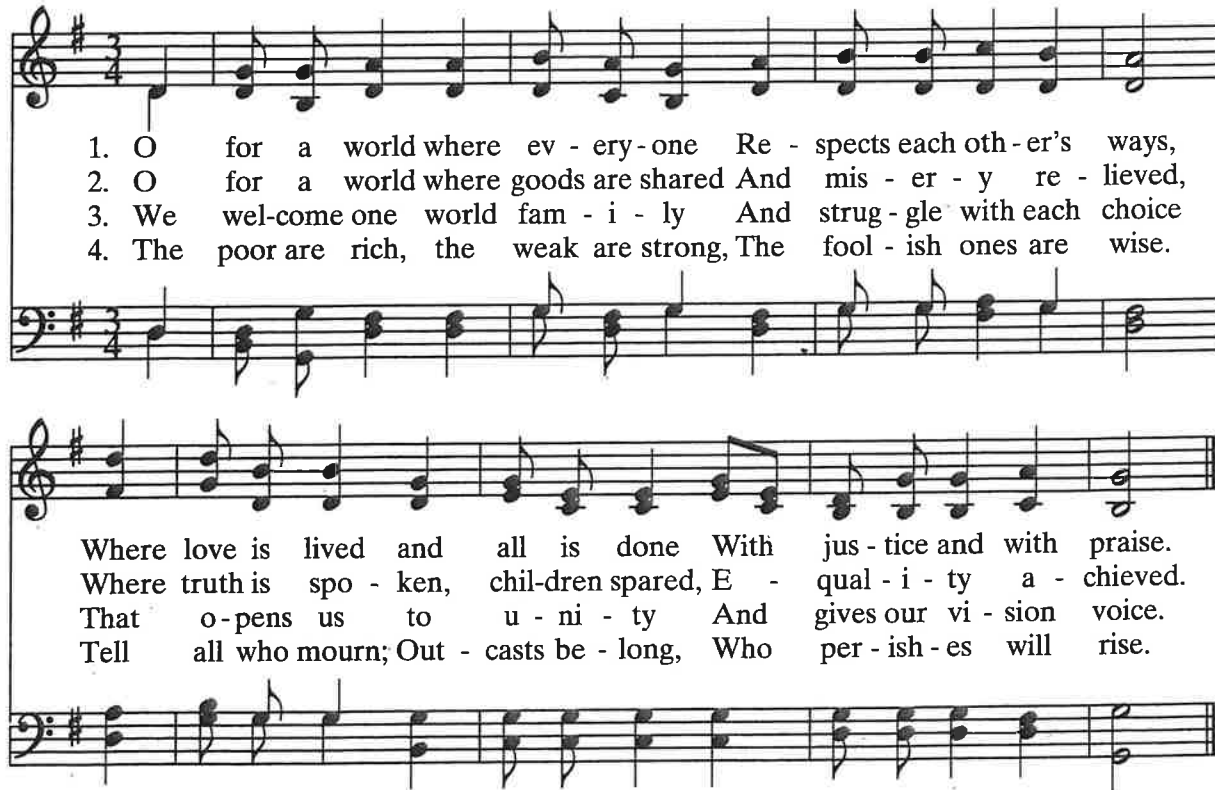
O for a World

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Carl Gotthelf Gläser, 1828
Arr. Lowell Mason, 1839

Miriam Therese Winter, 1987



1. O for a world where ev - ery - one Re - spect's each oth - er's ways,
2. O for a world where goods are shared And mis - er - y re - lieved,
3. We wel - come one world fam - i - ly And strug - gle with each choice
4. The poor are rich, the weak are strong, The fool - ish ones are wise.

Where love is lived and all is done With jus - tice and with praise.
Where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, E - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
That o - pens us to u - ni - ty And gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn; Out - casts be - long, Who per - ish - es will rise.

5. O for a world preparing for
God's glorious reign of peace,

Where time and tears will be no more,
And all but love will cease.

Alternate version, 466

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News & Opportunities

February 18 - 25, 2024

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery-Preschool | 9:45 a.m. Nursery Room
Elementary Sunday Sch. | 10:10 a.m. | Rooms 4 & 7

Tubing!! | 11:15 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Elm Creek Park

Tweens (grades 4 & 5) can join for some light lunch before we carpool over to Elm Creek to do some serious tubing!

February + March Sunday School Teachers & Helpers.

We are in need for volunteer helpers on Sundays. Moving back to the East Wing (hooray!), we have space to create a classes for pre-K - grade 2 and grades 3-5. Please sign up to help—I am creating an easy-to-implement curriculum that will also help teachers and helpers feel equipped to discuss faith with our kiddos! JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Parents' Night Out will be on Friday, February 23 from 5-8 p.m. Stay tuned for plans for an informal gathering activity for parents who would like to have some relaxed conversation and social time with other HoH parents.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Pre-Worship Gathering

Sundays | Youth Room | 9:40 a.m.

Tubing!! | 11:15 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Elm Creek Park

Join us for some light lunch before we carpool over to Elm Creek to do some serious tubing!

Confirmation: Wednesdays, February 21, 28

Youth Room | 6:30-8 p.m.

Upcoming

The Session of The House of Hope Presbyterian Church has called a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, February 25, immediately following worship for the purpose of presenting the Session approved 2024 Operating Budget.

Sunday-Weekday Connections:

Saying Yes To Making a Difference for the Future

Tuesday, February 27 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Come hear from the women members of the Developing for the Future Collaboration (DFTF) Group. Jeanne Bailey, Deb James, and Becky Mayer will share the "why" that has inspired their weekly commitment to this work for more than a year and a half, what they learned about the congregation and themselves, and how you can help going forward. In addition, their DFTF colleagues Linda Lane, Liz Sanson, Kathy Schubert, Elly Verhagen, and Sarah Walbert will be there for further discussion and conversation.

Please sign up by this Friday, February 23, using this link: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

Nominating Committee 2024. Nomination forms are available for open positions on our Deacons, Trustees, and Session boards.

Use the online form on the church website at hohchurch.org under **Things to Know**. Paper versions of the form are available at the church kiosks. **The deadline for submissions is Friday, March 8, 2024.** If you have any questions, please contact Nominating Chair Lynn Stein: lynngstein@gmail.com.

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

Sign Up for HOH's **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Tuesday, February 27 | Dining Rooms A and B | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Register to donate: www.redcrossblood.org/give and enter Sponsor Code: *houseofhope* or call the church office. Contact Deb James at dsjames96@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer.

Week Beginning February 18, 2024

Sunday, February 18, 2024

- 9:40 a.m. Youth Gathering, Youth Room
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Nursery Room
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 4 and 7
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Great Hall
- 11:15 a.m. Youth and Tweens Tubing, Elm Creek Park

Monday, February 19, 2024

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Great Hall/Dining Rooms A&B
- 7 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 11/Youth Room

Tuesday, February 20, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 3:30 p.m. Choir School Voice, Choir School Room
- 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

- 7 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Choir Room
- 5:45 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper, Presentation, and Conversation, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation, Youth Room
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5

Thursday, February 22, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour
Bridal Room, Chapel, Room 1

Friday, February 23, 2024

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Developing for the Future Committee Meeting, Room 1/Zoom
- 5 p.m. Parents' Night Out, Kids in Rooms 4&7

Sunday, February 25, 2024

- 9:40 a.m. Youth Gathering, Youth Room
- 9:45 a.m. Nursery, Nursery Room
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 4 and 7
- 11 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Great Hall
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Room 7

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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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