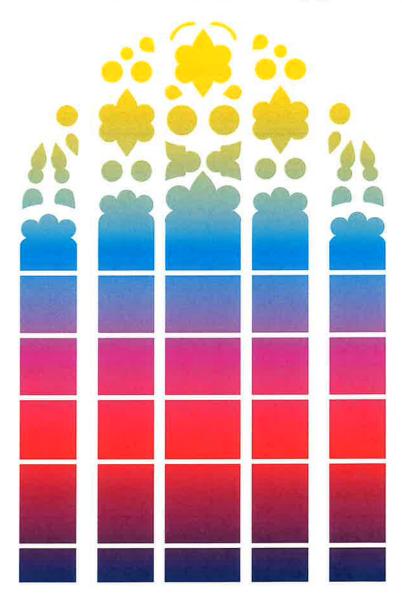
# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Today's readings offer us several images of God as home. God is both shepherd and host, pasture and valley, mansion, and fortress, still water and open gate. Whatever the circumstances of our lives, God is with us--in peace, in war, in hope, in fear, in life, in death, in joy, in suffering. When we are at home with God, even the most difficult days are infused with abundant life."

- Susan Andrews

Celebration Sunday and Third Sunday of Easter | April 14, 2024 10 a.m.

#### Welcome!

#### We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.

Our open and affirming, caring active community welcomes people of all ages & backgrounds.

#### **House of Hope Mission Statement:**

Building a loving community for all, House of Hope shares God's grace and presence through music, the arts, reflection, and action. Come join us as we walk through life together.

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 an usher to help you find the best bag for you!
- A Wiggle Space for children needing a little more scope to move is available in the sanctuary
  entrance way during the service. There are books and toys there for your use. Feel free to come in
  and out of the Sanctuary as needed.
- A variety of **children's Bibles** are located in the church pews.
- 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. Feel free to ask an usher if you would feel more comfortable in a more private area.
- **Need help?** Ask an usher or Children and Family Ministry staff any time!

#### **Sunday Enrichments and Events:**

**Celebration Sunday, TODAY, Sunday, April 14 | Great Hall | 11:15 a.m.** (see back of bulletin for more information)

Sunday Enrichment with Didier Seminar Speaker Stephen J. Patterson Sunday, April 21 | 11:15 a.m. | Sanctuary

Join us after worship for a question and answer session with Stephen J. Patterson.

#### THE APPROACH TO GOD

#### **Prelude**

Festival Intrada Nocturne in E minor The Bells of Hope; Timothy Short, Director arr. Hal Hopson Cynthia Dobrinski

#### Introit

Walk With Me
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

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#### †Processional Hymn (See Insert)

Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound Aaron David Miller, Organist LASST UNS ERFREUEN

#### + Eastertide Litany

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Leader: God is welcoming you to this place.

All: Come, all you who are weary, and find rest here.

Leader: God is calling you by name.

All: Come, all who are lost, for God is searching for you.

Leader: God knows your hearts.

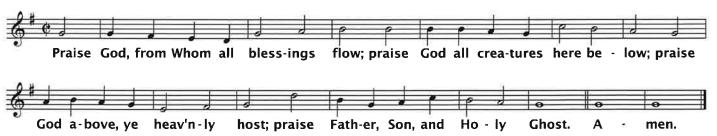
All: Come, all who are heartbroken and hurt, for God loves you.

Leader: God is welcoming you to this place.

All: Let us join our hearts in worship,

for Christ welcomes us all in this time and place. Amen.

#### <sup>+</sup> Doxology



#### **Welcome and Announcements**

#### **Bright Hope for Tomorrow**

**Bill Geery** 

#### - THE WORD OF GOD -

#### **Anthem**

Sing Unto God G. F. Handel

Sing unto God, and high affections raise,

To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.

#### **First Lesson**

Psalm 23 (OT, p. 501 in pew Bible)

**Sherwood Pomeroy** 

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

#### **The Sacrament of Baptism** — Grayson Beau Bergstrom

All: We welcome you with joy to Christ's church, and to our community,
The House of Hope. We promise to help you feel seen, supported, and loved,
to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with you and to serve the Gospel alongside
you. We promise to be a homeplace for you, and a reminder that you do not
journey alone. God is always with you, and we will be alongside you. Welcome.

#### <sup>†</sup>Congregational Response Hymn 492 (verses 1 & 3)

Baptized in Water BUNESSAN

During the baptismal response hymn, 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.

#### **Second Lesson**

John 10:11-18 (NT, pp. 103-104 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.** 

Sermon Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

A Place Called Home

#### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

#### † Hymn 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

**FAITHFULNESS** 

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

#### 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 a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105

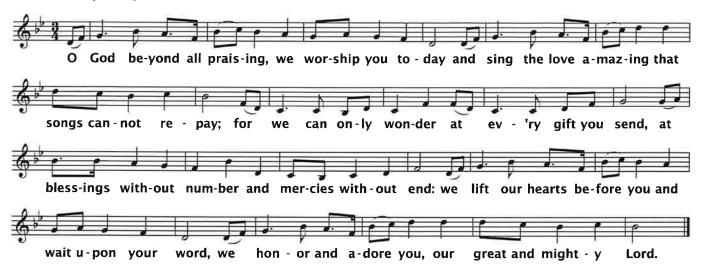
- **QR Code.** Please see insert.

#### **Offertory Anthem**

With a Voice of Singing Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all ye lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.

#### \*Offertory Response



- \* Prayer of Dedication
- \* Recessional Hymn 210 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

- \* Benediction
- \*Bagpipe Recession to the Great Hall

#### **Carillon Postlude**

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

**The Sacrament of Baptism** is celebrated today for Grayson Beau Bergstrom, child of Laura and Beau Bergstrom. Elder assisting is Leatha Wolter.

We respectfully request that photographs not be taken during the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please help us honor the sacrament and the prayerful attention of the congregation. Photographs may be taken in the sanctuary following the service.

**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.



# Recovering Lost Voices with Stephen J. Patterson and Elizabeth Schrader Polczer April 19 - 21

House of Hope is fortunate to have two leading biblical scholars for The Didier Seminar this year who are helping to recover lost voices from early Christianity: Stephen J. Patterson and Elizabeth Schrader Polczer.



#### **Stephen J. Patterson**

A scholar, teacher, and writer, Patterson is the George H. Atkinson endowed chair in Religious and Ethical Studies at Willamette University, where he teaches courses on the history of religion. He writes and lectures widely on the hidden histories of earliest Christianity, especially the lost gospels, Q, and the Gospel of Thomas. He will speak on his award-winning book: *The Forgotten Creed: Christianity's Original Struggle against Bigotry, Slavery, & Sexism.* 



#### Elizabeth Schrader Polczer

Elizabeth Schrader Polczer is Assistant Professor of New Testament at Villanova University, having recently defended her PhD in Early Christianity and New Testament at Duke University. Her studies focus on textual criticism, Mary Magdalene, and the Gospel of John. Elizabeth transitioned to religious scholarship after a career as a singer/songwriter. After writing a song about Mary Magdalene, Elizabeth enrolled in the M.A. program at General Theological Seminary.

## Register at https://bit.ly/Didier2024 Learn more at https://bit.ly/HOHDidierSeminar

#### Friday, April 19:

6:30 p.m. Dessert Reception and book sale with Subtext Books

7:30 p.m. Lecture by Stephen H. Patterson

Saturday, April 20:

9:30 a.m. Lecture by Elizabeth Schrader Polczer

11 a.m. A Conversation with Patterson and Schrader Polczer

**Sunday, April 21:** 

10 a.m. Worship with Stephen J. Patterson preaching 11:15 a.m. Enrichment: Q&A with Stephen J. Patterson

#### Now Let the Vault of Heaven Resound



### Baptized in Water

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BUNESSAN 5.5.8.5.5.9



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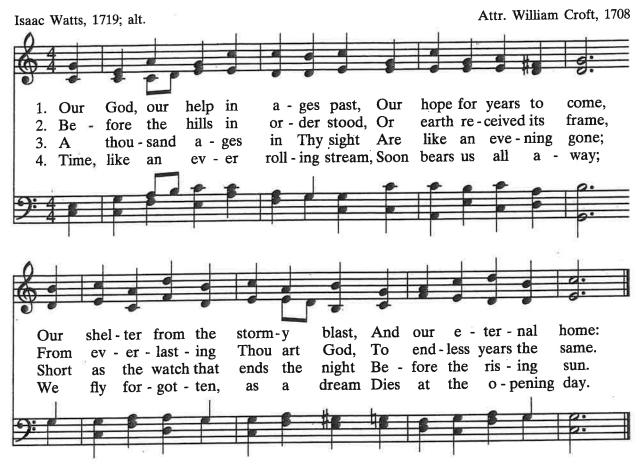
## Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain



## Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE CM



5. Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come, Be Thou our guard while life shall last, And our eternal home.



# **News & Opportunities**

April 14 - 21, 2024

#### CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery-Preschool | 8:45 & 10:45 a.m. Nursery Rm

**Spring 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 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

3rd Grade Bible Classes | Sundays, April 21 and 28 | 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Room 7 Third

graders and their caregivers are invited to learn about the Bible as they prepare to receive Bibles in worship on Sunday, May 5. Any fourth or fifth grader who did not receive a Bible in past years—or didn't participate in classes before are welcome.

#### YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Pre-Worship Gathering

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

Confirmation Wednesdays in April Youth Room | 6:30 p.m. Gather by the center door to Summit. Please R.S.V.P. so that we know who to look for.

**Lunch and a Movie | Sunday, April 21 Nearby theater 11:15 a.m. - 3 p.m.** Gather in the Youth Room so we can carpool. We'll grab lunch near the theater. Bring money for the movie and lunch. Please R.S.V.P. for planning transportation.

**Sunday Night Youth Group, April 28 | Room 7 6-8 p.m.** We'll do a pot-luck dinner together, a little conversation and then time for games in the church!

#### Upcoming

#### **Visit the HOH Choir School!**

## Wednesday, April 17 | Choir School Room 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Kindergarten/1st/2nd graders are invited to visit The Choir School for music, games, singing, and treats. Email Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan by April 15 to sign up: SofiaA@hohchurch.org.

#### **HOH Church Directory: Sign up for Photos**

Work on our new church directory is underway, and you can now sign up for directory photos after worship on Sundays, or online. Online scheduling is open Monday-Saturday at:

**bit.ly/HOH2024Directory** or use the QR code and enter the following:

Church Code: mn452 Password: photos

#### **Photography Schedule:**

Tuesday, May 7 - Friday, May 10 from 2 - 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 11 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Call the church for assistance or with questions.

#### **Sunday-Weekday Connections**

#### Tuesday, April 30 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Sunday-Weekday Connections is a gathering of women for fellowship, a meal, and a guest speaker. **Emily Brenengen** will be our speaker sharing about her life, family, and history at House of Hope. Please R.S.V.P. by April 26 at: https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday

#### **Temporary HOH Library**

A selection of books from the church library is available in Room 3 in the East Wing during regular office hours.

Thank you to our neighbor congregations, Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church and St. Clement Episcopal Church, for loaning additional handbells to the Bells of Hope for today's service.

#### Week Beginning April 14, 2024

Celebration Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:00 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm. Youth Pre-Worship Gathering, Youth Rm 9:40 a.m. 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. Alleluia Choir, Room 15 Social Hour, Kirk Parlour 11 a.m. 11:15 a.m. Celebration Sunday, Great Hall

Monday, April 15, 2024

11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom6 p.m. AA, Great Hall/Dining Rooms A&B6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 11/Youth Room

Tuesday, April 16, 2024

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
1 p.m. Adult Group Voice Class, Choir School Rm
6:30 p.m. Joint Deacon/Session Meeting, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, April 17, 2024

9:30 a.m.
10 a.m.
1:30 p.m.
4:30 p.m.
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4:30 p.m.
5tephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
Visit Choir School Day, Choir School Rm
Choir School Rehearsals, Sanctuary
p.m.
5tephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
Confirmation, Youth Room

7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Randolph Heights

Thursday, April 18, 2024

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom 10 a.m. Library Committee, Room 3

2:30 p.m. Didier Meeting, Room 1

5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour

Friday, April 19, 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

6:30 p.m. Didier Seminar Reception, Kirk Parlour

7:30 p.m. Didier Seminar, Sanctuary

Saturday, April 20, 2024

9 a.m. Didier Seminar Reception, Kirk Parlour

9:30 am Didier Seminar, Sanctuary

**Sunday, April 21, 2024** 

9:40 a.m. Youth Pre-Worship Gathering, Youth

Room

9:45 a.m. Nursery, Nursery Room10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 4 and 7

11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11 a.m. 3rd Grade Bible Class, Room 7
11 a.m. Youth Education Hour, Youth Room

11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Sanctuary

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.

## You're invited to Celebration Sunday!

### TODAY, Sunday, April 14 Great Hall | 11:15 a.m.

In worship, we begin our congregation wide kick-off for the *Bright Hope for Tomorrow* campaign. Following worship, we will celebrate with a party in the Great Hall immediately after the service. There will be tours of the new boiler and more fun surprises. Join us as we celebrate the bright future of House of Hope!



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Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Transitional Associate Pastor for Faith Formation and Lifelong Learning



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