

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The first music I learned, Bach’s first cello suite, to me contains all the variety of nature at play: symmetry and asymmetry, regularity and irregularity, and the joy of infinite variety.”

- Yo-Yo Ma

Confirmation Sunday | May 5, 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.

**Today is Confirmation Sunday!** We will welcome this year's confirmation class in worship. Following the congregational meeting, all are welcome to greet our new members and enjoy cake in the Kirk Parlour. Also, our 3rd Graders and Rising-Kindergarteners will be presented with Bibles.

### Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Children are invited to worship as part of their faith formation 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!

**Enrichment and Upcoming Events:** House of Hope has installed a **Hearing Loop** in the sanctuary! A hearing loop is a wire that circles a room and is connected to the sound system. The signal is then picked up by the telecoil equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants. If you have a telecoil (t-coil) hearing aid, you may want to visit your audiologist to assist you in learning how to use it in the sanctuary. **TODAY, May 5, Rick Korinek of Midwest Hearing Loop will make a presentation about the hearing loop in the sanctuary at 11:15 a.m.**

**The House of Hope Choir School Spring Concert: *Going Home***  
**Sunday, May 19 | Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.** All are welcome to the final Choir School concert of the season in the sanctuary and streamed at hohchurch.org. Come experience the beauty of our choristers' voices as we close out our 41st Season!

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Fugue in G Minor, BWV 542  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

### Introit

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

Buxtehude

### + Processional Hymn 455

*All Creatures of our God and King* (Verses 1-3, 6)

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### + Eastertide Affirmation (unison)

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Leader: We will keep the commandments that Jesus taught:

**All: In that we love one another.**

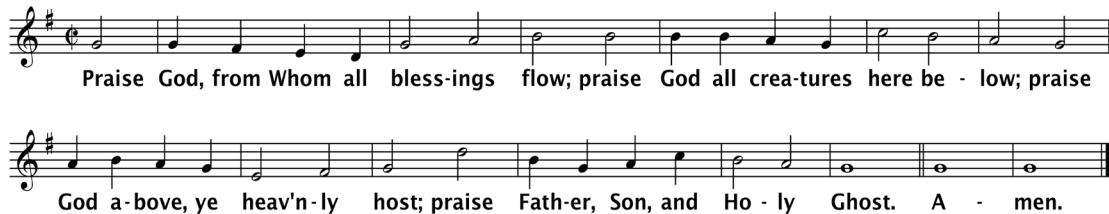
Leader: We will baptize with water, inviting God's Spirit:

**All: In that our joy may be complete.**

Leader: We will join our lives in love to the world:

**All: In that God's reign of righteousness and equity blossoms for all creation.**

### + Doxology



Praise God, from Whom all bless-ings flow; praise God all crea-tures 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

### Minute for Mission

Ava Mayer and Zora Vorhes

## **Anthem**

*One Voice*

Robert J. Powell

St Cecilia and St Nicholas Choirs; Sofia Ardan, Director; Timothy Short, Piano

One voice is all we have to sing our maker's praise.  
So worthy is the God of grace who blesses all our days.  
Holy, holy, holy, we are God's delight.  
We sing with joy, lift every note and send it to the light.

One life is all we have to share the gifts received,  
Perfecting kindness, strength, and faith to honor God in peace.  
Holy, holy, holy, we are God's delight.  
We sing with joy, lift every note and send it to the light.

One heart is all we have to offer God above,  
Returning thanks for every gift, our sacrifice of love.  
Holy, holy, holy, we are God's delight.  
We sing with joy, lift every song to shine in heaven's light!  
*-Beverly Easterling*

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## **THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **Third Grade and Rising-Kindergarten Bible Presentation and Blessing**

**Dear God, thank you for creating us in your image. Guide these children and their families as they read, ask questions, and respond to these sacred stories. Teach us to follow Jesus, as we care for the world and everyone in it. Amen.**

*Following the blessing, children are invited to stay in the service with their caregivers.*

### **Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 98 (NT, pp. 551-552 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **Meditation**

*Community that Heals*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### + Hymn 339

*Be Thou My Vision*

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### Presentation of Confirmands

Becky Mayer

### The Rite of Confirmation

### Laying on of Hands

### Welcoming the Confirmands (unison)

**With joy and thanksgiving  
we welcome you to share with us  
in the ministry of Christ,  
for we are all one in him.**

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

**God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.**

## 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

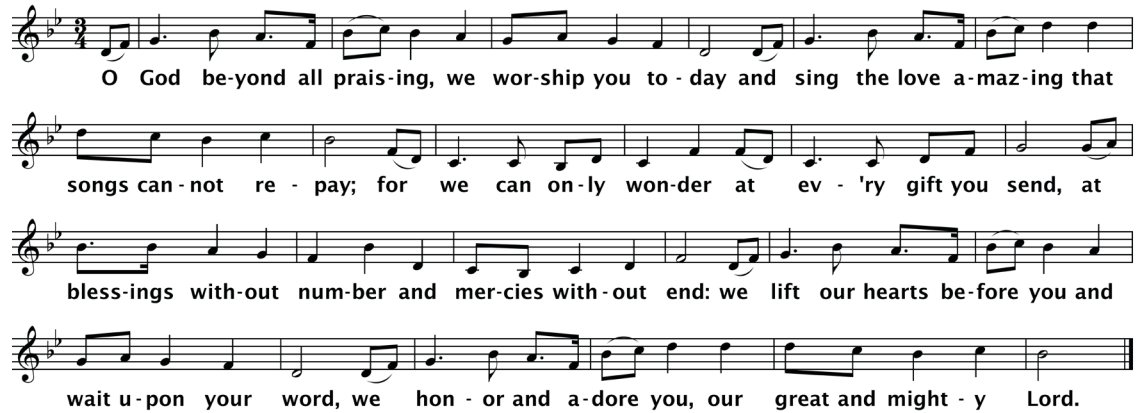
*Cantate Domino*

Heinrich Schütz

Cantate Domino canticum novum;  
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.  
Laetetur Israël in eo qui fecit eum,  
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.  
Laudent nomen ejus in choro;  
in tympano et psalterio psallant ei.

*Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle:  
let his praise be in the church of the saints.  
Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:  
and let the children of Sion be joyful in their king.  
Let them praise his name in choir:  
let them sing to him with the timbrel and the psaltery.*

## + 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 411

*Arise, Your Light Is Come*

FESTAL SONG

## + Benediction

**Congregational Meeting** (*See Insert for Officer Nominees*)

**Carillon Postlude**

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in honor of the Confirmation Class of 2024.

**Third-Graders and Rising-Kindergarteners will receive Bibles in worship today.**



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 Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Transitional Associate Pastor  
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