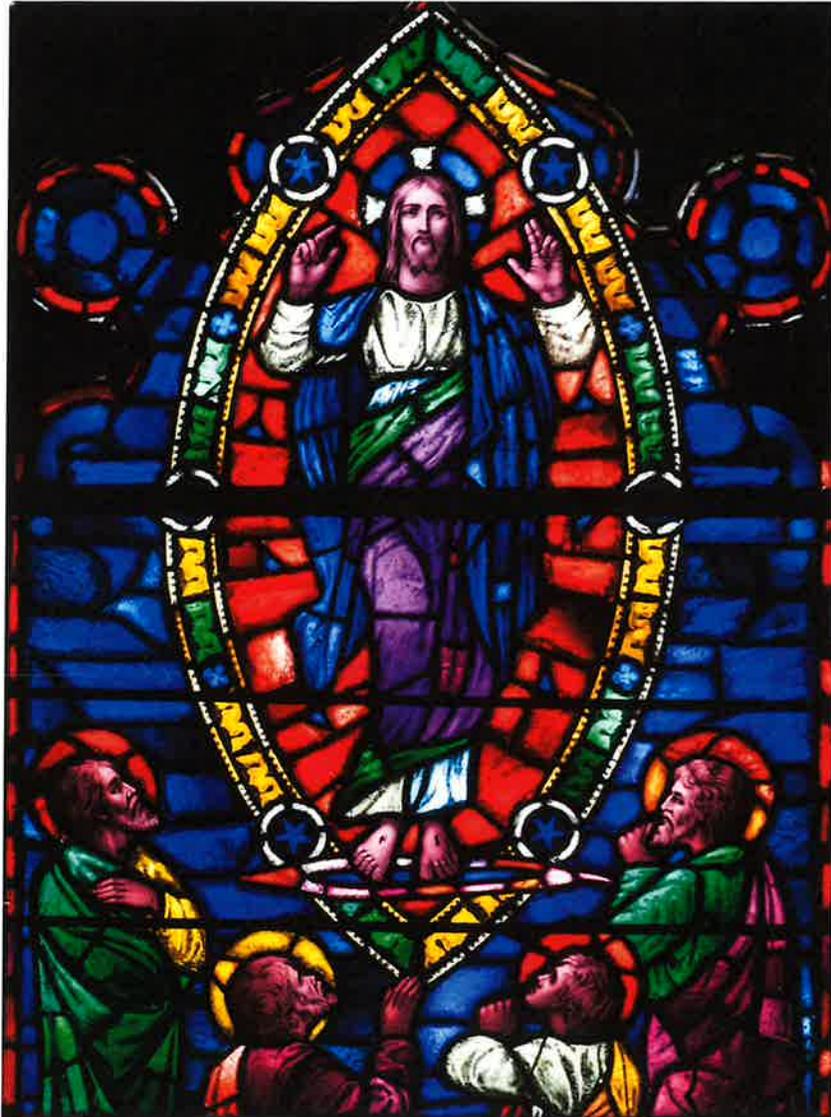


# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"In Acts, when Jesus is 'taken up to heaven', this is not a spatial claim, but an announcement that Jesus has been taken up 'into the very life that is now forthcoming toward us.' Heaven is God's unbounded love breaking into every situation, stronger than any loss, even death. We don't go to heaven; heaven comes to us." - Thomas G. Long

Ascension of the Lord | May 12, 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!

## **New Member Class Today, Sunday May 12 | 11:15 a.m. | Room 1**

If you are interested in membership or learning more about House of Hope, please join us!

## **Upcoming Events:**

### **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](http://hohchurch.org). Come experience the beauty of our choristers' voices as we close out our 41st Season!

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Nocturne in E minor  
Mfurahini, Halleluya! (*Christ Has Risen, Alleluia!*)  
The Bells of Hope; Timothy Short, Director

Cynthia Dobrinski  
Cathy Moklebust, Tanzanian Easter Carol

### Introit

Sanctus  
The Motet Choir, Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Franz Schubert

### + Processional Hymn 476

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*  
Mark Overman, Guest Organist

LYONS

### + Eastertide Affirmation

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples!

**All: Shout to God with loud songs of joy!**

Leader: With praise and thanksgiving worship God,

**All: who reigns in majesty above the mighty waters.**

Leader: We will not stand looking up toward heaven,

**All: for God is moving in this place!**

### + 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

#### *Bright Hope for Tomorrow*

Kristina MacKenzie

## **Anthem**

*Cantate Domino*

Giuseppe Pitoni

Cantate Domino canticum novum  
Laus eius in ecclesia sanctorum  
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum  
Et filiae Sion exultent in rege suo.

*Sing 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.*

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## **THE WORD OF GOD**

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### **First Lesson**

Luke 24:44-53 (NT, p. 91 in pew Bible)

Ann Geery

Leader: 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.*

### **Second Lesson**

Acts 1:1-11 (NT, p. 118 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

*Above and Beyond*

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### + Hymn 298

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

IN BABILONE

**Affirmation of Faith** — Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**Life in Christ is life eternal.  
The resurrection of Jesus is the sign  
that God will consummate the work of creation  
and reconciliation beyond death  
and bring to fulfillment the new life begun in Christ.**

### **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

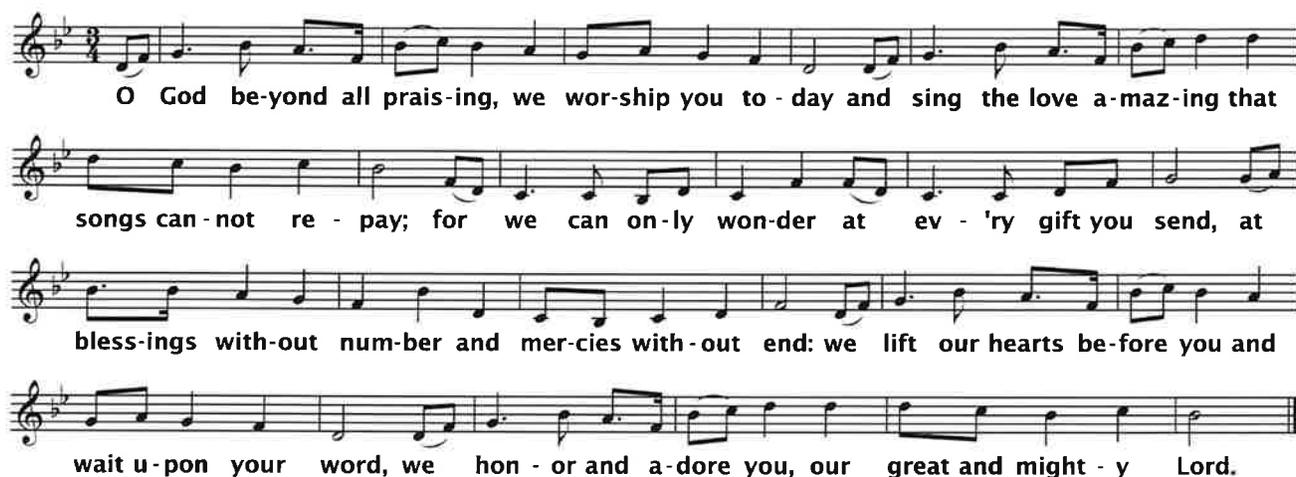
*How Goodly are Thy Tents*

F.A. Gore Ouseley

How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob: and thy tabernacles, O Israel.

As the valleys are they spread forth: as gardens by the river side.

## + 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 423

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*

DUKE STREET

## + Benediction

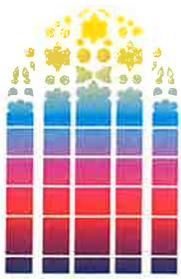
## Postlude

*Fantasia in g minor*

Hubert Parry

## Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur



### **A Strong Start to our Capital Campaign!**

Thank you to those who have made a pledge or gift to our *Bright Hope for Tomorrow* Capital Campaign! As of May 8, commitments of \$4,050,378 have been received from 124 individuals or families.

The funds we raise will provide our congregation with a comfortable place to pray, celebrate, learn, and also expand our role as good neighbors. We're proud to be a significant source of outreach, spiritual life, art, and music to this community. A building that is sound and inviting will renew our focus on hospitality, welcoming congregants and guests to worship as well as gatherings and activities.

Our hope is that you will prayerfully consider how you will participate in this vitally important campaign. All gifts are important to the success of the campaign.

**We invite you to join us in worship next Sunday, May 19 for Announcement Sunday**, where we will celebrate the current pledge total for our *Bright Hope for Tomorrow* Capital Campaign.

### **Upcoming Congregational Summer Events:**

#### **Summer Celebration Sunday, June 9**

Fun for all ages: games, activities, and book sales! Ice cream treats and more! Watch for more information in late May!

#### **St. Paul Pride Festival Saturday, June 15 | Rice Park**

HOH will have a booth, featuring our Children, Youth, and Family Ministry programs. We'd love to have families and HOH members volunteer to help! Contact Jimmy Hoke: [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

#### **Neighborhood Puppet Show: *Molly and the Magic Boot* Sunday, June 23 | Summit Lawn**

Join us for a fun, free family event on the front lawn of the House of Hope. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and be prepared to be entertained!

#### **Summer Carillon Recital Series July 4 and Sundays in July**

#### **Overnight to Sugarloaf Cove Nature Center | Schroeder, MN Friday and Saturday | July 19-20**

#### **Movie in the HOH Park Saturday, August 17 | 7:45 p.m.**

## 476 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS 10.10.11.11

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806); alt.

1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!  
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,  
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,  
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?

O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;  
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.  
 Al - might - y, Thy power hath found - ed of old;  
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;

Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -  
 The char - iots of heaven the deep thun - der - clouds form, And  
 Hath stab - lished it fast by a change - less de - cree, And  
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And

vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.  
 bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.  
 round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.  
 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
 Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

## 298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody  
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God'smer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
 2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God'sjus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
 And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won-der - ful - ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;  
 If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.  
 And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.



# 423 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET LM

John Hatton (d. 1793)

Isaac Watts, 1719, alt.

Desc. David McKinley Williams, 1959

*Descant*

5. Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring Hon - ors pe -

1. Je - sus shall reign where - e'er the sun Does its suc -  
 2. To Him shall end - less prayer be made, And prais - es  
 3. Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue Dwell on His  
 4. Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er He reigns; The pris - oners

cu - liar to our King; An - gels de - scend with

ces - sive jour - neys run, His king - dom stretch from  
 throng to crown His head; His name, like sweet per -  
 love with sweet - est song, And in - fant voic - es  
 leap to lose their chains, The wea - ry find e -

songs a - gain, And earth re - peat the loud A - men!

shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.  
 fume, shall rise With ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.  
 shall pro - claim Their ear - ly bless - ings on His name.  
 ter - nal rest, And all who suf - fer want are blest.

5. Let every creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen!



# News & Opportunities

May 12 - 19, 2024

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

Nursery-Preschool | 8:45 & 10:45 a.m. Nursery Rm  
Sunday School | 10:10 a.m. | Rooms 4 & 7

### Spring Sunday School Teachers & Helpers

We always welcome new volunteers to help with Sunday School! We have an easy-to-implement curriculum that requires minimal prep and helps leaders feel equipped to discuss faith with our kiddos. Please sign up to help! [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

### May Tween Event

May 17 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. We will celebrate fifth graders as they transition into the youth program in the fall, and we will welcome third graders to join us, in preparing for the fall. Third, fourth, and fifth graders are welcome to join us for fun!

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: [ElsaK@hohchurch.org](mailto:ElsaK@hohchurch.org)

### Pre-Worship Gathering

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

### Sunday Night Youth Group

May 26 | Room 7 | 6-8 p.m. We'll enjoy a pot-luck dinner together followed by games in the church!

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## Sunday Morning Scripture Readers

Are you interested in being added to our rotation of people who read the first lesson scripture reading on Sunday mornings? We're always looking for more people to assist with this special task, and we invite you to sign up. Sign up by contacting Mark Schwister in the Church office at [MarkS@hohchurch.org](mailto:MarkS@hohchurch.org) or 651-227-6311.

**You're Invited!** Next Sunday, May 19, is **Pentecost and Music Sunday** featuring The Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra offering Mozart's *Coronation Mass*, K. 317 in worship.

May 19 is also **Announcement Sunday**, where we will celebrate the current pledge total that has been received for our Capital Campaign, *Bright Hope for Tomorrow!*

Then, at 11:15 a.m. you're invited to **House of Hope Choir School's Spring Concert Going Home** in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

**Great Decisions: High Seas Biodiversity Treaty with Christi Siver: Tuesday, May 14 Kirk Parlour | 3 p.m.**

The world's oceans are a source of great beauty and biodiversity that we are still just at the beginning of understanding and appreciating. The recent High Seas Biodiversity Treaty offers a unique opportunity to protect these environments and better understand them. It also breathes new life into the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea which provides important safety and security benefits to all nations.

## Save the Dates:

### Habitat for Humanity Faith Builders

June 3-7 | 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

The project is a house rehab in Roseville, and it is a good project for volunteers who prefer to avoid ladders and scaffolding. No experience required. Volunteers must be 18 or older, or 16 and accompanied by a parent. Contact Dave Olsen: [dwo823@yahoo.com](mailto:dwo823@yahoo.com). Sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly/FaithBuilders2024>

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



## The Saint Paul Farmers' Market has returned!

The Saint Paul Farmers' Market returned to House of Hope on Friday, May 10, and will run every Friday from 1:15 - 5 p.m. through October 25 in the Holly or Portland parking lots.

### Community Garden Volunteers:

New volunteers are always welcome for our Community Garden! Even if you can only help out a couple times, it all contributes to creating the 1000+ lbs. of delicious and nutritious food each year for our neighbors. Volunteers of all ages, abilities, experience levels, and schedules are welcome—there are jobs to fit everyone, including delivering the food to the food pantries. We'll begin in early May. To join the email list: [houseofhopegarden@gmail.com](mailto:houseofhopegarden@gmail.com) or contact Elizabeth Karre.

## Week Beginning May 12, 2024

### Sunday, May 12, 2024

- 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
- 11:15 a.m. New Member Class, Room 1

### Monday, May 13, 2024

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Judie Cooper's Home/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Peace and Justice Committee, Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Great Hall/Dining Rooms A&B
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 11/Youth Room

### Tuesday, May 14, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Room 1/Zoom
- 7 p.m. Personnel Committee, Zoom

### Wednesday, May 15, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. Wednesday Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 4:30 p.m. Choir School Dress Rehearsal and Dinner, Sanctuary/Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5

### Thursday, May 16, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Library Committee, Room 3
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour
- 5:30 p.m. Budget Committee, Zoom

### Friday, May 17, 2024

- 8 a.m. Women's Breakfast Group, Kirk Parlour
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 10:30 a.m. Developing for the Future Committee Meeting, Room 1/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Tweens Event

### Pentecost/Music Sunday, May 19, 2024

- 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
- 11:15 a.m. Choir School Spring Concert, Sanctuary
- 12 p.m. Choir School Concert Reception, Kirk Parlour

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org).



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**Clergy**

- Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Transitional Pastor
- Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson, Senior Associate Pastor  
 for Spiritual Life and Care
- Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Transitional Associate Pastor  
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