

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"To begin anything  
— a new practice, a  
new project, a new  
love — is to cast upon  
yourself a spell against  
stagnation.

Beginnings are notation  
for the symphony of  
the possible in us.

They ask us to break  
the pattern of our  
lives and reconfigure  
it afresh — something  
that can only be done  
with great courage and  
great tenderness, for no  
territory of life exposes  
both our power and  
our vulnerability  
more brightly than a  
beginning."

- Maria Popova

Christ the King Sunday | November 24, 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**, 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 to the East Wing for Sunday School. Caregivers should pick their children up from the East Wing.
- **Worship:** Children may also engage their faith by remaining 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!

**Today, November 24 — Sue Zumberge of SubText Books**

**Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.** Sue Zumberge, owner of Subtext Books will be with us to make suggestions of books for holiday giving for all ages. Come to this presentation after the church service to get a good start on ideas for your Christmas gift-giving.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Aaron David Miller, Organist

### Introit

*Go Ye Into all the World*

Max Reger

Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

### +Processional Hymn 151

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

DIADEMATA

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**God of sacred and scandalous ways, we have so much still to learn.**

**By your grace, we have come to know love more deeply –**

**You draw us into the heart of wisdom, saving us from the lies of destruction,  
turning us towards hope that liberates.**

**But still, O God, we struggle to trust in you.**

**And so, when we are afraid, or hurt, or weary,  
we betray the very one who brought us thus far.**

**Search our hearts, O God, and see if there is any fear within us.**

**Meet us there with your good news that sets the captives free.**

**Forgive us from the harm we have done as we seek to harm no more.**


*(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 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

### 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.

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### First Lesson

Mercedes Sheldon

John 18:33-37 (NT, pp. 112-113 in pew Bible)

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 Children's Blessing, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk with staff and volunteers to the Narthex to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School.*

## Second Lesson

Revelation 1:4b-8 (NT, p. 245 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

*Thresholds and Thin Places*

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### + Hymn 441

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

ST. THOMAS

### + Affirmation of Faith — from the *Confession of 1967*

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

**We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus  
was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.**

**His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope  
when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience,  
the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith,  
repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ.**

**We believe that the new life takes shape in a community  
in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are.**

**We therefore accept ourselves and love others,  
knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.**

## 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

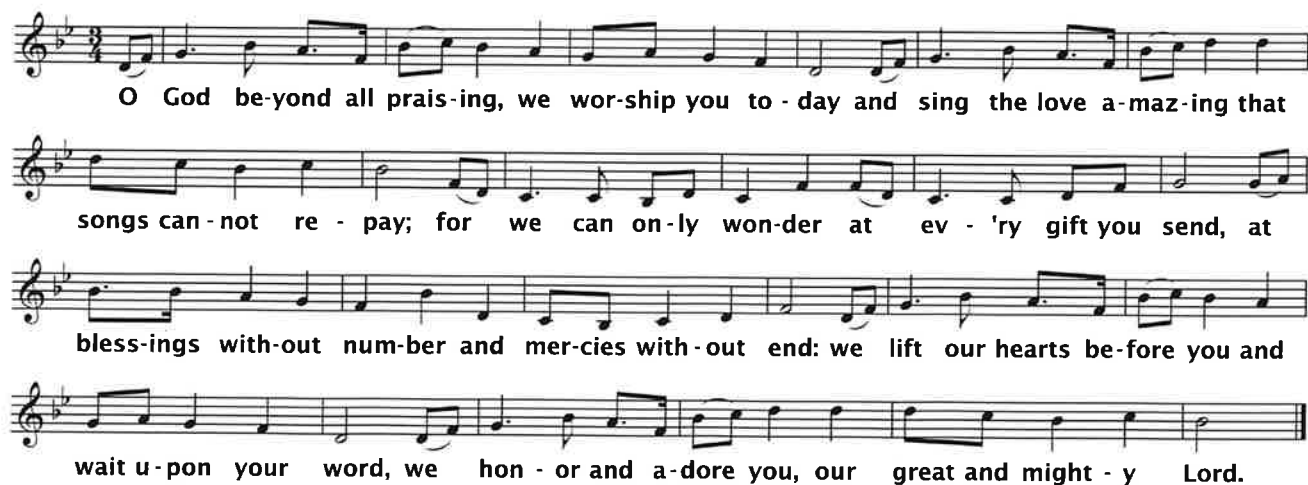
*Prayer of St. Columba*

Cecilia McDowall

Be Thou a bright flame before us,  
Be Thou a guiding star above us,  
Be Thou a smooth path below us,  
And be a kindly shepherd behind me.  
Today, tonight, and forever.

Drive us from all temptation and danger,  
Surround us on the sea of unrighteousness  
And in the narrows, crooks, and straits  
Keep thou our coracle, Keep it always,  
Today, tonight, and forever.

## + 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 551**

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

**+ Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**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.

**Special Note:** In today's scripture lesson there is a reference to the "Jews" that is especially prevalent in the Gospel of John, and has the power to fuel the impression that Jews as a people are responsible for the death of Jesus. Unfavorable New Testament references to "the Jews" do not refer to all Jews of the first century, and certainly not of the twenty-first. As a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA) we recognize that anti-Judaism is an affront and a contradiction to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



**Thanksgiving Eve Worship  
Wednesday, November 27 | 7 p.m.**

Thanksgiving Eve worship  
will be held in the sanctuary at 7 p.m.  
with music by the Motet Choir.

All are invited to join us in worship and giving thanks.

You are invited to bring non-perishable food items  
or make a financial donation  
that will be shared with the food pantries  
at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center  
and Neighborhood House.

*Praise the Lord! O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever. Psalm 106:1*

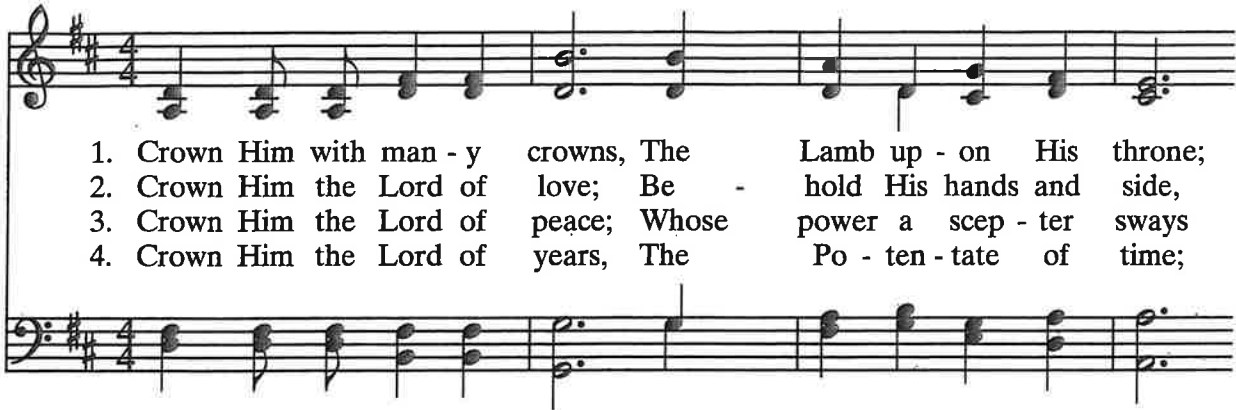
## Crown Him with Many Crowns

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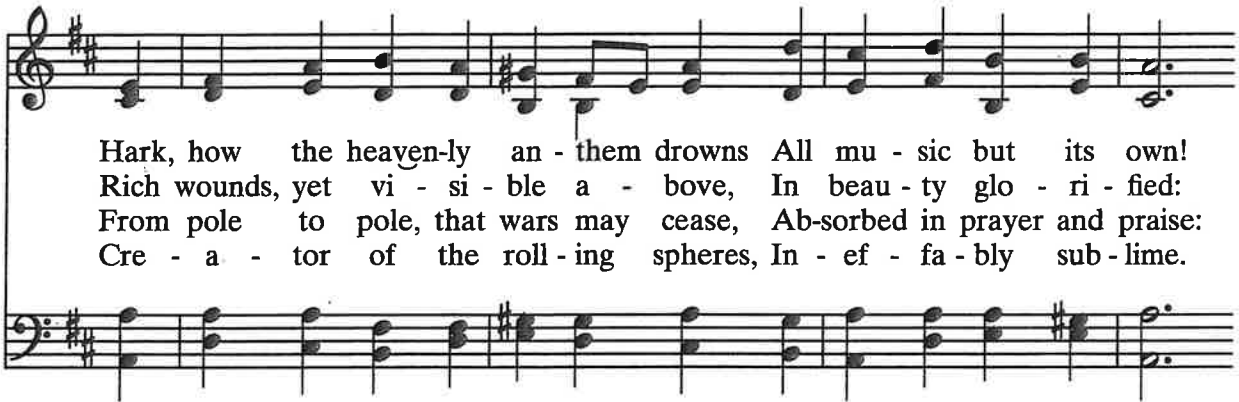
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Matthew Bridges, 1851

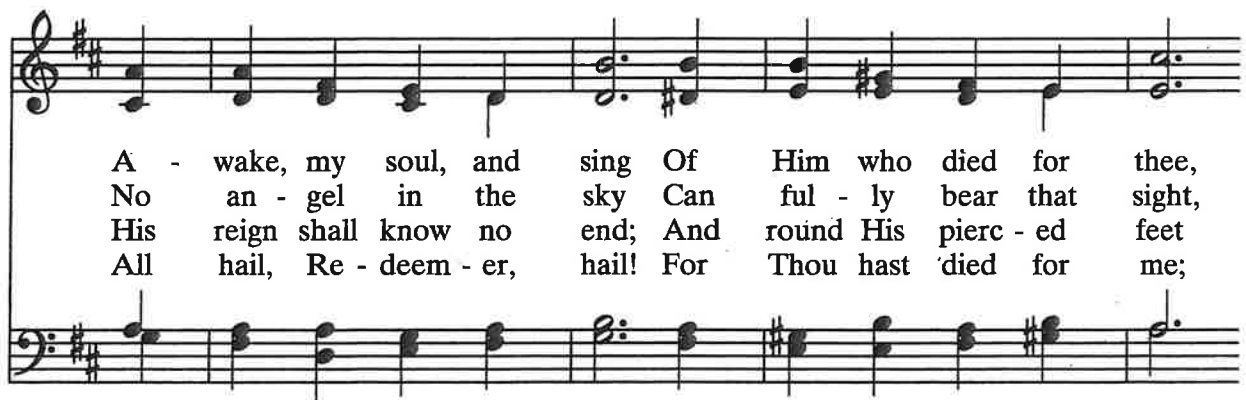
George Job Elvey, 1868



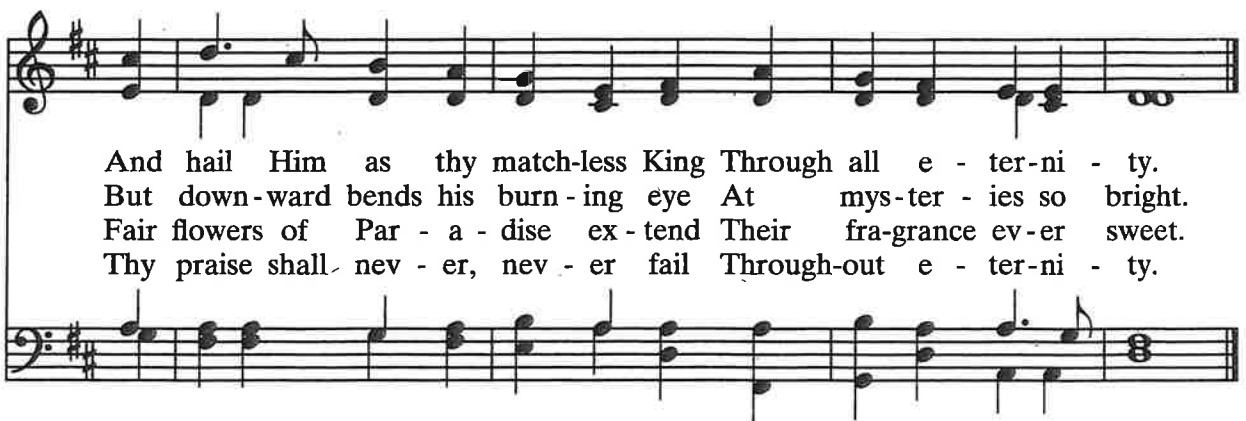
1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;  
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,  
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways  
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;



Hark, how the heav - en - ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!  
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,  
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pier - ed feet  
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast 'died for me;



And hail Him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.



# I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

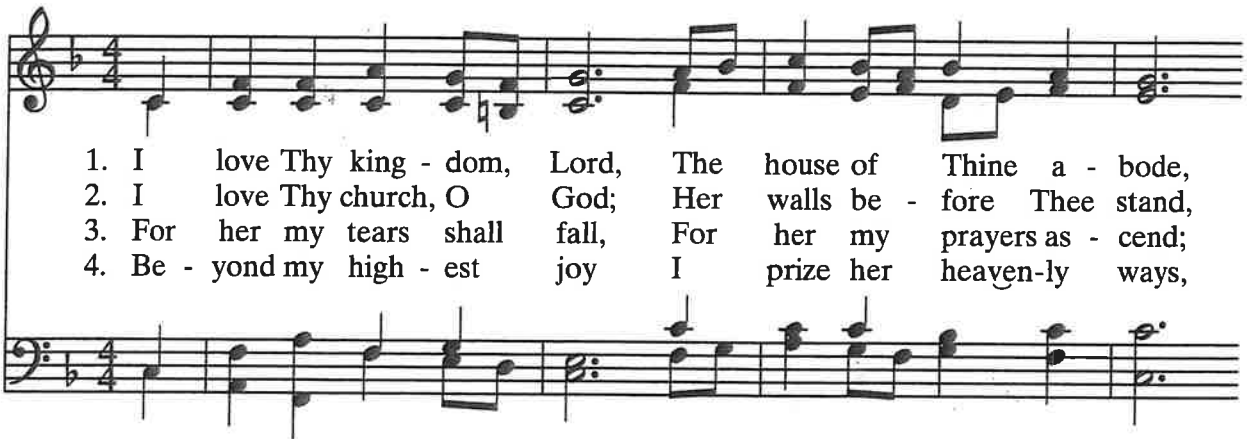
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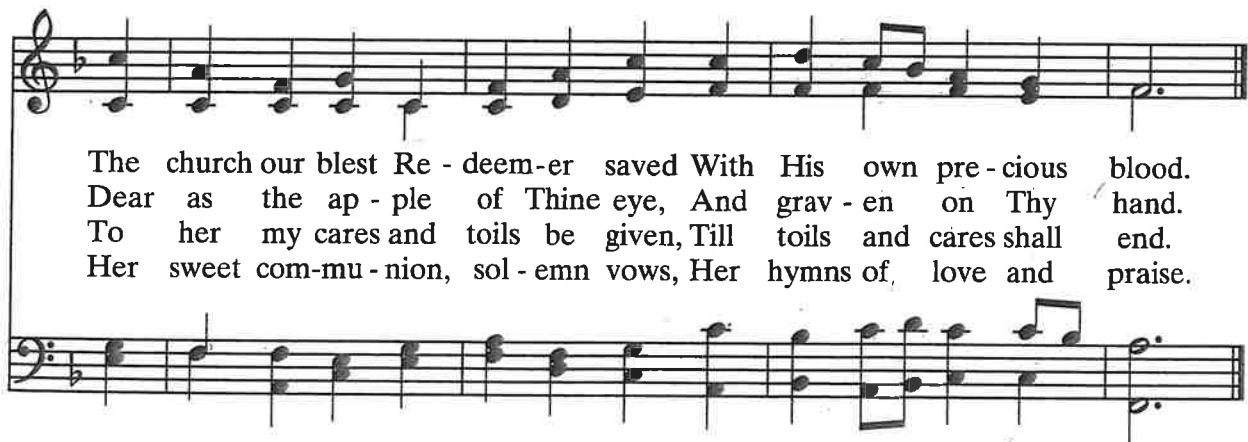
Timothy Dwight, 1800

*The Universal Psalmist*, 1763

Adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770



1. I love Thy king - dom, Lord, The house of Thine a - bode,  
2. I love Thy church, O God; Her walls be - fore Thee stand,  
3. For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers as - cend;  
4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven-ly ways,



The church our blest Re - deem-er saved With His own pre - cious blood.  
Dear as the ap - ple of Thine eye, And grav - en on Thy hand.  
To her my cares and toils be given, Till toils and cares shall end.  
Her sweet com-mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

5. Sure as Thy truth shall last,  
To Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield,  
And brighter bliss of heaven.

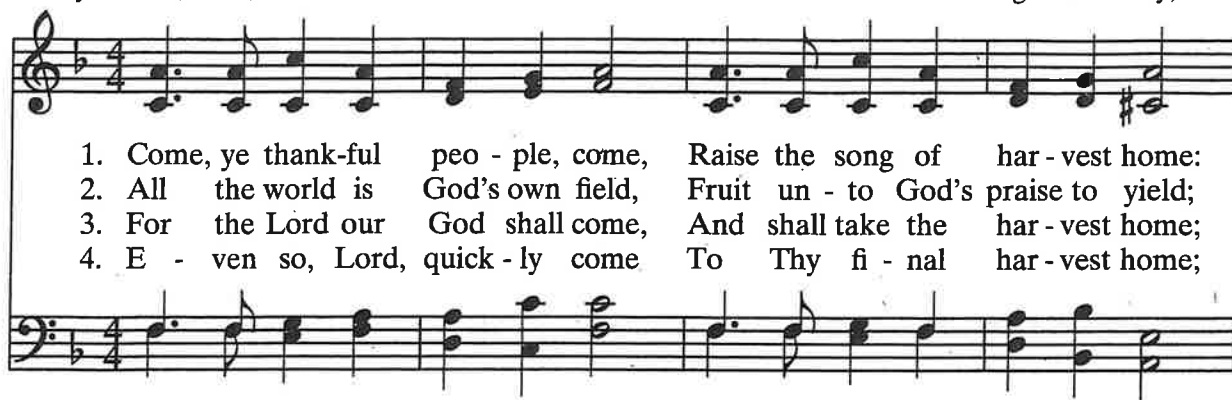
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## Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

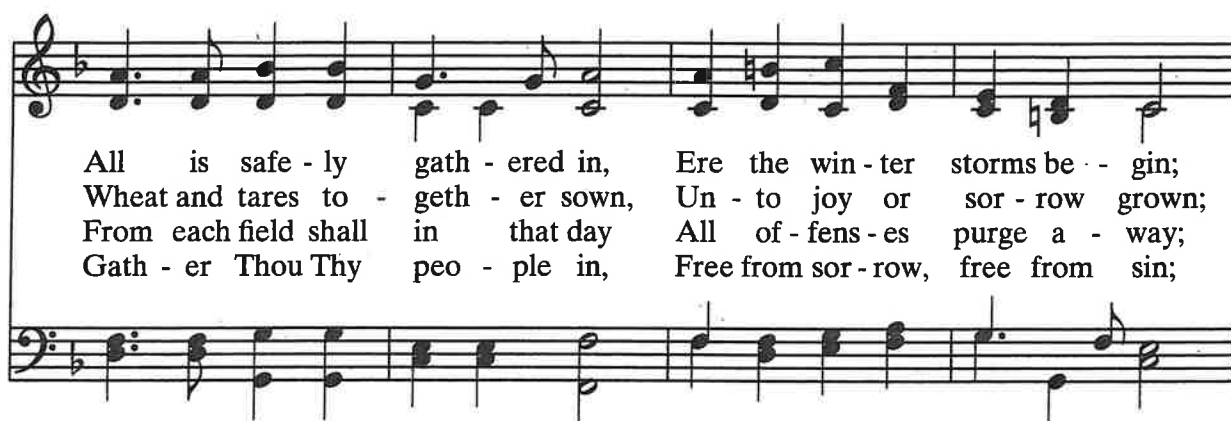
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Henry Alford, 1844; alt.

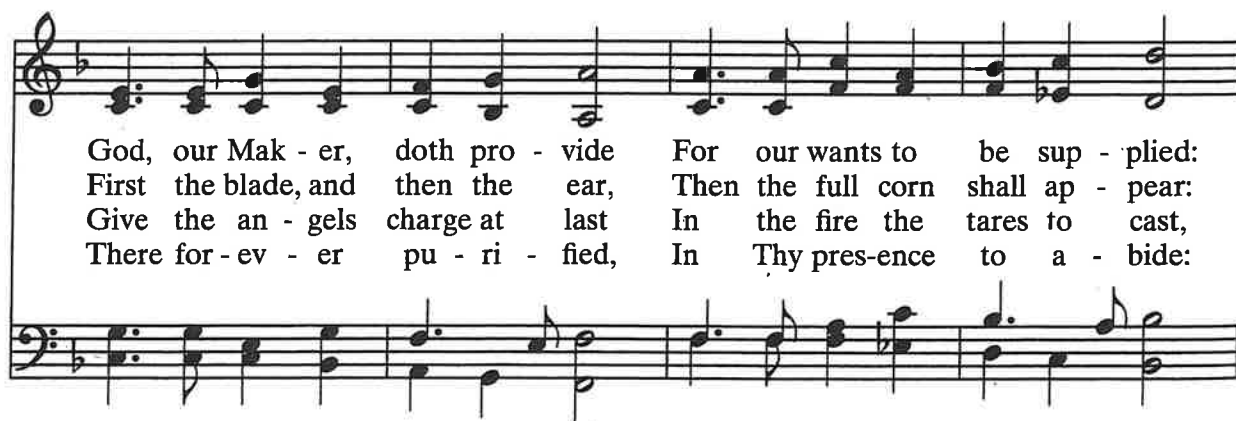
George Job Elvey, 1859



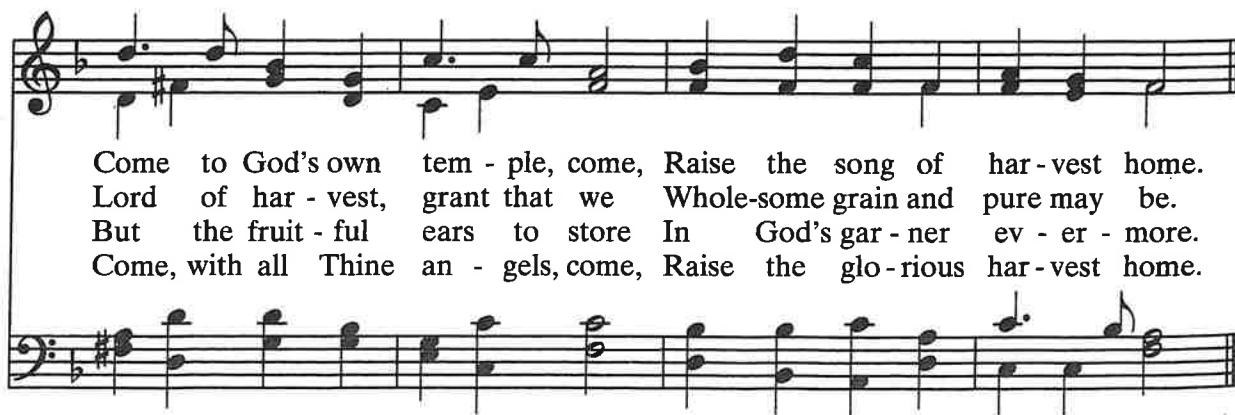
1. Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home;  
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to God's praise to yield;  
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take the har - vest home;  
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To Thy fi - nal har - vest home;



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the win - ter storms be - gin;  
 Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to joy or sor - row grown;  
 From each field shall in that day All of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er Thou Thy peo - ple in, Free from sor - row, free from sin;



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide For our wants to be sup - plied:  
 First the blade, and then the ear, Then the full corn shall ap - pear:  
 Give the an - gels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast,  
 There for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, In Thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 But the fruit - ful ears to store In God's gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 Come, with all Thine an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest home.



# News & Opportunities

November 24 – December 1, 2024

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8  
Children's Service | 10:15 a.m. | Chapel

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

**Sunday Youth Group:** November 24  
Youth Room | 6-8 p.m. | Grades 6-12 join us for  
games, dinner and a little discussion.

**Sign up for the Red Cross Blood Drive**  
**Wednesday, December 4 | Rooms A&B**  
**10 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

[www.redcrossblood.org/give](http://www.redcrossblood.org/give)  
Sponsor Code: houseofhope

Today and December 1, please visit the table  
outside Kirk Parlour to sign up.

**Save the Date! Carols and Christmas Cheer**  
**Open House Wednesday, December 18**  
**Assembly Room | 5 - 7 p.m.**

We're planning a Christmas celebration for our all  
ages of the congregation and our neighbors! Save  
the date and plan to join in the fun! We will have hors  
d'oeuvres, treats and beverages. Caroling will take  
place between 5:30 and 6 p.m.

Volunteers needed to assist with decorating and  
hosting the event. Sign up here:  
[bit.ly/CarolsAndChristmasCheer](https://bit.ly/CarolsAndChristmasCheer)

**Choir School Holiday Wreath/Plant Order**  
**Pick-up** Wednesday, December 4 | Porte Cochere  
Entrance | 4-6 p.m.

Join us for **The Great Advent Bake-Off** on  
**Sunday, December 8** after worship in the  
**Great Hall**. The Children and Family Ministry team  
is inviting House of Hope's most intrepid bakers to  
bring their best Christmas cookie recipe. Everyone  
who joins us will have the chance to sample, enjoy,  
and vote for their favorite cookie using Jingle  
Bells. There will be a special prize presented to the  
winner, in addition to bragging rights. We will also  
have coffee and festive drinks. This is a chance for  
fellowship and some friendly competition that will  
help families connect across House of Hope. Do  
you have a cookie recipe that you want to show  
off? Sign up to be a baker here:  
<https://bit.ly/HOH2024AdventBakeOff>

## Christmas Sponsor-A-Family

Our faith reminds us the Christmas season is about  
sharing with those most in need. We're planning  
to spread Christmas joy by providing gifts for  
approximately 60 families in partnership with some  
of our Mission Partners. Visit the church website  
under "Things to Know" on November 4 to find  
the SignUpGenius 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. Each family will receive a grocery  
store gift card. Don't like to shop? You can make a  
financial contribution by check with a notation of  
Sponsor-A-Family. Mail or drop off donations in the  
church office.

**Give online at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund:**  
**Other > Memo: Sponsor A Family**

**Drop off gifts at the church by December 8.**

If you have questions, contact Stacy Paleen at:  
[spaleen@yahoo.com](mailto:spaleen@yahoo.com)

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

## Winter Clothing Drive.

The Beacon Housing Leadership Team of the Peace and Justice Committee along with the Mission Outreach Committee and the HOH's Children and Family Ministry will have another winter clothing drive this fall before our Minnesota winter arrives. Working in partnership with Beacon Interfaith Housing Collaborative, we are focusing on new or **like-new warm outerwear including warm hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, wool socks, boots, jackets, snow pants (especially for kids) and coats.** Items can be for children and adults of all sizes. Clothing will be donated to several of our Mission Partners including Prior Crossing. Your clothing donations will be a source of warmth and comfort to many this winter and greatly appreciated. **Drop off donations in the Assembly Room by 9 a.m. on December 6.** Contact Lisa Yost for more information at [lyost@ramboll.com](mailto:lyost@ramboll.com)

## Week Beginning November 24, 2024

### Christ the King Sunday, November 24, 2024

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Library Committee, Library
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

### Monday, November 25, 2024

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

### Tuesday, November 26, 2024

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom

### Wednesday, November 27, 2024

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Bulletin Volunteers, Library
- 7 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship, Sanctuary

### Thursday, November 28, 2024

*Office and Building are closed in observance of Thanksgiving*

### Friday, November 29, 2024

*Office and Building are closed in observance of Thanksgiving*

### First Sunday of Advent, December 1, 2024

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 9:30 a.m. Sacred Bells, Room 5
- 9:30 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Children's Service, Chapel
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
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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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**Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson**, Senior Associate Pastor  
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**Rev. Phillip J. Romine**, Transitional Associate Pastor  
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House of Hope is a  
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