

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Today's readings invite us into a world of revelation and adventure, not unlike the invitations given by Dan Brown's *The Lost Symbol* or J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Lord of the Rings*. Perhaps Christians expect too little from God and too little from themselves. They see the world as flat and uninspiring when there are 'thin places' and 'portals' everywhere that lead into other dimensions." – Bruce G. Epperly

Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | February 9, 2025 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, today 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!

Welcoming Class - Today Sunday February 9 | Library | 11:15 a.m.

Whether you're new to House of Hope, or just want to know more about how our community works, join our Welcoming Class. This takes the place of our previous New Members Class, and provides information about church membership, as well as other ways to connect to community life at House of Hope. We'll get to know each other, learn about shared congregational values, and connect to opportunities to live out those values through our church life.

House of Hope Congregational Meeting Next Sunday, February 16 | Sanctuary

The Session has called a Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 16, following worship for the purpose of calling a Senior Pastor, Head of Staff and approving the Clergy Terms of Call. You will receive additional information by mail prior to the meeting.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Voluntary #2 in D
Maureen Armstrong, Guest Organist

Peter Prelleur

+Introit

Just as I am without one plea
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

+ProceSSIONAL Hymn 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Lord of hosts, Jesus of Galilee, Holy Spirit, forgive us for the ways we have fallen short.

You ask us to look to the margins and care for the lost; we center ourselves.

You ask us to give away; we grab for more. You ask us to love one another;

we cannot see beyond our divisions. The world is full of violence,

from the macro to the micro. Forgive us. Help us.

We call on you, our beloved, our help, our God, our hope.

Hear our silent confessions now.

(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

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Judy Brooks

Isaiah 6:1-8 (OT, pp. 635-636 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hugo Distler

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation!

O my soul, praise Him for He is thy Health and Salvation!

All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth.

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth;

Hast thou not seen how thy hearts wishes have been

Granted in what He ordaineth.

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

Luke 5:1-11 (NT, p. 62 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

Nothing But Net

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 419

How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

REPTON

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

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.

Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.

But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving all people.

The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

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.

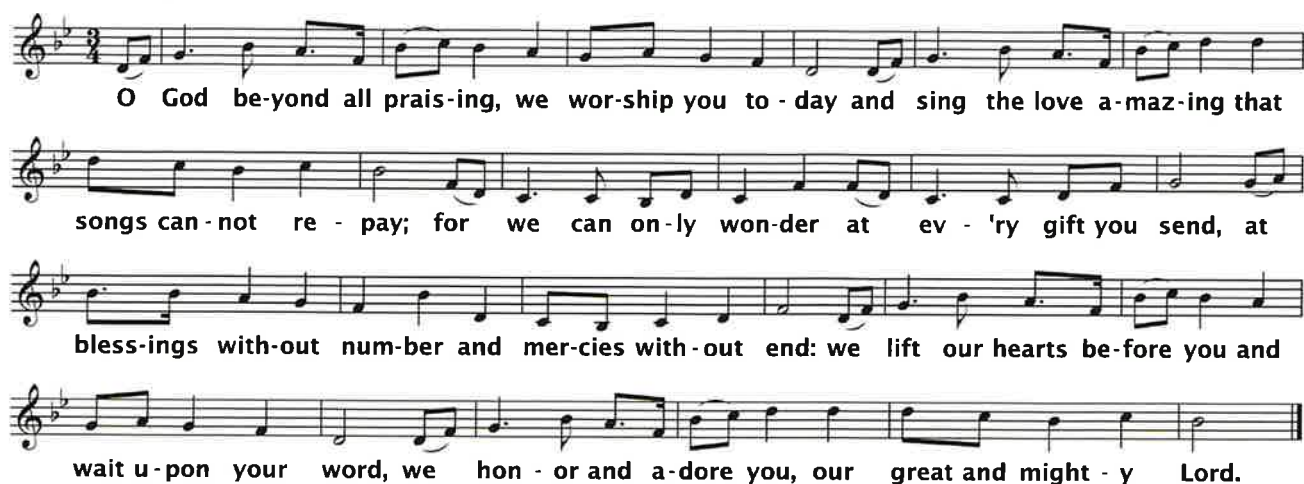
Offertory Anthem

I Will Praise Thee, O Lord

Knut Nystedt

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my heart;
I will show forth all thy marvelous works.
I will rejoice and be glad in thee:
I will sing praise to thy name,
O thou most High!

+ 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 145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

MARION

+ Benediction

Postlude

Carillon Postlude

David W. Johnson, Carillonneur Emeritus

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.

A Note from Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake about the House of Hope Foundation

Our February Anchor Newsletter featured an article describing recent actions of our governing bodies (Session and Trustees) to begin the process of establishing a new House of Hope Foundation in order to expand our fundraising and program capabilities. Visit hohchurch.org > About Us > Anchor Newsletter and Enews > February 2025

I am pleased to announce that we have hired a highly skilled professional to become the new Executive Director of this developing organization, Madeline Cieslak. As you will see in her bio, she brings a wealth of experience and a proven record in leading and developing nonprofit organizations. We are truly fortunate to have such a talented and gifted person joining our staff.

She has initially been hired as a part of the church staff and her salary will be paid for now out of the 2025 operating budget. Over the next few months she will work with our governing boards and other volunteers to get the Foundation organized and incorporated. Then, when this is completed, she will be the first employee of the new Foundation.

There will be an opportunity for members and friends of the congregation to meet Madeline in the Kirk Parlour after the Annual Meeting, following worship, on Sunday, February 23.



House of Hope is delighted to welcome Madeline Cieslak who will be the new Executive Director of the House of Hope Foundation. With over 25 years of experience in community arts education and nonprofit leadership, Madeline brings a deep commitment to fostering the arts as a vehicle for education, connection, and service.

A St. Paul native, Madeline has long been an advocate for the arts and a passionate community builder. She is also a former member and section leader of the Motet Choir, strengthening her deep ties to the House of Hope community and its mission.

For 17 years, Madeline served as the Executive Director of St. Joseph's School of Music (SJSM), providing visionary leadership, strategic direction, and program development while cultivating a vibrant community of artists, teachers, staff, and volunteers. Under her leadership, SJSM thrived, staying true to its faith-based mission of making high-quality music education accessible to all. One of her most significant accomplishments was overseeing the school's 2022 relocation, leading the planning and project management of the re-design and renovations within the historic Richards Gordon School. Most recently, she successfully orchestrated the merger of SJSM with the St. Paul Conservatory of Music, broadening the school's programming, funding opportunities, and community impact.

Madeline is a co-founder of the Minnesota Bach Ensemble, where she served as its first Managing Director, laying the groundwork for the ensemble's continued success. Prior to her career in nonprofit leadership, Madeline spent 15 years as a professional classical singer, performing across the country in both opera and concert.

Madeline holds a B.A. in Music and French from Wellesley College, with additional studies at the Université and Conservatoire d'Aix-Marseille in France. She earned a Master of Music in Voice from the University of Minnesota, followed by a Post-Graduate Diploma from the San Francisco Conservatory of Music and nonprofit executive education at the University of St. Thomas.

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LYONS 10.10.11.11

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

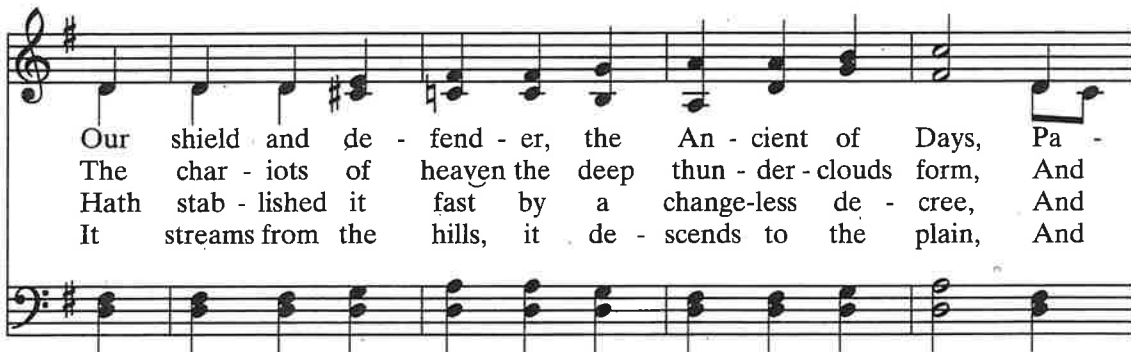
Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806); alt.



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.

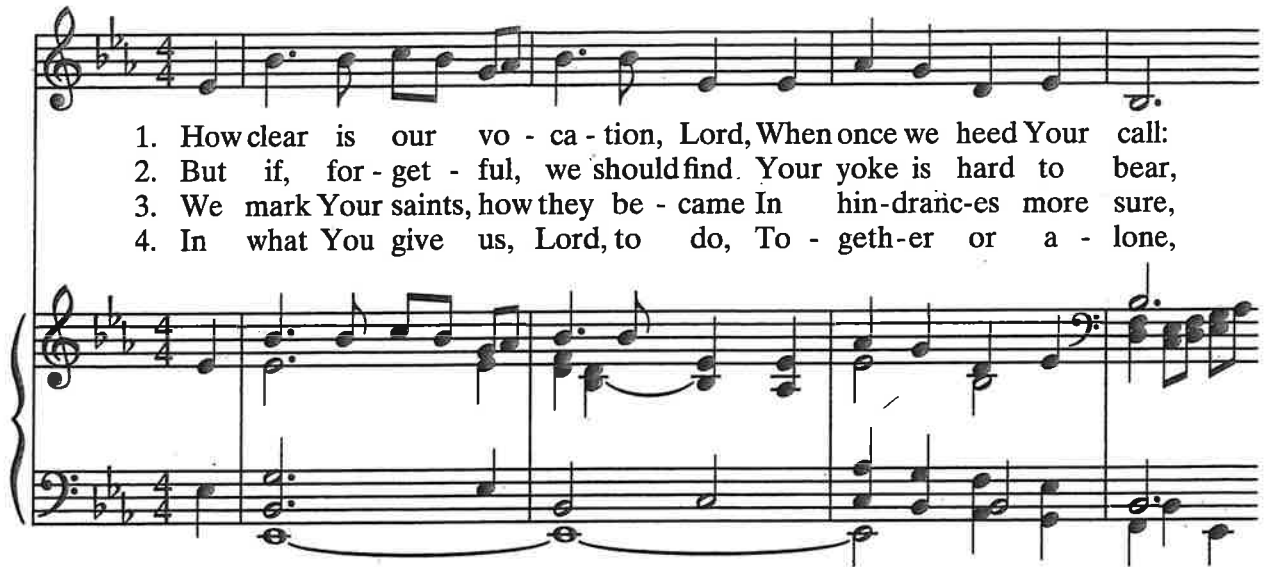
How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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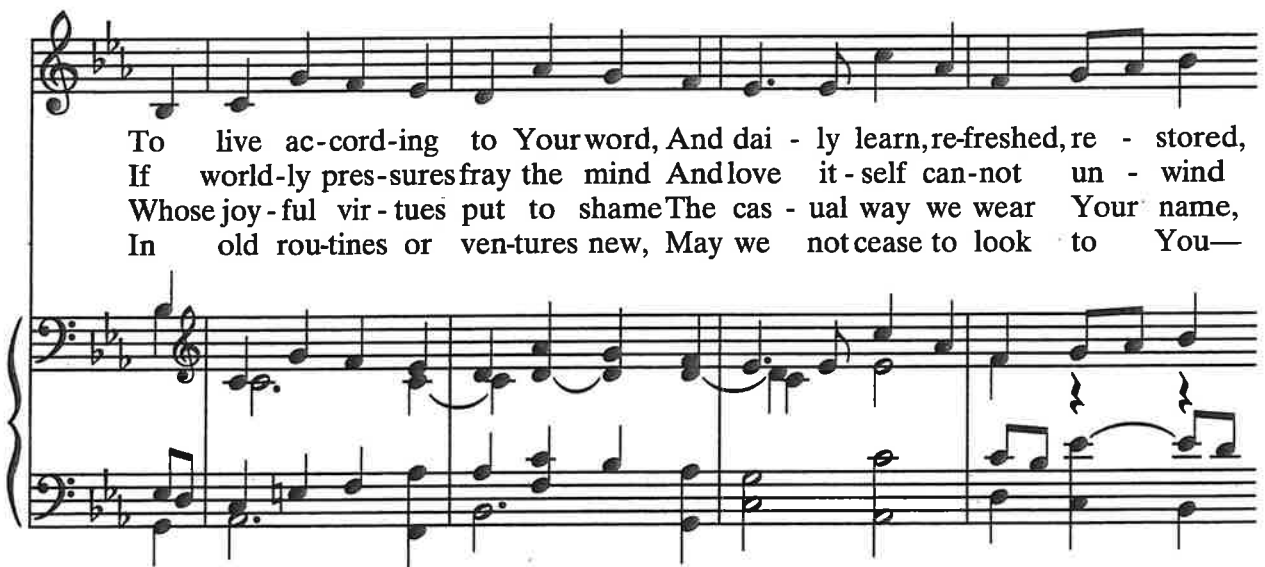
REPTON 8.6.8.8.6.6

Fred Pratt Green, 1981

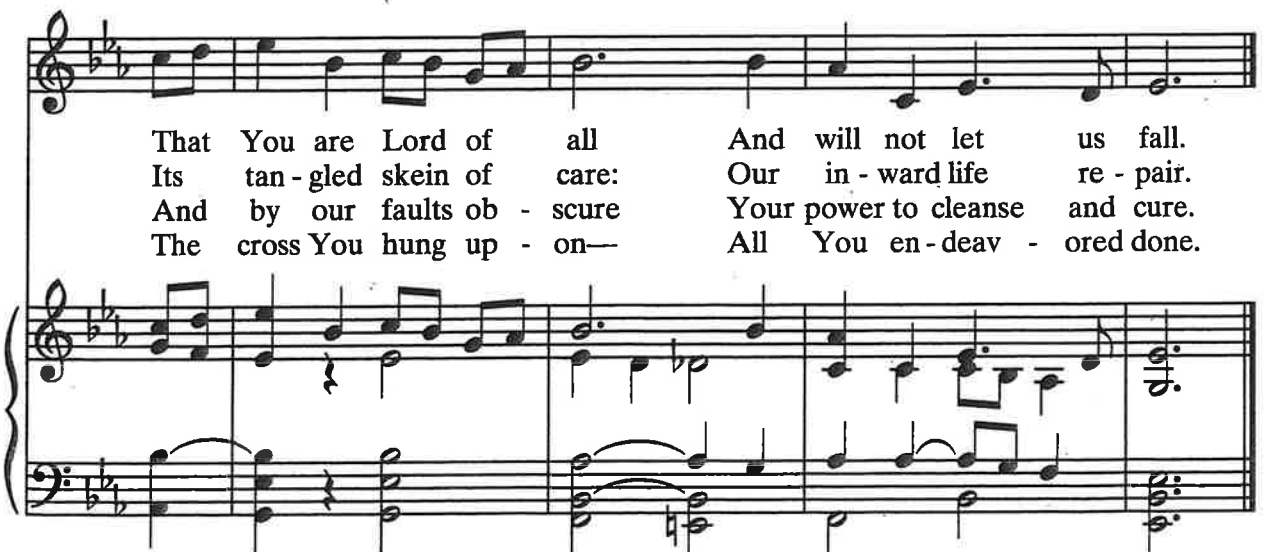
C. Hubert H. Parry, 1888



1. How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, When once we heed Your call:
 2. But if, for - get - ful, we should find Your yoke is hard to bear,
 3. We mark Your saints, how they be - came In hin - dranc - es more sure,
 4. In what You give us, Lord, to do, To - geth - er or a - lone,



To live ac - cord - ing to Your word, And dai - ly learn, re - freshed, re - stored,
 If world - ly pres - sures fray the mind And love it - self can - not un - wind
 Whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame The cas - ual way we wear Your name,
 In old rou - tines or ven - tures new, May we not cease to look to You—



That You are Lord of all And will not let us fall.
 Its tan - gled skein of care: Our in - ward life re - pair.
 And by our faults ob - scure Your power to cleanse and cure.
 The cross You hung up - on— All You en - deav - ored done.



ev - ery na - tion Hath re - deemed us by His blood.
 get His prom - ise, "I am with you ev - er - more"?
 all the sin - less Sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.
 Priest and Vic - tim In the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

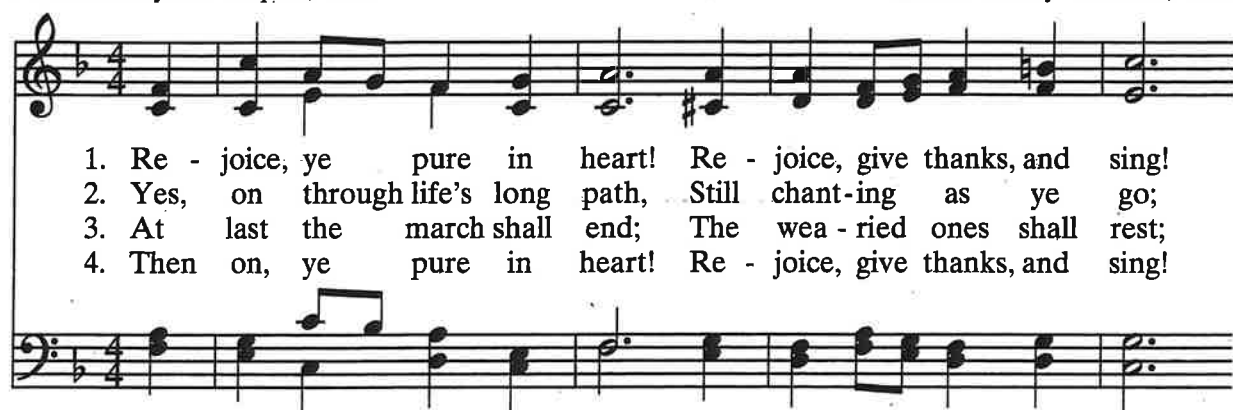
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

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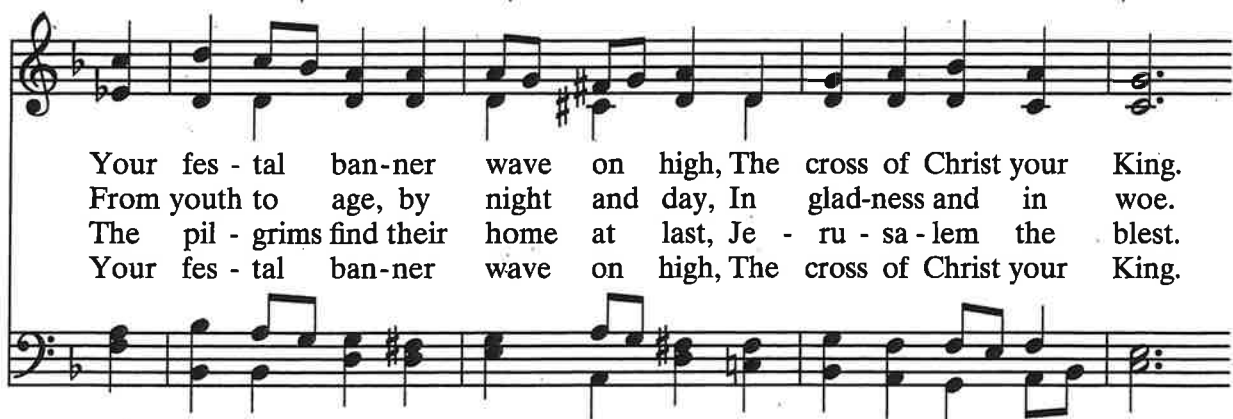
MARION SM with refrain

Edward Hayes Plumptre, 1865

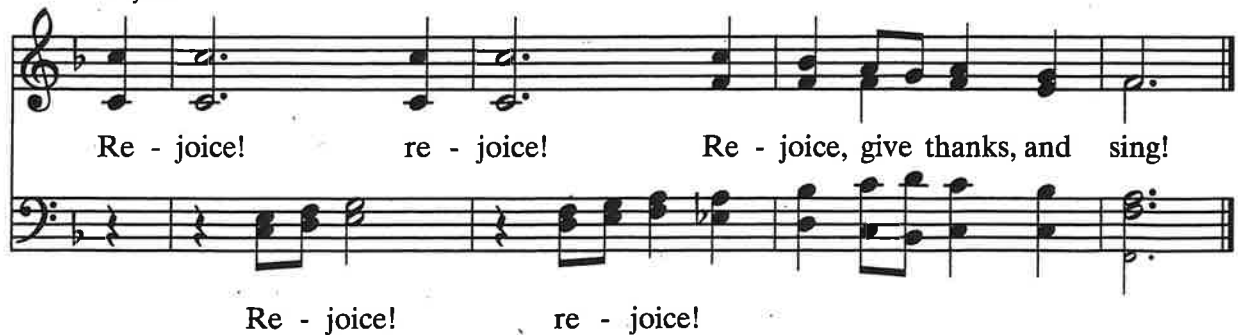
Arthur Henry Messiter, 1883



1. Re - joice, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 2. Yes, on through life's long path, Still chant-ing as ye go;
 3. At last the march shall end; The wea - ried ones shall rest;
 4. Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.
 From youth to age, by night and day, In glad-ness and in woe.
 The pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban-ner wave on high, The cross of Christ your King.

Refrain


Re - joice! re - joice! Re - joice, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joice! re - joice!



News & Opportunities

February 9 – 16, 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8
Sunday School | 10:15 a.m. | Rooms 2 & 4

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth Group

Sundays, February 9 and 16
Youth Room | 6-8 p.m.
Snacks, chat, games and more.

Sledding & Hot Cocoa for Tweens and Youth

Saturday, February 22 | 2 - 4 p.m.
Deming Heights Park, Minneapolis (Pastor Phil's House). Bring your own sled and enjoy the giant hill just outside Pastor Phil's house. And when you need a break, come in and enjoy some hot cocoa!



Souper Bowl of Caring | Today, Sunday, February 9. During February, HOH will participate in **Souper Bowl of Caring**, a financial collection to support food pantries. Watch for our Youth as you leave the sanctuary holding stock pots for your donations.

Children's Library Open House

Today, Sunday, February 9 | 11:15 a.m.

Join us in the Children's Library for an open house with cookies in celebration of the books returning following the construction project.

House of Hope Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 23 | Sanctuary

The Session has called the Annual Meeting of the Congregation following worship for the purpose of approving installed Clergy Terms of Call and presenting the Session approved 2025 Budget.

Upcoming Save the Dates and Sign-ups:

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, February 25

Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Join us for dinner and conversation. Annie McMillan will be our speaker. Annie grew up at HOH and now sings in the Motet Choir. Her memoir, *We Chose Each Other*, is a mother's story of survival, laughter, and love on the North Shore. Register by Thursday, February 20 at:

<https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

Mardi Gras Celebration & Chili Cook-Off

Sunday, March 2

Join us in the Great Hall for a Mardi Gras Celebration after worship. This congregational event is filled with fun, fellowship, and delicious chili. Suggested donation is \$5. One talented chef will win a prize!

Chili Cook-Off Sign-up by February 26:

<https://bit.ly/HOHChili2025>

Bring your favorite chili in a slow-cooker. Contact Jimmy with questions: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

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



Earth Care - A Winter Walk

Winter's gray days and bone-chilling temperatures can make it tempting to stay indoors rather than venturing out for a walk. But, as the days grow incrementally longer and temperatures a bit milder, February beckons you outdoors to enjoy the quiet of the season and glimpse its spare beauty.

Deciduous trees stand bare-boned like living sculptures; the color, texture, and variety of their bark now more evident. Evergreens sway in myriad shades of green, silver, gold, and blue. Red berries, gold branches, even orange tassels on shrubs can catch your attention and delight you. After a storm, hedges, fences, and yard ornaments are outlined in snow. So, bundle up and let the surprises of winter's landscape warm your spirit.

Week Beginning February 9, 2025

Sunday, February 9, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 8:45 a.m. Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed, Room 1/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
- 11:15 a.m. Children's Library Open House, Children's Library
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, February 10, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Jan Dickinson's/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 5 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Room 7/Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee Meeting, Library

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Kirk Parlour
- 6:30 p.m. Sounds of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, February 13, 2025

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

Friday, February 14, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom

Sunday, February 16, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School Rehearsal
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Congregational Meeting, Sanctuary
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

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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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