

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Jesus leads (the disciples) down the mountain, back into the ordinary world to continue his labor of love, healing and nonviolent protest against Empire. Sooner or later, we have to go to our own mountaintop. We have to have our own transfiguration, and we have to walk down the mountaintop into the ordinary world, on the path of suffering, and the path of love—which are, in the end, the same."

— Richard Rohr

Transfiguration of the Lord | March 2, 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!

**Today in the Great Hall:** Join us in the Great Hall for a **Mardi Gras Celebration & Chili Cook-Off** after worship. This congregational event is filled with fun, fellowship, and delicious chili. Suggested donation is \$5. One talented chef will win a prize! We hope to see you there!

**Curious about that green nominating form?** Come chat with members of the Nominating Committee about the three boards and what it means to serve on each of them. We'll be at the Chili Cook-Off today, March 2, ready to answer questions, share information, and just chat about why each of us said yes!

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Aaron David Miller, Organist

### +Introit

*Come that are Blessed by the Father*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

### +Processional Hymn 75

*O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair*

DEO GRACIAS

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**We admit that we are often afraid to come near you, Glorious Creator.**

**For if we do, you might see how our faces darken with anger as we speak hurtful words, or whiten with fear of those who are different, or redden from the depths of our desires.**

**We can spend so much time gazing in the mirror of our longings**

**that we are unable to see the faces etched with loneliness, hollowed by hunger, overshadowed by hopelessness. You reveal the mystery of your grace, Holy One, by pouring out mercy upon us. As you bend down to listen, may we speak your love to all those around us. As you call us into your presence, you send us out to do your justice which brings hope to the world.**

**This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Savior, our Love, our Justice.**

*(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

### Officer Nominating Committee

April Greibrok

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### First Lesson

Ann Geery

Exodus 34:29-35 (OT, p. 81 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

*I Will Arise*

arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker

I will arise and go to Jesus,  
He will embrace me in his arms,  
In the arms of my dear Saviour,  
Oh! There are ten thousand charms.

Teach me some melodious sonnet  
Sung by flaming tongues above,  
Praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it,  
Mount of Thy redeeming Love.

Come, thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace,  
Streams of mercy never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.

### 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 9:28-36 (NT, p. 69-70 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

*Shiny Things*

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### + Hymn 306

*Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

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

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life,  
who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls children of God everywhere to all ministries of the church.  
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church  
and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice,  
freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth.**

### 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:

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| - <b>In-Person.</b> | Offering plates will be passed throughout the congregation at this time.    |
| - <b>Website.</b>   | On the homepage, click "Support House of Hope", then click on "Make a Gift" |
| - <b>Mail.</b>      | Mail a check to 797 Summit Ave. Saint Paul, MN 55105                        |
| - <b>QR Code.</b>   | Please see insert.  |



## Offertory Anthem

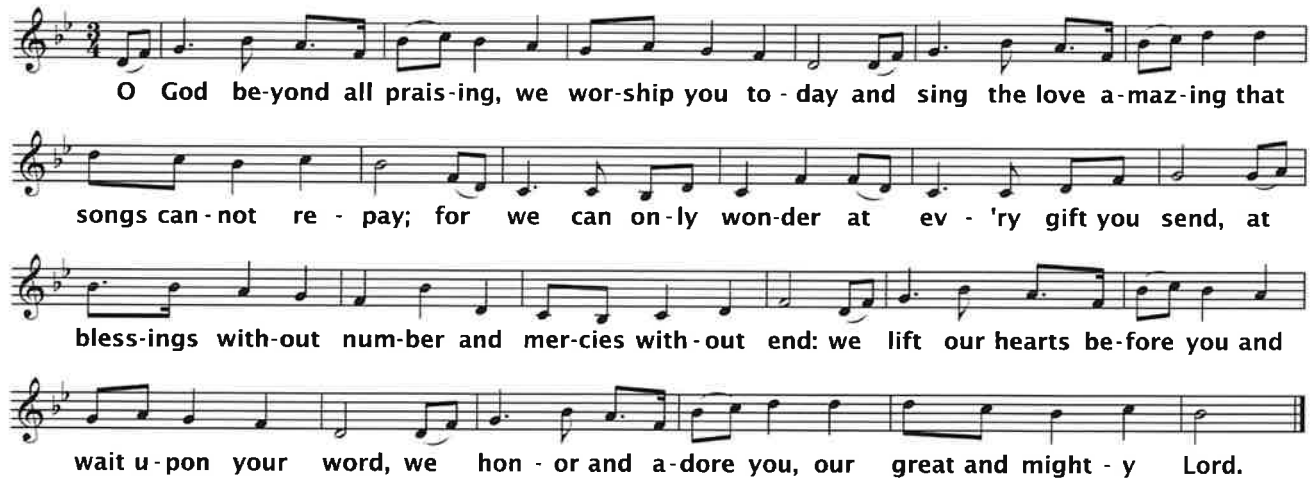
*Laudate Nomen Domini*

Christopher Tye

Laudate nomen Domini, vos servi Domini;  
Ab ortu solis usque ad occasum ejus.  
Decreta Dei justa sunt et cor exhilarant;  
Laudate Deum principes et omnes populi.

*Praise the name of the Lord, Servants of the Lord;  
Proclaim his might from morn to setting sun.  
The laws of the Lord are just and please the heart.  
Praise the Lord all ye people.*

## + 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 73

*Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory*

GENEVA

## + Benediction

## Postlude

Toccata from "Sonata on DEO GRACIAS"

A. D. Miller

*(Commissioned in honor of Richard and Yvonne Dierenfield, 2023)*

**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.

**Ash Wednesday — March 5**

The Lenten journey begins with a 7 p.m. service of music, meditation, imposition of ashes, and communion.



**Wednesday Lenten Series: *Living into Matthew 25***  
**Wednesdays, March 12 - April 9 | Dinner: 5:15 - 6 p.m.**  
**Presentation and Conversation: 6 - 7 p.m.**

Join us in the Assembly Room for a soup and pizza supper followed by a program about Matthew 25.

Register for meals at <https://bit.ly/WednesdayLent> to ensure we have plenty of food for everyone. You can access this link on the website under **Things to Know**. All are welcome to join us for the meal. Donations appreciated to cover the meal cost

For more than a year, House of Hope has been designated as a Matthew 25 congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Matthew 25 congregations commit to eradicating systemic poverty, dismantling structural racism, and building congregational vitality. And bold visions require concrete actions! Come learn from leaders inside and outside our congregation more about this movement, and lend your voice to the direction House of Hope begins to take as we live out our unique calling to be a place of God's peace by working for God's justice.

**Schedule:**

**March 12:** Eradicating systemic poverty, Sara Liegl

**March 19:** Building Congregational Vitality, Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake and Rev. Emily Meyer

**March 26:** Dismantling structural racism, Elder Elona Street-Stewart

**April 2:** Putting the pieces together, Rev. Anna Kendig Flores

**April 9:** Moving forward together

## O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair

DEO GRACIAS LM

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861

"The Agincourt Song," England, c. 1415

1. O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair Of glo - ry  
 2. From age to age the tale de - clare, How with the  
 3. The law and proph - ets there have place, Two cho - sen  
 4. With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray Christ deigns to  
 5. And faith - ful hearts are raised on high By this great

that the church shall share, Which Christ up - on the  
 three dis - ci - ples there, Where Mo - ses and E -  
 wit - ness - es of grace; The Fa - ther's voice from  
 man - i - fest to - day What glo - ry shall be  
 vi - sion's mys - ter - y, For which in joy - ful

moun-tain shows, Where bright - er than the sun He glows!  
 li - jah meet, The Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.  
 out the cloud Pro - claims His on - ly Son a - loud.  
 theirs a - bove Who joy in God with per - fect love.  
 strains we raise The voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.



By Your pa - tience and Your cour-age You have taught us work is good.  
You, the Bread of heaven, are bro-ken In the sac - ra - ment of life.

# Fairest Lord Jesus

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CRUSADERS' HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850; alt.

Silesian folk melody

In Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,  
3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,  
Robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
And all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

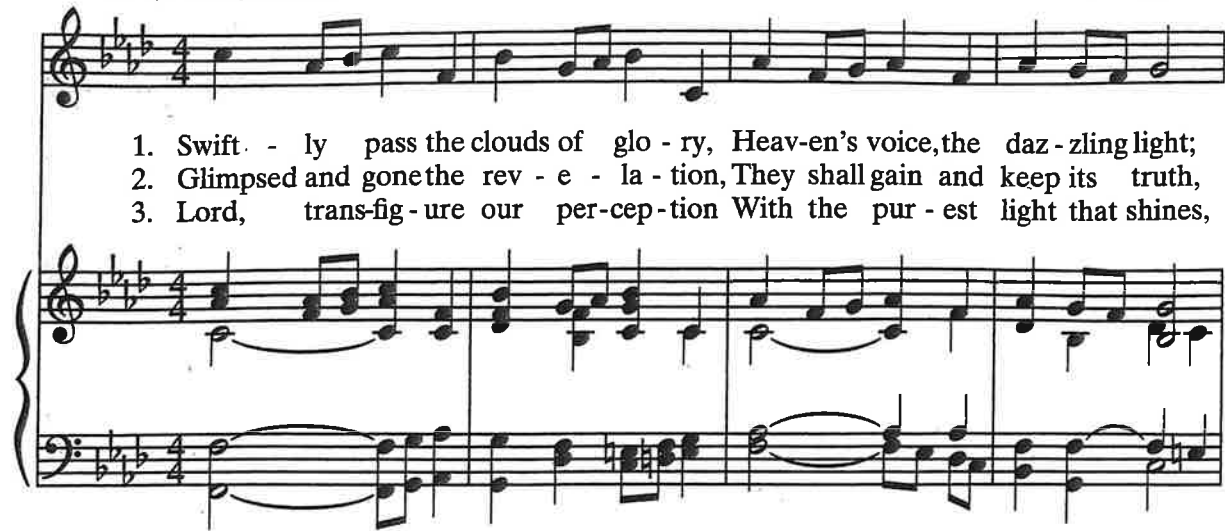
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## Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

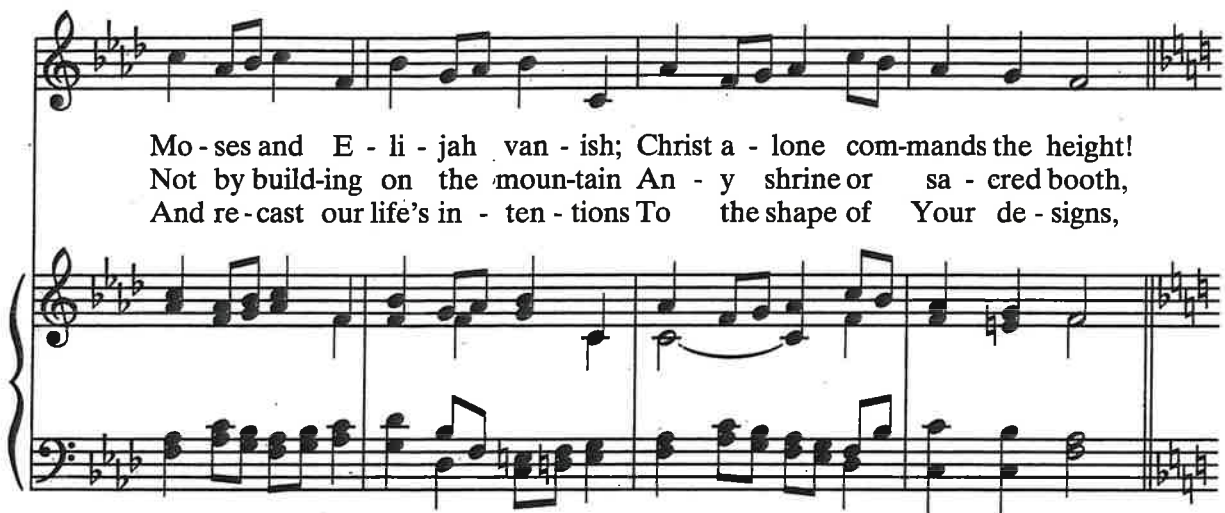
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Thomas H. Troeger, 1985

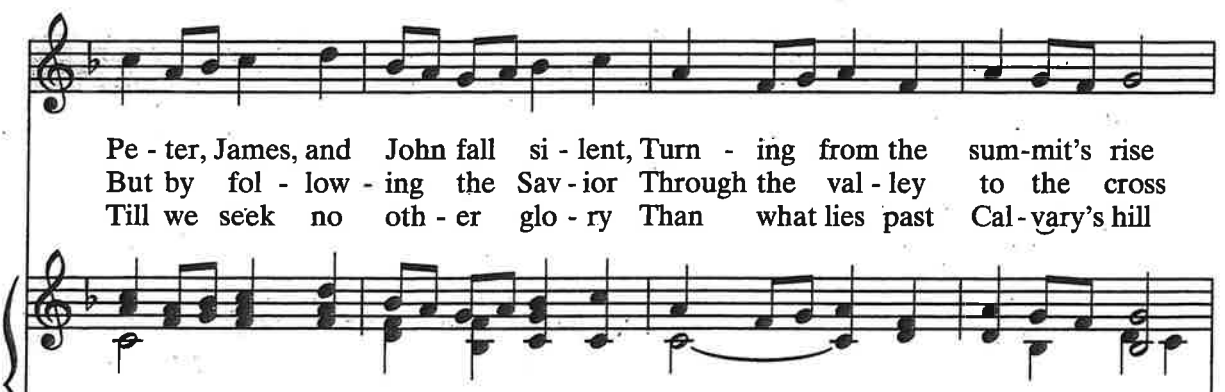
George Henry Day, 1940



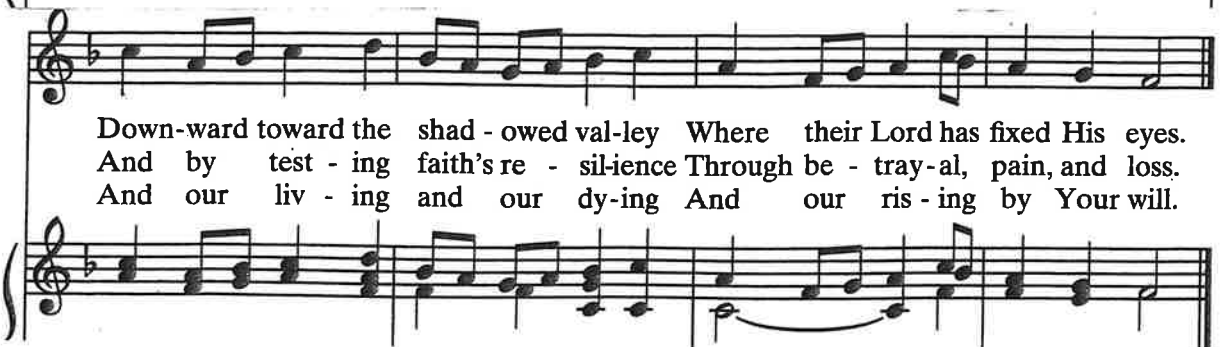
1. Swift - ly pass the clouds of glo - ry, Heav-en's voice, the daz - zling light;  
 2. Glimpsed and gone the rev - e - la - tion, They shall gain and keep its truth,  
 3. Lord, trans-fig - ure our per-cep-tion With the pur - est light that shines,



Mo - ses and E - li - jah van - ish; Christ a - lone com-mands the height!  
 Not by build-ing on the moun-tain An - y shrine or sa - cred booth,  
 And re-cast our life's in - ten - tions To the shape of Your de - signs,



Pe - ter, James, and John fall si - lent, Turn - ing from the sum-mit's rise  
 But by fol - low - ing the Sav - ior Through the val - ley to the cross  
 Till we seek no oth - er glo - ry Than what lies past Cal - vary's hill



Down-ward toward the shad - owed val-ley Where their Lord has fixed His eyes.  
 And by test - ing faith's re - sil-ience Through be - tray-al, pain, and loss.  
 And our liv - ing and our dy-ing And our ris - ing by Your will.

March 2 – 9, 2025

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

**Youth Group** Sunday, March 2 & 16  
Youth Room | 6–8 p.m. Snacks, chat, games and more.

**Youth Hour** Sunday, March 2. A time to gather at the tail end of the service (leaving after the sermon) to discuss what they are hearing in worship (and more).

**Welcoming Class – Next Sunday March 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 class provides information about church membership, as well as other ways to connect to community life at HOH.

## Next Sunday Enrichment: Children's Book Author and Illustrator Nancy Carlson for Adults and Children

**Sunday, March 9 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.**  
Nancy Carlson has written and illustrated more than 60 children's books since 1979. Her latest book comes out in March called *A Swing for Samara*. Over 15 years ago Nancy began drawing a daily doodle and posting them online. She will share where she got some of her ideas for her books and her experiences of over 40 years in the publishing industry. Nancy will also do some drawings of her characters for the children in the audience.

## The Singers Concert: *My Soul's Repose, French Cathedrals*

**Sunday, March 16 | House of Hope | 3 p.m.**

HOH Artists in Residence The Singers MCA, Aaron David Miller, and The Singers Sinfonia will present sacred works of Maurice Duruflé, Gabriel Fauré, Francis Poulenc, and Olivier Messiaen – a quartet of French composers responsible for some of the most harmonically lush choral music ever written. Tickets available online at: [www.thesingersmca.org](http://www.thesingersmca.org)

## Upcoming Sunday Enrichment:

**Music Lecture with Dr. Daniel Freeman**  
**Sunday, March 23 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.**

Music historian, Dr. Daniel Freeman, has presented his entertaining lecture series over the years with classes on music history, and the lives and music of great composers, operas, and music.

## Upcoming Save the Dates and Sign-ups:

### 2025 Men's Retreat March 21-22

House of Hope. We will gather on Friday from 6–9 p.m. with dinner included. Saturday will be 8 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. with light breakfast and lunch included. Cost will be \$50 for both days' participation, or \$20 for Friday and \$30 for Saturday. Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/HOHMensRetreat2025>

**2025 Women's Retreat April 25–April 27, Saint John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegeville, MN.** Watch for registration details.

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



## March Food Drive

1 in 9 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. You can make a difference during the March Food Drive as we support the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House. Our March Food Drive is vitally important as we help the 1 in 8 hungry children, or 1 in 9 people overall. **How can you help? Financial donations help our food partners buy much more.** They can multiply cash gifts through buying in bulk, and they can buy what they need the most.

**Bring food donations** to the shopping cart outside the Elizabeth Chapel and in the Narthex.

**Ways to Give:** By check with memo: Food Pantry; or at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Food Pantry

## Week Beginning March 2, 2025

### Sunday, March 2, 2025

- 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. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11:15 a.m. Chili Cook-off, Great Hall

### Monday, March 3, 2025

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

### Tuesday, March 4, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 11:30 a.m. Didier Seminar Meeting, Room 1
- 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Rm 1/Zoom

### Wednesday, March 5, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, 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. Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary

### Thursday, March 6, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour/Chapel/Bridal Room

### Friday, March 7, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom

### Sunday, March 8, 2025

- 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. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15
- 11 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
- 6:30 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](http://www.hohchurch.org).





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