

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Pandemic exposes doubt about matters you assume to be long settled. We began to ponder questions posed to every generation about the inscrutability of nature, the inequality of suffering, the fragility of community, and the plausibility of hope. If we believed in God, we wondered where God was taking us.”

– Richard Lischer, *Our Hearts are Restless: The Art of Spiritual Memoir*

Second Sunday in Lent | March 16, 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!



What is Stephen Ministry?

House of Hope's Stephen Ministry program offers compassionate, confidential, non-judgmental support to people during difficult times. Within that process, Stephen Ministers explore and strengthen their own faith, build friendships, and support the pastoral care of the congregation. Stephen Ministers work to create a loving and caring spiritual presence within the House of Hope community. Stephen Ministry

is a confidential ministry. The identity of those receiving care and everything they discuss with a Stephen Minister remain private.

Could you benefit from the confidential, one-to-one care of a Stephen Minister? Do you know someone else who could benefit from Stephen Ministry? Are you interested in becoming a Stephen Minister? Please contact Rev. Julia Carlson, (651) 223-7553, JuliaC@hohchurch.org

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Elegy

James Biery

Aaron David Miller, Organist

+Introit

Forever, O Lord

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Max Reger

+Processional Hymn 417

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

REGENT SQUARE

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

**God of Grace, we have stumbled from the path that you have set before us.
We have embraced a mindset of scarcity instead of trusting your abundance.
We have hoarded treasures to ensure our own comfort. Instead of sharing your gifts
with our neighbors we have hurt our neighbors by the things we have done
and through the things we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole
heart, soul, and mind, or our neighbors as ourselves. Correct us, O God.
In this season of Lent, remind us of Jesus' own encounter with temptation in the
wilderness, and help us follow the example he sets. Return us to the path you call us to,
and give us the courage to follow your lead even when it is difficult.**

(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



Welcome and Announcements

First Lesson

Judy Brooks

Psalm 27 (OT, pp. 503-504 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Dixit Dominus

Johann Gottlieb Naumann

Dixit Dominus Domino meo,
Sede a dextris meis, donec ponam inimicos tuos
scabellum pedum tuorum.
Virgam virtutis tuae emittet Dominus ex Sion:
dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.
Tecum principium in die virtutis
tuae in splendoribus sanctorum:
ex utero, ante luciferum, genui te.
Juravit Dominus et non poenitebit eum:
Tu es sacerdos in aeternum
secundum ordinem Melchisedech.
Dominus a dextris tuis;
confregit in die irae suae reges.
Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas;
conquassabit capita in terra multorum.
De torrente in via bibet; propterea exaltabit caput.
Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*The Lord said unto my Lord:
Sit thou on my right hand,
until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion:
be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.
In the day of thy power shall the people
offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship:
the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.
The Lord swore, and will not repent:
Thou art a priest for ever
after the order of Melchisedech.
The Lord upon thy right hand:
shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.
He shall judge among the heathen;
filling places with the dead bodies:
and smite in sunder the heads over all lands.
He shall drink of the brook in the way:
therefore shall he lift up his head.
Glory be to the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and always
Will be for all generations. Amen.*

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 13:31-35 (NT, p. 77 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Means and Ends

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 282

If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT

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

Rev. Phil J. Romine

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God;

we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments,

we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth,

exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.

We deserve God's condemnation. Yet 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 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


Ave Verum Corpus

W.A. Mozart

Ave verum corpus, natum
de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine,
cuius latus perforatum
fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

*Hail, true Body, born
of the Virgin Mary,
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed
on the cross for mankind,
whose pierced side
flowed with water and blood:
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]
in the trial of death.*

+ 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 276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

+ Benediction

Postlude

A. D. Miller

Carillon Postlude

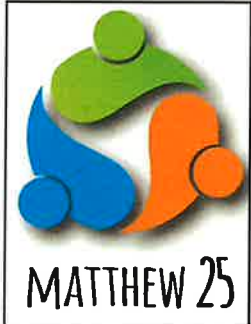
David Johnson, Carillonneur Emeritus

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.

The Communion Table Flowers are given in Loving Memory of James Patrick Adams.

Cover Art: *Water & Spirit*, an original painting by Robyn Sand Anderson, that was commissioned by the Arts Committee after her exhibit in the gallery during the spring of 2022. The original hangs in the Portland Ave. entrance hallway.

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 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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 417

REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7

7th century, Latin

Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1861, 1972

Henry Thomas Smart, 1867

1. Christ is made the sure foun-da - tion, Christ the head and
 2. To this tem - ple, where we call You, Come, O Lord of
 3. Here be - stow on all Your ser - vants What they ask of
 4. Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, Laud and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, Cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 Hosts, to - day; With Your wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 You to gain, What they gain from You for - ev - er
 to the Son, Laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,

Bind - ing all the church in one; Ho - ly Zi - on's
 Hear Your peo - ple as they pray, And Your full - est
 With the bless - ed to re - tain, And here - af - ter
 Ev - er three and ev - er one; One in might and

help for - ev - er, And our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion Shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in Your glo - ry Ev - er - more with You to reign.
 one in glo - ry While un - end - ing a - ges run.

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee 282

WER NUR DEN LIEBEN GOTT 9.8.9.8.8.8

Georg Neumark, 1657

Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1855, 1863; alt. 1987

Georg Neumark, 1657

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hope-ful
 2. On - ly be still, and wait God's lei - sure In cheer-ful
 3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine

heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, what-e'er be - tide thee,
 hope, with heart con - tent To take what-e'er thy Keeper's plea - sure
 own part faith - ful - ly; Trust the rich prom - is - es of grace,

To bear thee through the e - vil days. Who trusts in God's un -
 And all - dis - cern - ing love hath sent. No doubt our in - most
 So shall they be ful - filled in thee. God nev - er yet for -

chang - ing love Builds on the rock that nought can move.
 wants are clear To One who holds us al - ways dear.
 sook at need The soul se - cured by trust in - deed.

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Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Thomas Obediah Chisholm, 1923

William Marion Runyan, 1923



1. *Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O - God my Fa - ther,
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



There is no shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;
 Sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove
 Thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide;



Thou chang - est not, Thy com - pas - sions they fail not;
 Join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness
 Strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row,



As Thou hast been Thou for - ev - er wilt be.
 To Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
 Bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

Refrain

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness! Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!



Morn - ing by morn - ing new mer - cies I see; All I have need - ed Thy



hand hath pro - vid - ed; Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!



News & Opportunities

March 16 –23 , 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 Sunday, March 16
Youth Room | 6–8 p.m. Snacks, chat, games and more.

Upcoming Enrichments:

TODAY: Immigration Reform with Juventino Meza Sunday, March 16 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. Juventino Meza came to the U.S. as an undocumented teen in 2003 to reunite with his family. He has graduated from high school, college, and law school, persevering through several hiatuses caused by his unusual circumstances. Juventino is still undocumented although currently protected by DACA. He will share his story and talk about the current landscape for immigration reform.

Vivaldi and His Female Music Students in Venice with Dr. Daniel Freeman Sunday, March 23 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. Antonio Vivaldi's association with a unique center of music training for girls and young women in Venice is a source of continuing fascination both to music lovers and music scholars.

A Local Perspective on Antisemitism and Why it Matters with Rabbi Adam Stock Spilker Sunday, March 30 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. As a co-founder of Minnesota Multifaith Network, he cares about developing relationships with neighbors and learning in interfaith settings.

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

TODAY, March 16 | House of Hope | 3 p.m.

HOH Artists in Residence The Singers, 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 at the door.

Sunday-Weekday Connections

Tuesday, March 25 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m. Join us for dinner and conversation. Mercedes Sheldon will be our speaker. Mercedes currently serves as Deputy Clerk of Session and a PhD candidate in English literature. **Register by Thursday, March 20 at: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>**

2025 Men's Retreat: *The Isolation Problem: Finding Community in a Busy World*

Facilitators Rev. Phil Romine and Rev. David Stewart. **March 21-22 at 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>

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 16, 2025

Sunday, March 16, 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
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 3 p.m. Singers Concert, Sanctuary
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

Monday, March 17, 2025

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

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Joint Deacons and Session Meeting, Kirk Parlour

Wednesday, March 19, 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
- 5:15 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper and Program, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 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, March 20, 2025

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

Friday, March 21, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 5 p.m. Men's Retreat, Kirk Parlour

Saturday, March 22, 2025

- 8 a.m. Men's Retreat, Kirk Parlour

Sunday, March 23, 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
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly 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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