

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"One day, something very old happened again.  
The green came back to the branches,  
settling like leafy birds on the highest twigs;  
the ground broke open as dark as coffee beans."  
-Joyce Sutphen

Second Sunday of Easter | April 27, 2025 10 a.m.

# Welcome!

**We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.**

Our open, affirming, and 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.*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated today. All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. Elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.

### Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Worship:** Children may 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!

### Upcoming Events and Enrichments:



#### The Didier Seminar with Caroline Oakes

*Practice the Pause: The Good News of Neuroscience and Ancient Scripture*

**Saturday, May 3 - Sunday, May 4 | Assembly Room**

Full Seminar information can be found in the April Anchor, or on our website.

**Please register to attend here:** <https://bit.ly/Didier2025>



#### Didier Seminar Book Study with Phil Bolinder - Wednesday, April 30

**Room 1 | 7 p.m.** Join Phil Bolinder in preparation of The Didier Seminar to discuss Caroline Oakes' book.

# THE APPROACH TO GOD

## Prelude

Aaron David Miller, Organist

## Introit

*Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Dietrich Buxtehude

## + Processional Hymn 104

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

## + Eastertide Affirmation

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Leader: In the mystery of his resurrection,

**All: Christ calls us to nourish one another.**

Leader: In the hope of his return,

**All: Christ calls us to cleanse one another.**

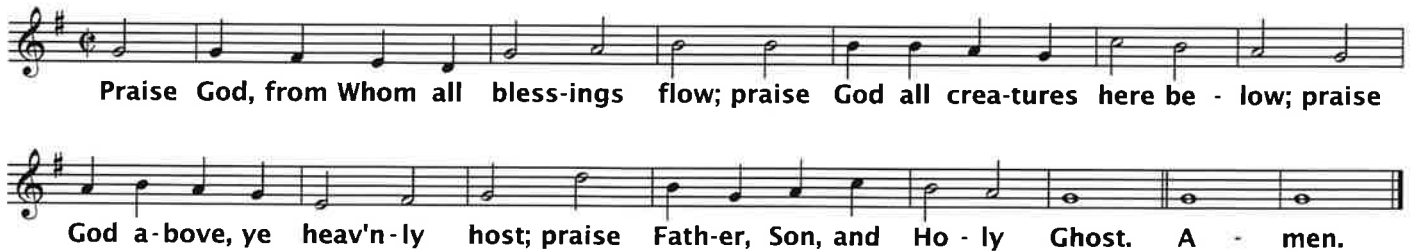
Leader: Between the mystery and the hope,

**All: Christ welcomes all doubts, fears, and pain.**

Leader: Between yesterday and tomorrow,

**All: Christ lives, for all creation, today.**

## + 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

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### First Lesson

Lois Knutson

Psalm 150 (OT, p. 583 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

*When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

arr. Gilbert Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

### Children's Blessing (unison)

**Here in worship, and wherever you are, we promise 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.**

*Children may engage their faith with their families by staying in the service. There is no Sunday School today.*

### Second Lesson

John 20:19-29 (NT, p. 115 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Meditation

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

*With the Eyes of the Heart*

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### + Hymn 517

*We Come as Guests Invited*

WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN

### + Affirmation of Faith — *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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*

Edward Elgar

Ave verum corpus, natum  
de Maria Virgine,  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine,  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.  
O clemens, o pie,  
O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae,  
miserere nobis. Amen.

*Hail, true Body, born  
of the Virgin Mary,  
who having truly suffered, was sacrificed  
on the cross for mankind,  
whose pierced side  
flowed with blood:  
May it be for us a foretaste [of the Heavenly banquet]  
in the trial of death.  
O sweet, o blessed,  
O sweet Jesus, Son of Mary,  
Have mercy on us. Amen.*

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord is with you.

People:   
And with thy spir - it.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People:   
We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:   
It is meet and right so to do.

Leader: O Holy God... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:   
Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, Lord God of Hosts,  
  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry:  
  
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

Leader: Blessed is Jesus, the Christ... And hear us now as we say the prayer Jesus taught:

**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.**

### **Words of Institution**

*All who desire to partake will be dismissed from the back to the front by an usher. Please come down the center aisle to receive an individual cup of grape juice and piece of gluten free bread and return to your seats by the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

**Leader:** Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People:** **and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

**Leader:** Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People:** **and forget not all God's benefits.**

**Leader and People:**

**We thank you once again for this meal,  
this day, this gift of resurrection.**

**Send us out into your world  
to be the presence of love and hope  
to all who despair and fear,  
that all may have life,  
and have it in abundance.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Amen.**

### **+ Recessional Hymn 507**

*I Come with Joy*

DOVE OF PEACE

### **+ Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*A Light in the City*

A. D. Miller

### **Carillon Postlude**

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

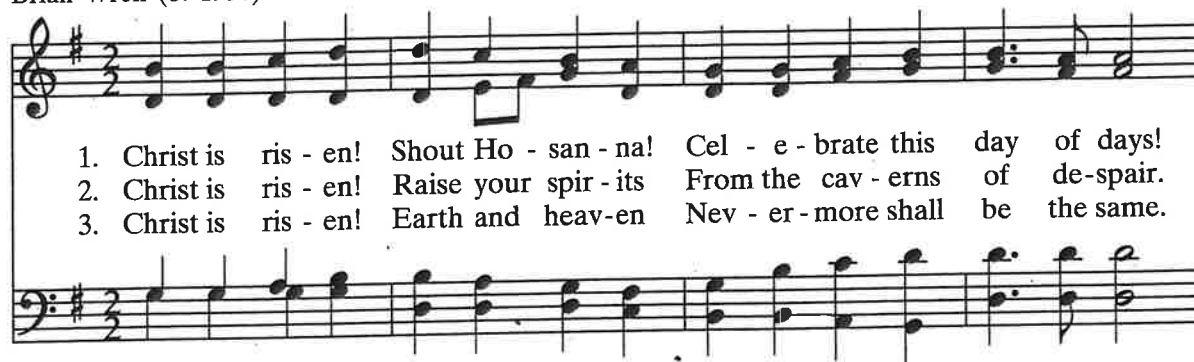
## Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

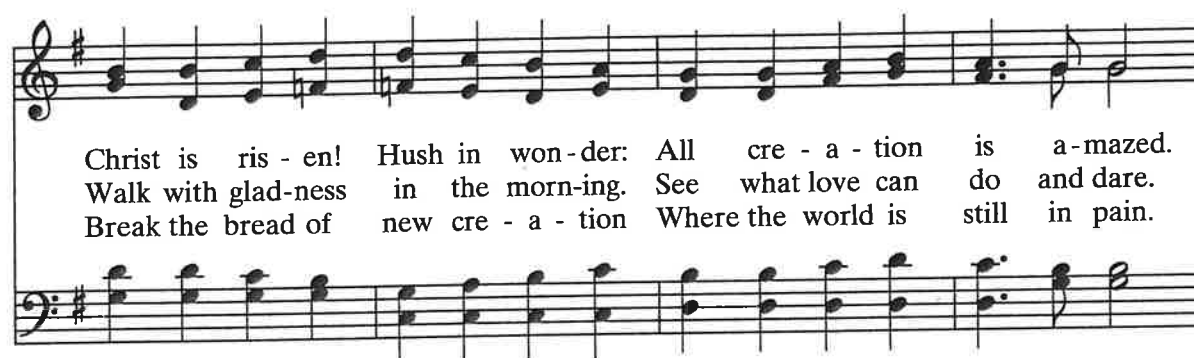
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

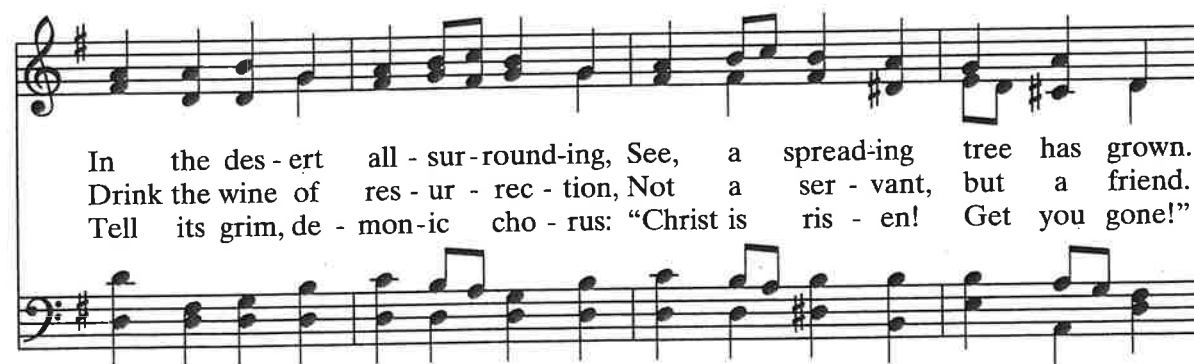
Brian Wren (b. 1936)



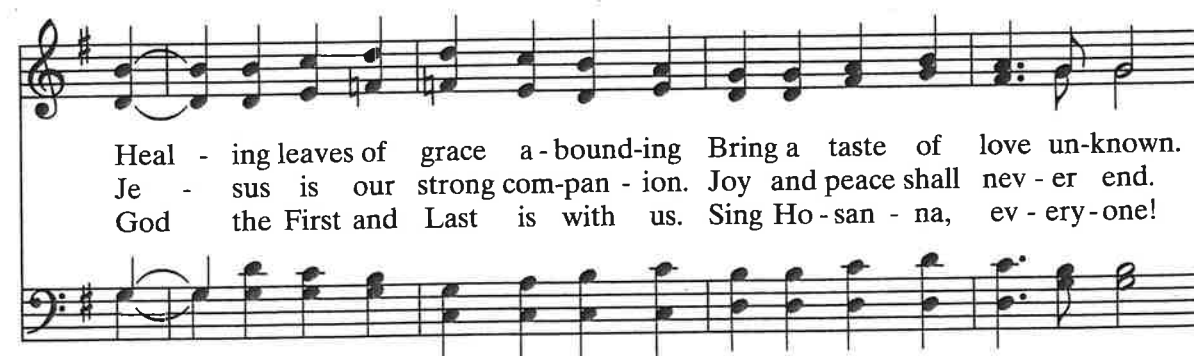
1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er - more shall be the same.



Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.



In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"



Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!



# We Come as Guests Invited

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WIE LIEBLICH IST DER MAIEN 7.6.7.6 D

Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1975

Johann Steurlein, 1575

1. We come as guests in - vit - ed When Je - sus bids us dine,  
2. We eat and drink, re - ceiv - ing From Christ the grace we need,  
3. One bread is ours for shar - ing, One sin - gle fruit - ful vine,

His friends on earth u - nit - ed To share the bread and wine;  
And in our hearts be - liev - ing On Him by faith we feed;  
Our fel - low-ship de - clar - ing Re - newed in bread and wine:

The bread of life is bro - ken, The wine is free - ly poured  
With won - der and thanks - giv - ing For love that knows no end,  
Re - newed, sus - tained, and giv - en By to - ken, sign, and word,

For us, in sol - emn to - ken Of Christ our dy - ing Lord.  
We find in Je - sus liv - ing Our ev - er-pres - ent Friend.  
The pledge and seal of heav - en, The love of Christ our Lord.

## I Come with Joy

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DOVE OF PEACE 8.6.8.6.6

Brian Wren, 1968; rev. 1977

American folk melody  
Arr. Austin C. Lovelace, 1977

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, For - giv - en, loved, and  
 2. I come with Chris - tians far and near To find, as all are  
 3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, Each proud di - vi - sion  
 4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His pres - ence, al - ways  
 5. To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, We'll go our dif - ferent

free, In awe and won - der to re - call His  
 fed, The new com - mu - ni - ty of love In  
 ends. The love that made us, makes us one, And  
 near, Is in such friend - ship bet - ter known: We  
 ways, And as His peo - ple in the world, We'll

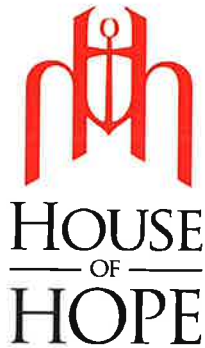
life laid down for me, His life laid down for me.  
 Christ's com - mu - nion bread, In Christ's com - mu - nion bread.  
 stran - gers now are friends, And stran - gers now are friends.  
 see and praise Him here, We see and praise Him here.  
 live and speak His praise, We'll live and speak His praise.

Alternate tune: LAND OF REST, 522

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# News & Opportunities

April 27 – May 4, 2025

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8  
No Sunday School today

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Today, April 27: **Youth Group** | 6-8 p.m. | Youth Room  
Snacks, chat and games!

Saturday, May 3 – Sunday, May 4 - **Overnight at Church** | 7 p.m. - 9 a.m. | Dinner, games and more!

## House of Hope Choir School at Macalester Plymouth today!

The HOH Choir School and the Youth Choir from Macalester Plymouth United Church collaborate in rehearsals, dinner, and worship twice a year. In October they sang together at HOH and on April 27 they lead worship together at Mac-Plymouth. "Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord" -Psalm 95:1

## Notice of Congregational Meeting:

The Session has called a Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, May 4, following worship for the purpose of electing Elders, Trustees, Deacons; and members of the 2026 Nominating Committee. *The slate of names are on the reverse side of this insert.*

## TODAY: The Singers' Concert: *When Music Sounds* | Sunday, April 27 | 3 p.m.

The Singers' uplifting season finale will include love songs from around the world! This joyful collection of music includes Brahms' *Liebeslieder Walzer*, Eric Whitacre's *Five Hebrew Love Songs*, and music of Claude Debussy, René Clausen, and Morten Lauridsen bring the subscription series to a hopeful close. Tickets available at the door.

## Save the Dates:

## Eco Fair: *Fueled by Faith • Driven by Climate* Saturday, May 17 | House of Hope | 1-4 p.m.

Join six St. Paul congregations for this free, family-friendly event! You can enjoy good food and learn about all thing green, from e-bikes to pollinator gardens, electric vehicles to solar installations. Join us rain or shine under the big tent! [bit.ly/EcoFair2025](https://bit.ly/EcoFair2025)

## Congregation Retreat at Clearwater:

**May 30 – June 1.** Join us to connect with one another, God, and nature for the weekend. There will be time for rest, exploration, and play! The Leaning Tree Lodge has about 28 beds and 13 bedrooms—lots of space! Arrive any time after 5 p.m. on Friday. Leave no later than 11 a.m. on Sunday. Clearwater is a little over two hours from the Cities. Families are welcome to come late or leave early. Meals provided by the camp: please indicate any food allergies or restrictions.

**Sign-up here by May 16:**  
<https://bit.ly/RetreatMay2025>

Questions? Email [JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org) or [ElsaK@hohchurch.org](mailto:ElsaK@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.

**Below is the slate of names for elections by office at the May 4 Congregational Meeting:**

**Deacons:** Allan Floyd, Anne Gold, Bruce Johnson, David Johnston, David Olson, Gabriel Walsh, Jeanne Bailey, John Zwier, Katie Anderson, Leo Mayer {youth – 1 year term}, Lisa Swan, Michael Stein, Sam Hilton {youth – 1 year term}, Stephanie Kim, Susan Price

**Elders:** David Jones, Deb James, Dick Langer, Kathi Koehn, Kristina Mackenzie, Lois Knutson, Patrick Boylan (1 year term), Sarah Walbert (1 year term), Seungjoo Yoon, Shannon Law, William Moyers

**Trustees:** Gregg Cummings, Jeff Knutson, Sue Haigh

**2026 Nominating Committee:** Dick Crone, Emily Brenengen

*Further names for the Nominating Committee to be nominated after Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones joins us.*

**Week Beginning April 27, 2025**

**Sunday, April 27, 2025**

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour  
11:30 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Room 15  
3 p.m. The Singers' Concert, Sanctuary  
6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

**Monday, April 28, 2025**

12:45 p.m. Mission Outreach Meeting, Room 1  
5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Kirk Parlour  
6:00 p.m. AA, Assembly Room  
6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
6 p.m. Eco Fair Committee Meeting, Room 1

**Wednesday, April 30, 2025**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom  
4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room, Kirk Parlour  
7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Room 5  
7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
7 p.m. Pre-Didier Seminar Book Discussion, Rm 1

**Thursday, May 1, 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, St. Johns

**Friday, May 2, 2025**

8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom  
9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom  
7 p.m. Bach Society Organ Recital, Sanctuary

**Saturday, May 3, 2025**

9 a.m. Didier Seminar, Assembly Room  
7 p.m. Youth Overnight

**Sunday, May 4, 2025**

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
9:15 a.m. Choir School, Choir School Room  
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4  
11 a.m. Congregational Meeting  
11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour  
11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed, Room 1/Zoom  
11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room

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