

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Lent is a time for fresh decision-making about reliance upon the God of the gospel. Such decision-making in Lent is commonly called ‘repentance.’ It’s a time to reflect on the way in which God gives new life that is welcome when we recognize how our old way of life mostly leaves us weary and unsatisfied.”

– Walter Brueggemann

Fifth Sunday in Lent | April 6, 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's Enrichment:

**A New Foundation: Innovation and Growth for House of Hope with Executive Director Madeline Cieslak.** Sunday, April 6 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. Madeline Cieslak will discuss the innovative model for the HOH Foundation, offering a vision for growth of both community and funding support. The Foundation will support the care of House of Hope's people, historic architecture, instruments, programs, and community park, enhancing the Church's mission to build a loving community for all.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Improvisation on LLANGLOFFAN  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

A. D. Miller

### Introit

*Walk With Me*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Edgar Bainton

### + Processional Hymn 289

*O God of Every Nation*

LLANGLOFFAN

### Prayer of Confession (unison)

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**We come before You, O God, recognizing that we have put our trust in worldly rulers, in worldly wealth and power. We have lifted up the strong and powerful and have trampled on the poor and needy. We have failed to show compassion to one another, and therefore, have failed to be compassionate to you.**

**Forgive us, O God. Remind us of your commandment to serve one another, to become last of all, to love one another as we love ourselves. Guide us into your ways of justice and mercy and restoration, and most of all, your way of deep compassion, as you have deep compassion for us. In the name of Jesus, who was moved to tears to raise the dead, moved to feed the hungry, moved to turn tables and heal those in need—may we be moved as well.**

*(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 blessings flow; praise God all creatures 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

Katie Anderson

Isaiah 43:16-21 (OT, pp. 672-673 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Anthem

*O Sing Joyfully*

Adrian Batten

O sing joyfully unto God our strength:  
Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
Take the song, bring hither the tabret:  
The merry harp with the lute.  
Blow up the trumpet in the new moon:  
Even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast day.  
For this was made a statute for Israel :  
And a law of the God of Jacob.  
*-Psalm 81:1-4*

#### 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

John 12:1-8 (NT, p.106 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake

*Reckless Devotion is a Beautiful Thing*

## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

### + Hymn 347

*Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive*

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

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

**To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with all God's children by faithful obedience to Christ's call.**

### 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

*These are they which follow the Lamb*

John Goss

These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth.  
These were redeemed from among men,  
being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.  
And in their mouth was found no guile:  
For they are without fault before the throne of God.

### + 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 543

*Abide with Me*

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### + Benediction

### Postlude

Toccata in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

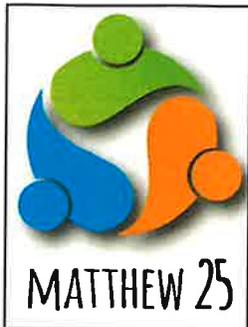
### Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

**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.

**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.

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in loving memory of Mary Stewart Swanson.



**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.

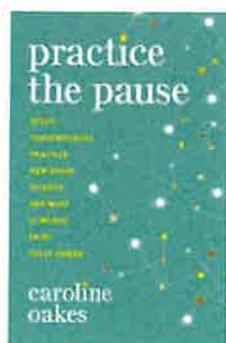
**Schedule:**

**April 9:** Moving forward together



**THE DIDIER SEMINAR**

**with Caroline Oakes | Saturday, May 3 - Sunday, May 4**



Copies of our Didier Seminar Speaker's book ***Practice the Pause: The Good News of Neuroscience and Ancient Scripture*** will be available for purchase outside Kirk Parlour today after worship. (They will also be available for purchase in the church office during the week.)

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## O God of Every Nation

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Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972



1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,  
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,  
 3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease  
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,



Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;  
 From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,  
 From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;  
 When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,



Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,  
 From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,  
 When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;  
 Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign



In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.  
 De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.  
 With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.  
 And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.



First - born from the dead, You in all things are su - preme!  
When - You come a - gain, we will share Your glo - ry.  
In what-e'er we do let Your name re - ceive the praise!

## Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive

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Rosamond E. Herklots, 1969, 1983

*Supplement to Kentucky Harmony, 1820*  
Harm. Margaret W. Mealy (b. 1922)

Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm

1. "For - give our sins as we for - give," You taught us, Lord, to pray,  
2. How can Your par - don reach and bless The un - for - giv - ing heart  
3. In blaz - ing light Your cross re - veals The truth we dim - ly knew:  
4. Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls And bid re - sent - ment cease.

Bb Am F Gm Am Dm

But You a - lone can grant us grace To live the words we say.  
That broods on wrongs and will not let Old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
What triv - ial debts are owed to us, How great our debt to You!  
Then, bound to all in bonds of love, Our lives will spread Your peace.

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## Abide with Me

Henry Francis Lyte, 1847

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William Henry Monk, 1861

1. A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide;  
 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3. I need Thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!  
 Earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 Ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 Change and de - cay in all a - round I see.  
 Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy vic - to - ry?

Help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O Thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if Thou a - bide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;  
 Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies:  
 Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
 In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

April 6 – 13, 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

### Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, April 13

Children's Palm Procession, pick up palms in Room 7 at 9:50 a.m.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

### Youth Group – Sundays, April 6 and 13 Youth Room | 6-8 p.m.

Snacks, chat, games and more.

## Welcoming Class – Today, Sunday, April 6

**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. 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.

## Easter Memorials

You may purchase an Easter lily (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Your donation will support the ministries of House of Hope. **The deadline for reserving Easter Memorials is next week, Palm Sunday, April 13.**

Contact the church office, or sign up online:

<https://bit.ly/EasterMemorials>

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Received during the season of Lent, Presbyterians worldwide join in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need around the world by providing disaster assistance, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed.



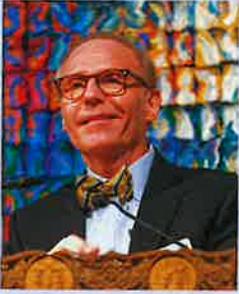
This Lenten season, please give generously to One Great Hour of Sharing. You may give at any time.

Ways to give:

- Special envelopes in the pew racks on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday, or mail your gift with memo: OGHS
- Online: [bit.ly/HOHGiving](https://bit.ly/HOHGiving) > Fund: OGHS
- Text: HOH OGHS to 73256

## Great Decisions

*The Middle East: American Foreign Policy* with Henry Berman. Tuesday, April 8, 3-4:30 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour. The Hamas-Israel War continues with immense distrust on both sides, and many outside actors trying to mediate an acceptable conclusion- especially the United States. We will examine the latest up-to-date events and implications for the entire region. Henry Berman is a retired businessman, working for 34 years at Ecolab. Henry has personal ties to the Middle East Region and has recently returned from 2 weeks in Israel. He looks forward to sharing impressions, close to the frontlines.



## Reception for the Kenefakes

**Sunday, April 13 | Kirk Parlour**

Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake's last Sunday at House of Hope will be Easter Sunday, April 20. A farewell reception with cupcakes for Scott and Gail will be held after worship on **Palm Sunday, April 13**. We invite you to bring cards and best wishes to the reception.

### Week Beginning April 6, 2025

#### Sunday, April 6, 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 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Youth Room

#### Monday, April 7, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 11 a.m. Diane Glynn Memorial Service, Chapel
- 12 p.m. Diane Glynn Reception, Kirk Parlour
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

#### Tuesday, April 8, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 3 p.m. Great Decisions, Kirk Parlour
- 5:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Room 7/Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Kirk Parlour

#### Wednesday, April 9, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Daniel Freeman Lectures, Kirk Parlour
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Choir School Room/Kirk Parlour
- 5:15 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Lenten 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

#### Thursday, April 10, 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

#### Friday, April 11, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Tween Night, Offsite

#### Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 9:15 a.m. Choir School, Choir School Room
- 9:50 a.m. Children Gather for Palm Processional in Room 7
- 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. Kenefake Reception, 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](http://www.hohchurch.org).



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