

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see"

- John Newton, *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

Third Sunday of Easter | May 4, 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.

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated today for Isla Bell Kim and Graham Paul Kim, children of Stephanie and Adam Kim. Elder assisting is Mercedes Sheldon.

We respectfully request that photographs not be taken during the celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism. Please help us honor the sacrament and the prayerful attention of the congregation. Photographs may be taken in the sanctuary following the service.

Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School:** Following the Baptism, 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:

Today's preacher Caroline Oakes will lead today's enrichment as a conclusion of the 2025 Didier Seminar: *Practice the Pause: The Good News of Neuroscience and Ancient Scripture*.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Preludium in F
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Vincent Lubeck

Introit

I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Eric Thiman

+ Processional Hymn 457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

+ Eastertide Affirmation

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Leader: Jesus asked his disciples, "Do you love me?"

All: And the disciples replied, "Yes, Lord"

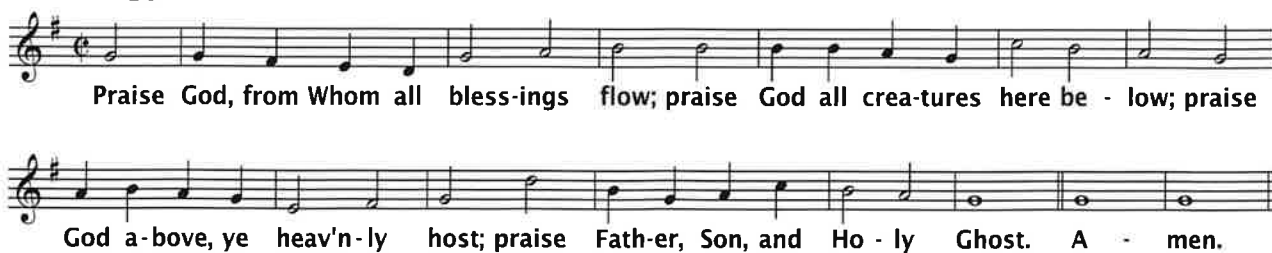
Leader: Jesus then said to them, "Feed and tend the community."

All: Who will show us the way to do these things?

Leader: Will it be the powers or principalities of this world?

All: May we follow the spirit of the risen Christ that dwells in us richly.

+ 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

Recognition of the 2025 Graduates

Anthem

Exsultate Deo

Alessandro Scarlatti

Exsultate Deo adjutori nostro;
Jubilate Deo Jacob. Alleluia.

*Sing to the Lord, all ye lands;
Sing praise to the God of Jacob. Alleluia!*

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Judy Brooks

Psalm 30 (OT, p. 505 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

My Heart Soars

Ruth Watson Henderson

St Nicholas Choir, Sofia Ardan, director; Timothy Short, piano

The beauty of the trees,
the softness of the air,
the fragrance of the grass,
speaks to me.

The summit of the mountain,
the thunder in the sky,
the rhythm of the sea,
speaks to me.

The faintness of the stars,
the freshness of the morning,
the dew drop on the flower,
speaks to me.

The strength of fire,
the taste of salmon,
the trail of the sun,
and the life that never goes away,
they speak to me.
And my heart soars.

-Chief Dan George

The Sacrament of Baptism — Isla Bell Kim and Graham Paul Kim

All: We welcome you with joy to Christ's church, and to our community, The House of Hope. We promise to help you feel seen, supported, and loved, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with you and to serve the Gospel alongside you. We promise to be a homeplace for you, and a reminder that you do not journey alone. God is always with you, and we will be alongside you. Welcome.

+ Congregational Response Hymn 493 (verses 1 & 3)

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

LIEBSTER JESU

During the baptismal response hymn, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk out with their guardians to the Narthex to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School.

Second Lesson

Acts 9:1-20 (NT, pp. 127-128 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Caroline Oakes

Between Fight and Flight is the Blind Man's Sight: The Way of Ananias

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 280

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

+ Affirmation of Faith — Adapted from the Westminster Confession of Faith

By the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, all believers being vitally united to Christ are thus united one to another in the Church, which is Christ's body.

The Spirit calls and anoints ministers for their holy office, qualifies all in the Church for their special work, and imparts various gifts and graces to its members.

The Spirit gives efficacy to God's Word and to the ordinances of the gospel.

By the Spirit the Church will be preserved, increased, purified, and at last made holy in the presence of God.

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.

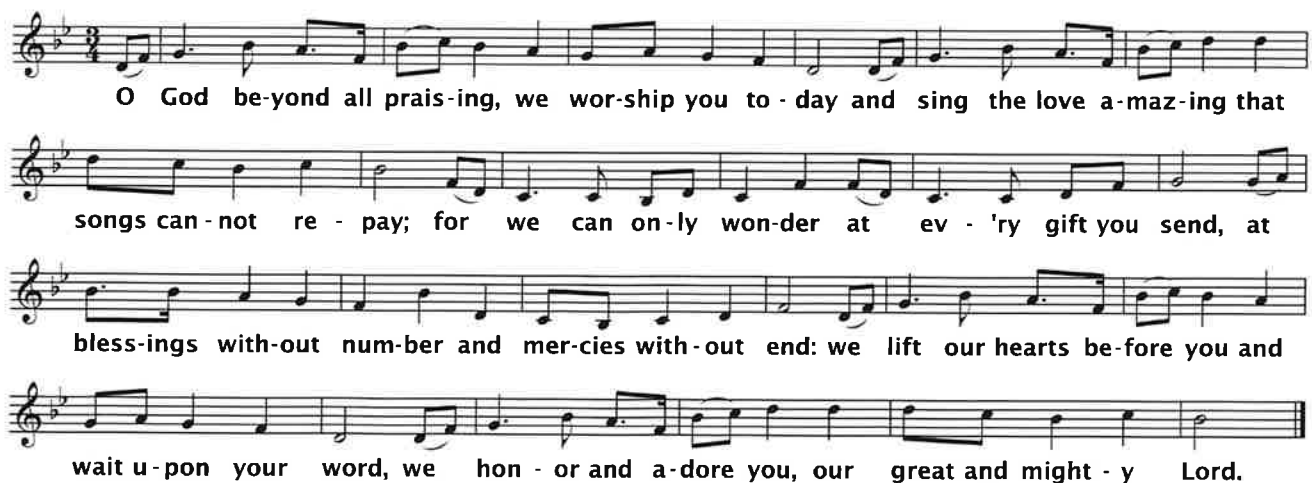
Offertory Anthem

Let Their Celestial Concerts All Unite (from Samson)

G.F. Handel

Let their celestial concerts all unite,
Ever to sound his praise in endless blaze of light.

+ 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 108**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

+ **Benediction**

Congregational Meeting

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.

About Today's Preacher:

Caroline Oakes, author of the newly-released book *Practice the Pause*, is a writer and spiritual director whose essays have been published at The OnBeing Project, the HuffPost, and in her bimonthly "Mind & Spirit" column in the *Bucks County Herald*, an award-winning regional newspaper. She received her master's degree from The General Theological Seminary and trained in teaching contemplative practice and meditation by Shalem Institute and Mindful Schools, Inc.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the High School Senior Class of 2025:

Genevieve Anderson, Elizabeth Daigle,
Ava Mayer, Malin Staloch,
Addison Stevens, Clara Thompson

We also offer our congratulations to all who are graduating at any academic or trade level, and thank all teachers and instructors for your good work and for completing another year!

457 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON 10.10.10.10

Attr. John Calvin

French Psalter, Strassburg, 1545

Trans. Elizabeth Lee Smith, 1868

Adapt. from Genevan 124

Genevan Psalter, 1551

1. I greet Thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3. Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4. Thou hast the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,

My on - ly trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 Reign - ing om - nip - o - tent in ev - ery place:
 And all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 No harsh - ness hast Thou and no bit - ter - ness:

Who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 So come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 Sus - tain us by Thy faith and by Thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in Thee,

I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.
 And give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 That we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.

5. Our hope is in no other save in Thee;
 Our faith is built upon Thy promise free;
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,
 That in Thy strength we evermore endure.

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here

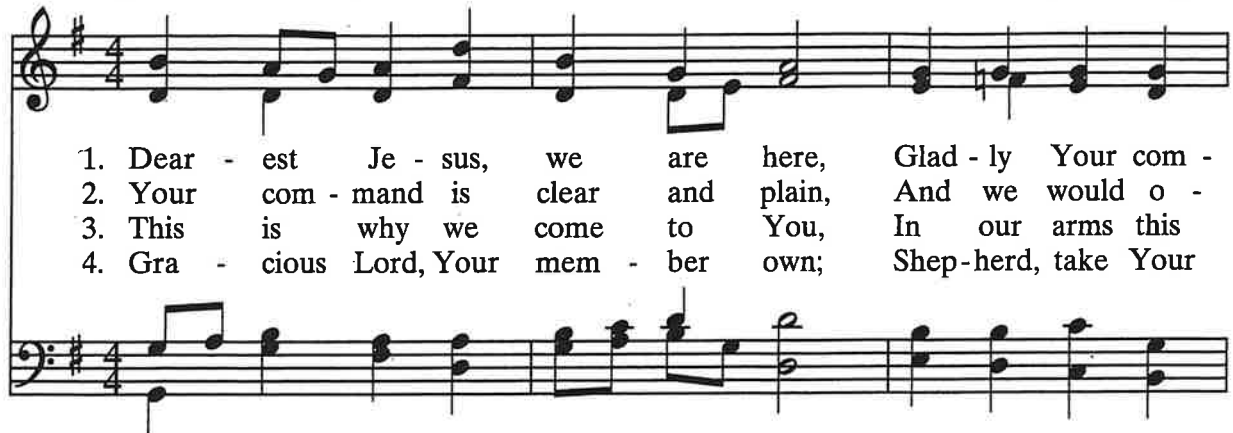
LIEBSTER JESU 7.8.7.8.8.8

Benjamin Schmolck, 1704

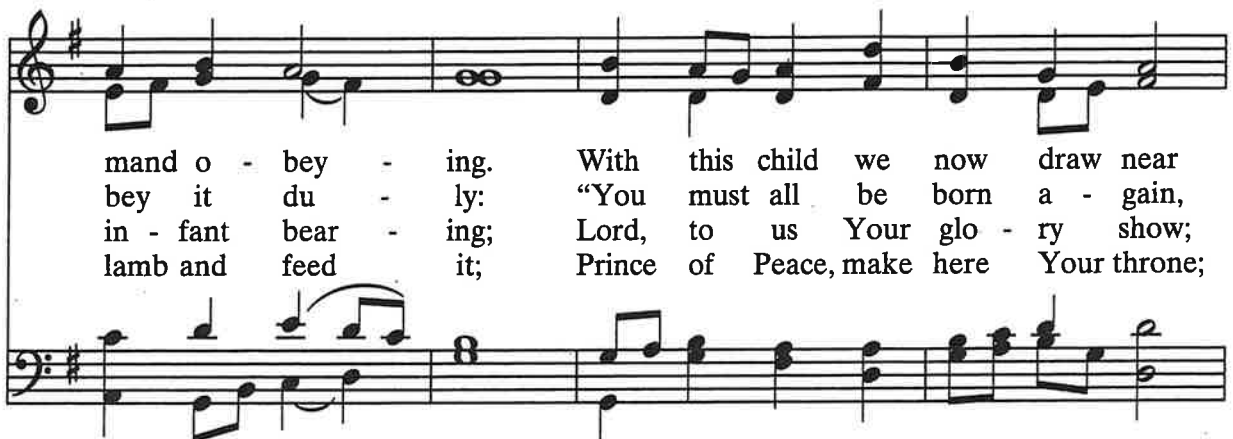
Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt.

Johann Rudolph Ahle, 1664

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750); alt.




1. Dear - est Je - sus, we are here, Glad - ly Your com -
 2. Your com - mand is clear and plain, And we would o -
 3. This is why we come to You, In our arms this
 4. Gra - cious Lord, Your mem - ber own; Shep - herd, take Your



mand o - bey - ing. With this child we now draw near
 bey it du - ly: "You must all be born a - gain,
 in - fant bear - ing; Lord, to us Your glo - ry show;
 lamb and feed it; Prince of Peace, make here Your throne;



In re - sponse to Your own say - ing That to You it
 Heart and life re - new - ing tru - ly, Born of wa - ter
 Let this child, Your mer - cy shar - ing, In Your arms be
 Way of life, to heav - en lead it; Pre - cious vine, let



shall be giv - en As a child and heir of heav - en.
 and the Spir - it, And My king - dom thus in - her - it."
 shield - ed ev - er, Yours on earth and Yours for - ev - er.
 noth - ing sev - er From Your side this branch for - ev - er.

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound 280

AMAZING GRACE CM

Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1779

Stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790*Virginia Harmony*, 1831

Arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1900

1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re - lieved;
 3. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al - read - y come;
 4. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, His word my hope se - cures;

I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
 How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be - lieved!
 'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, And grace will lead me home.
 He will my shield and por - tion be As long as life en - dures.

5. When we've been there ten thousand
 years,
 Bright shining as the sun,
 We've no less days to sing God's praise
 Than when we'd first begun.

Choctaw

Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 Hatak ilbusha pia ha
 Is pi yukpalashke

Kiowa

Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy he tsow'haw
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy hee.
 Bay dawtsahy taw, gaw aym ow thah t'aw,
 Daw k'ee da ha dawtsahy h'ee.

Cherokee

Ooh nay thla nah, hee oo way gee'.
 E gah gwoo yah hay ee.
 Naw gwoo joe sah, we you low say,
 E gah gwoo yah ho nah.

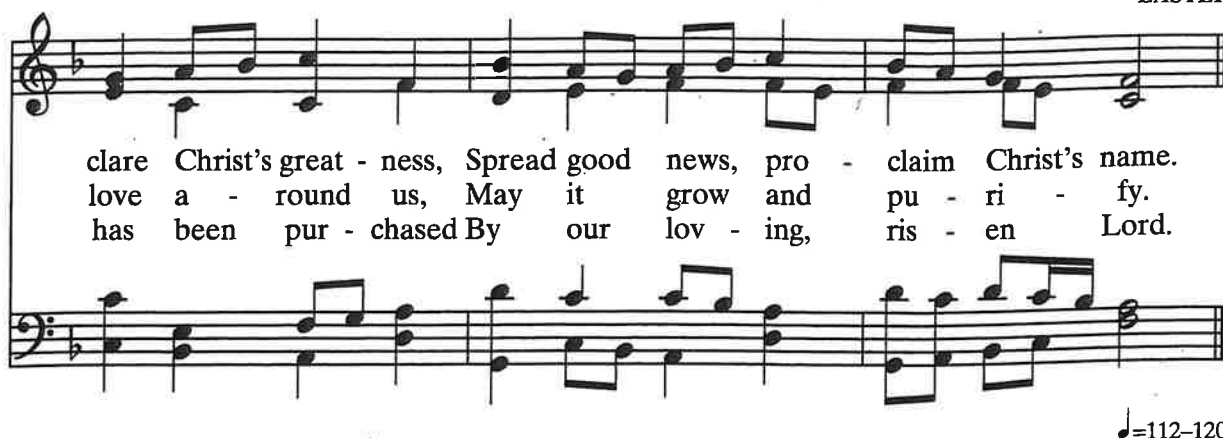
Creek

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 Ah non ah cha pa kas
 Cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 Um e ha ta la yus.

Navaho

Nizhóníígo jooba' diits' a'
 Yisdáshíítinígí,
 Lah yóóíiyá, k'ad shénáhoosdzin,
 Doo eesh'íí da nt'éeé.

Text: Phonetic transcription Cherokee, Kiowa, Creek, and Choctaw: Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference;
 Navaho: phonetic transcription by Albert Tsosie.



clare Christ's great - ness, Spread good news, pro - claim Christ's name.
 love a - round us, May it grow and pu - ri - fy.
 has been pur - chased By our lov - ing, ris - en Lord.

♩=112-120

Christ Is Alive!

108

TRURO LM

Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

Thomas Williams, 1789
Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)


1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.
 loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring
 Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.



News & Opportunities

May 4 – 11, 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. PreK - 2nd Gr.: Room 4

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth Group | Sundays: May 11, 18, and 25

Youth Room | 6 - 8 p.m. Dinner, chat, and games!

Great Decisions with Mehr "Jay" Shahidi:
International Cooperation on Climate
Change Tuesday, May 13 Kirk Parlour | 3 p.m.

Jay Shahidi is an international affairs researcher, speaker, activist, and lobbyist as well as a human rights advocate and business owner living in Minnesota.

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 things green, from e-bikes to pollinator gardens, electric vehicles to solar installations. Join us rain or shine under the big tent! bit.ly/EcoFair2025

The Choir School Spring Concert: *My Heart Soars* | Sunday, May 18 | 11:15 a.m. All are invited to attend the final Choir School concert of the season in the sanctuary. Come experience the beauty of our choristers' voices in song.

Motet Choir to Premiere Matthew Culloton's *This Place: A House of Hope*

Music Sunday, May 18. Commissioned for the Motet Choir by ensemble member Gail Tritle, Choirmaster Matthew Culloton has composed a four-movement work called *This Place: A House of Hope* that will be premiered on Sunday, May 18 as the anchor of the Music Sunday service.

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 or ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Sue Zumberge of SubText Books: Best Summer Reads Sunday, May 18

Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

Whether you'll spend your summer in Saint Paul or at the lake, join us to learn about the best summer reads with Sue Zumberge of SubText Books.

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

Volunteer in the Community Garden. New volunteers are always welcome for our beautiful HOH food pantry garden! Even if you can only help out a couple times, it all contributes to creating the 1000+ pounds of delicious and nutritious food each year for our neighbors. All ages, abilities, experience levels, and schedules of volunteers are welcome—there are jobs to fit everyone, including delivering the veggies to the food shelf. Most of our work is on weekday mornings, but we do occasional evenings and weekends, or there are opportunities to weed on your own schedule. Volunteer once or all season long. We'll be starting by early May and gardening goes on through late fall. Questions or to join the email list to see when we're working and what we're doing: see Elizabeth Karre or houseofhopegarden@gmail.com

Week Beginning May 4, 2025

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
- 10:15 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

Monday, May 5, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Rm 1/Zoom

Wednesday, May 7, 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 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 8, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 12 p.m. Mission Outreach Meeting, Rm 1/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, St. John's

Friday, May 9, 2025

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

Sunday, May 11, 2025

- 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
- 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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