

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Restless winds emerged from the earth when the graves
were open and the winds went looking for justice."

- Joy Harjo, *Conflict Resolution for Holy Beings*

Fourth Sunday of Easter | May 11, 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 Clark Gabriel Henseler, child of Kendra and Matt Henseler. Elder assisting is April Greibrok.

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 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!

HOH Welcoming Class Sunday, May 11 | 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.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Mfurahini, Haleluya! (Christ is Arisen, Hallelujah!) Tanzanian Easter Carol, arr. Cathy Mokolbust
The Bells of Hope, Timothy Short, Director; Sophie Stein, Percussion

Introit

Come that are blessed
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

+ Processional Hymn 151

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Aaron David Miller, Organist

DIADEMATA

+ Eastertide Affirmation

Leader: With what shall we come before the Holy One?

People: We shall come before God with singing!

Leader: With what shall we come before the Ancient of Days?

People: We shall come before God with justice and peace!

Leader: With what shall we come before the Good Shepherd?

People: We shall come before God with care for all creation!

Leader: How will we know that what we bring is what God desires?

People: We will know by the new life that proceeds from our life!

Rev. Erica Schemper

+ Doxology



Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Eco Fair 2025

Elly Verhagen

Volunteer Recognition

Elsa Kendig

Celebrating Michelle Mullins Freyholtz's 40 years at HOH

Diane Smith

Bell Anthem

The Awakening
Joe Englund, cellist

Karen Lacey Buckwalter

THE WORD OF GOD

Kindergarten Bible Presentation and Blessing

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

All: Dear God, thank you for creating us in your image. Guide these children and their families as they read, ask questions, and respond to these sacred stories. Teach us to follow Jesus, as we care for the world and everyone in it. Amen.

The Sacrament of Baptism — Clark Gabriel Henseler

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 492 (verses 1 & 2)

Baptized in Water

BUNESSAN

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.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 9:36-41 (NT, p. 128 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Ongoing Resurrections

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 172

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

+ Affirmation of Faith — excerpted from *Enfleshed*

We believe God is Love, and from Love, all things are born.

No creature or creation falls outside of God's eternal embrace.

We believe forces of domination and destruction, control and greed, prejudice and violence, pervade our lives, seeking to turn us against one another, against the earth, and against the Spirit of the Liberating Christ.

We believe we depend on God, the remembrance of our ancestors, the courage of the prophets, and the wisdom that can only flow from the margins, in order to grow in Love.

We believe in the power of God, to make what seems impossible possible.

We believe in the Good News that sets the captives free.

We believe in proclaiming the truths that unsettle unjust power and encourage collective liberation.

We pray we may continue to grow in understanding, in love for all our neighbors, in hunger for justice, and in the steadfast practice of our faith.

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

The Lord is my Shepherd

John Rutter

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.
He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
He shall convert my soul; and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness,
for his Name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me:
thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

+ 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 111**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

+ **Benediction**

Postlude

Bells Jubilee!

Matthew Prins

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 memory of Marian Bailey, Lois McCarty and Ginger Bailey

The Pulpit Flowers are given in honor of Michelle Mullins Freyholtz's 40 years at HOH

45 Years of Handbells

Today marks the end of the 45th anniversary year of handbell ringing at the House of Hope. Richard and Peg Blumer gifted 61 Whitechapel handbells to the HOH music program following their visit to the Whitechapel Bell foundry in England. It took 4 years for the foundry to complete the set. The bells arrived at the House of Hope in 1979; a bell choir was formed, a director appointed, and the ensemble first rang for worship services in 1980. In its history, HOH ringers have been heard at the Presbyterian General Assembly, with the St. Paul Civic Orchestra, at the visit of Mikhail Gorbachev to St. Paul, ringing outdoors in the winter for the Minneapolis Holidazzle Parade, at the dedication of the new chapel for St. Olaf Catholic Church, Minneapolis, several weddings for HOH members, numerous upper Midwest regional handbell conventions, and have traveled to Poland and Jamaica. In this milestone year, from its beginning and without interruption to the current year only one original ringer continues in the handbell program: Patricia Freeberg.

There are now three ensembles for varying skill levels and abilities: The Bells of Hope, The Sounds of Hope and Sacred Bells. The ensembles include ringers from the surrounding community and members of House of Hope. They are all volunteers and work to advance the art of handbell ringing for worship, nurture new ringers, and continue their Music in Mission projects for the community. Contact Tim Short (TimS@hohchurch.org) to learn how you can be a part of a bell ensemble.

Crown Him with Many Crowns

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DIADEMATA SMD

Matthew Bridges, 1851

George Job Elvey, 1868

1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, The Lamb up - on His throne;
 2. Crown Him the Lord of love; Be - hold His hands and side,
 3. Crown Him the Lord of peace; Whose power a scep - ter sways
 4. Crown Him the Lord of years, The Po - ten - tate of time;

Hark, how the heav-en-ly an - them drowns All mu - sic but its own!
 Rich wounds, yet vi - si - ble a - bove, In beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 From pole to pole, that wars may cease, Ab - sorbed in prayer and praise:
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, In - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
 No an - gel in the sky Can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; And round His pierc - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou hast 'died for me;

And hail Him as thy match-less King Through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 But down - ward bends his burn - ing eye At mys - ter - ies so bright.
 Fair flowers of Par - a - dise ex - tend Their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 Thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail Through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Baptized in Water

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BUNESSAN 5.5.8.5.9

Michael A. Seward, 1981

Gaelic melody
Arr. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

C Am Dm G F G C

1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the

Em Am Em G C Am F C/G

blood of Christ, our King; Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust - ing the
 tomb with Christ, our King; One with His ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ, our King; Born of the Spir - it, We are God's

Am G C G/B Am G7 C

prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's prais - es we sing.

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION CMD

Para. Isaac Watts, 1719; alt. 1972

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835
Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1986

C C G C G Am AmG C Am Em F C G C

1. My Shep-herd will sup-ply my need; Je-ho-vah is His name:
2. When I walk through the shades of death Your pres-ence is my stay;
3. The sure pro-vi-sions of my God At-tend me all my days;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

In pas-tures fresh He makes me feed, Be-side the liv-ing stream.
One word of Your sup-port-ing breath Drives all my fears a-way.
O may Your House be my a-bode, And all my work be praise.

G C F C Dm G C Am Em F Dm Am

He brings my wan-dering spir-it back, When I for-sake His ways;
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, Does still my ta-ble spread;
There would I find a set-tled rest, While oth-ers go and come;

F C G C Em Am F G C F C F C G C

And leads me, for His mer-cy's sake, In paths of truth and grace.
My cup with bless-ings o-ver-flows, Your oil a-noints my head.
No more a strang-er, or a guest, But like a child at home.

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 111

GELOBT SEI GOTT 8.8.8 with alleluias

Cyril A. Alington, 1931; alt.

Melchior Vulpius, 1609
As in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

1. Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2. The Lord of life is risen to - day! Bring flowers of song, be -
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4. Thy name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
deck the way; Let ev - ery tongue re - joice and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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News & Opportunities

May 11 – 18, 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 Trittle, 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 11, 2025

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

Monday, May 12, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel
- 5 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Zoom
- 6:00 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6:00 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 3 p.m. Great Decisions, Kirk Parlour
- 5 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Room 7/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Matthew 25 Committee, Room 1/Zoom
- 7:30 p.m. CYFM Committee Meeting, Zoom

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1/Zoom
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsals, Sanctuary/Kirk
- 5:45 p.m. Choir School Awards Dinner, Kirk Parlour
- 7 p.m. Motet Choir Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 15, 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, St. John's

Friday, May 16, 2025

- 9 a.m. Friday Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmers' Market, Summit Lot
- 5:30 p.m. Tweens Night, Great Hall

Saturday, May 17, 2025

- 1 p.m. EV Expo, Portland Ave Parking Lot

Music Sunday, May 18, 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. Choir School Spring Concert, Sanctuary
- 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
- 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.

In Memoriam

Jean Whitaker Ambler joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on April 14, 1946. Jean entered the Church Triumphant on April 24, 2025. A memorial service will take place on Friday, May 30 at 10 a.m. in the Elizabeth Chapel with a reception to follow.

John (Jack) David Overbye joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on October 20, 1968. Jack entered the Church Triumphant on May 4, 2025. A memorial service will take place on Monday, May 19 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Visitation one hour prior, and a reception to follow the service.

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