

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"For it is in the church that the narrative of God is lived in a way that makes the kingdom visible. The church must be the clear manifestation of a people who have learned to be at peace with themselves, one another, the stranger, and of course, most of all, God."

– Stanley Hauerwas

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 10, 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:

- **Worship:** Following the Children's Blessing, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians, or walk out with their guardians to be led to the Chapel for a worship time for children. Caregivers should come to the chapel immediately after the service to pick up their children.
- **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!

Worship for Children in the Chapel at 10:10 a.m. | Today, August 10; 17, and 24.

Jimmy and volunteers will take children to the chapel after the children's blessing. We will engage in some child-friendly rituals connected to the scripture and sermon, as well as have a livestream of the service running as children sit comfortably and engage some quiet activities in a space that allows them to move around and ask questions, while still being in a space of worship.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Improvisation on LYONS
Aaron David Miller, Organist

+Opening Hymn 476

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

LYONS

Prayer of Confession

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Leader: God the Holy One, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

All: Our hands are full and stained with the fruit of devastation and despair.

Leader: The perfection of beauty, the splendor of creation, the wonder of ages, God shines forth.

All: We lament in a world filled with genocide and war, aware that we too are at times complicit.

Leader: God the Holy One, speaks and calls to the heavens above and to the earth in order to judge the people.

All: Too often, we benefit from our neighbor's suffering and remain complacent and compliant.

Leader: Out of justice and righteousness, God shines forth.

All: Move us to action. Equip us as agents of your sovereign peace. Assure us that when we seek forgiveness through our actions as well as our words, your grace will meet us.

Leader: God the Holy One, speaks and receives our thanksgiving, honor, and praise.

All: The Holy One leads us when we wander onto divergent paths and nourishes our hunger for the newness of life.

Leader: Out of our witness, worship, and testimony, God shines forth.

(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

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (NT, pp. 225-226 in pew Bible)

Marnie Fleming

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Solo

Give to the Wind Your Fear

A. D. Miller

Hannah Armstrong, Soprano; Rachel Brandwein, Harp

Give to the wind your fears,
Hope, and be undismayed;
God hears your sighs and counts your tears;
God will lift your head.
Through waves and storms
God gently clears a way.
Wait for now this time,
will end in joyous day.

You know our weakness, Lord,
Our hearts are plain to see;
hold and lift our feeble hands,
help us to be free.

Paul Gerhardt, 1656

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.

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Second Lesson

Luke 12:32-40 (NT, p. 75 in pew Bible)

Leader: For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Ready For the Kingdom

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 333

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

+ Affirmation of Faith — From *The Confession of 1967*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

In each time and place there are particular problems and crises through which God calls the church to act. The church, guided by the Spirit, humbled by its own complicity and instructed by all attainable knowledge, seeks to discern the will of God and learn how to obey in these concrete situations.

God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of the peace, justice, and freedom among nations which all powers of government are called to serve and defend. The church, in its own life, is called to practice the forgiveness of enemies and to commend to the nations as practical politics the search for cooperation and peace. This search requires that the nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding. Reconciliation among nations becomes peculiarly urgent as countries develop nuclear, chemical, and biological weapons, diverting their manpower and resources from constructive uses and risking the annihilation of mankind. Although nations may serve God's purposes in history, the church which identifies the sovereignty of any one nation or any one way of life with the cause of God denies the Lordship of Christ and betrays its calling.

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 Solo

Thy Holy Wings

arr. A.D. Miller

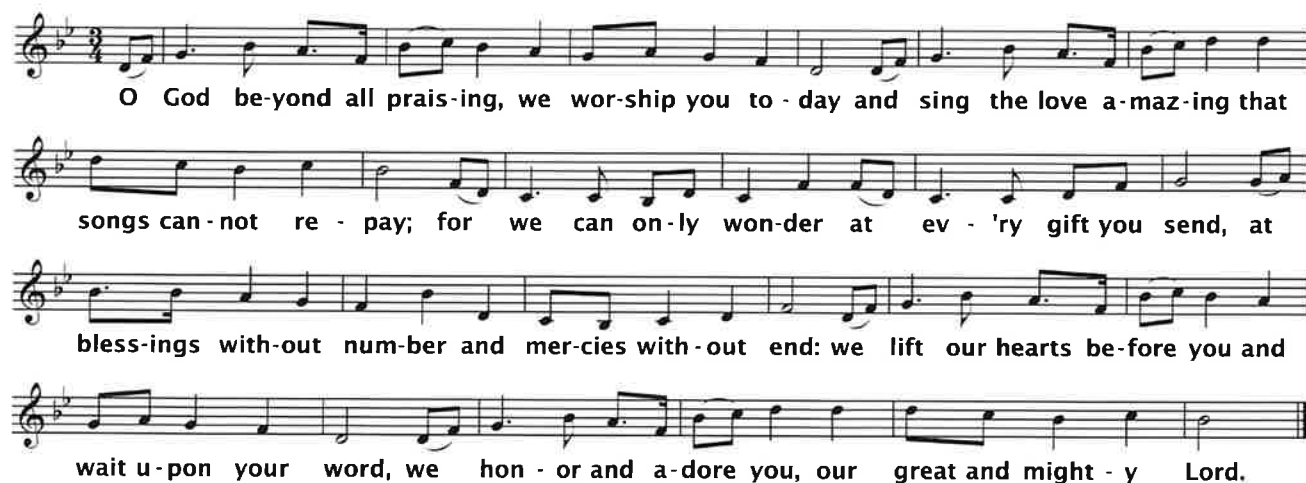
Thy holy wings, O Savior, spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and portion, my rock and hiding place,
and let my every moment be lived within thy grace.

Oh, let me nestle near thee, within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet comfort and peace within thy nest.
Oh, close thy wings around me and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn and need thy tender care.

Oh, wash me in the waters of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit, a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly slumber, enfold us one and all.

Carolina Sandell, 1865

+ 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 441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

+ Benediction

+ Sung Benediction

The Lord Bless You and Keep You - Numbers 6:24-26

Postlude

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.

Stephen Ministry at House of Hope Sunday, August 17

We are celebrating 10 years of Stephen Ministry at HOH, and we are recruiting for our next class! Have you ever thought about being a Stephen Minister? Some of our current Stephen Ministers will be available in the Sanctuary and the Kirk Parlour following the worship service on Sunday, August 17. Please look for the Stephen Ministry posters to find one of our ministers who can share information on caregiving relationship and what the program has meant to them.

HOH Parking Lot Informational Meetings Sundays, August 24 and September 28 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m.

House of Hope leadership has voted to sell the Summit Avenue parking lot, located on the corner of Summit Avenue and Grotto Street. Over the past five years, three task forces were authorized by the Session to review the property and its uses. Each task force was made up of a diverse set of congregational voices and various members from our Session, Trustees, Deacons, and Staff. The Trustees will handle the sale of the property. When an offer is accepted by the Trustees, it will also be approved by the Session, followed by a vote of HOH members at a congregational meeting called by the Session. The Presbytery will review the sale after our congregational vote. **Join us for one of our informational meetings** offered to hear more about the process and decision to sell by HOH leadership. You can read more about the process on the HOH website homepage under **Things to Know > HOH Parking Lot Task Forces**.

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LYONS 10.10.11.11

Robert Grant, 1833; alt.

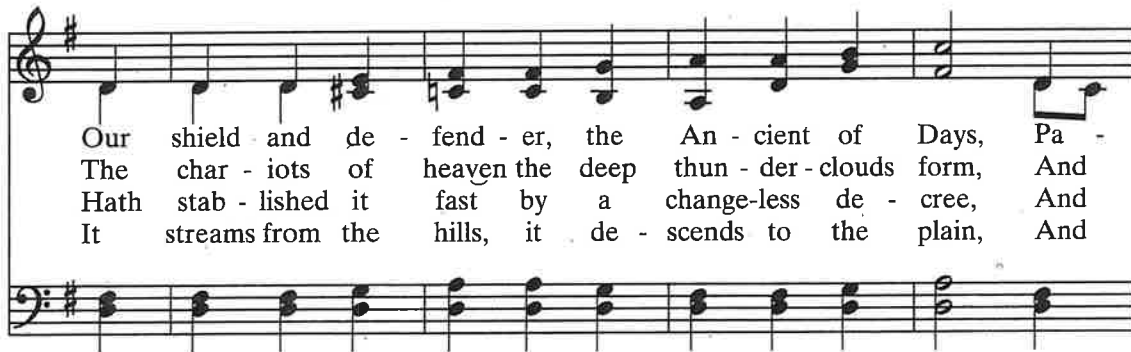
Attr. Johann Michael Haydn (1737–1806); alt.



1. O wor - ship the King, all glo - rious a - bove!
 2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace,
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told,
 4. Thy boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite?



O grate - ful - ly sing God's power and God's love;
 Whose robe is the light, whose can - o - py space.
 Al - might - y, Thy power hath found - ed of old;
 It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;



Our shield and de - fend - er, the An - cient of Days, Pa -
 The char - iots of heaven the deep thun - der - clouds form, And
 Hath stab - lished it fast by a change-less de - cree, And
 It streams from the hills, it de - scends to the plain, And



vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
 round it hath cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 sweet - ly dis - tills in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
 Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 Our maker, defender, redeemer, and friend.

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Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY Irregular

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

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1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His
 2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

D Em A7 D F#m
 le - lu - ia, Al - le -

righ - teous - ness,
 ye shall find, And all these things shall be
 Knock and the door shall be

G D G D A7 D
 lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

add-ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
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I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

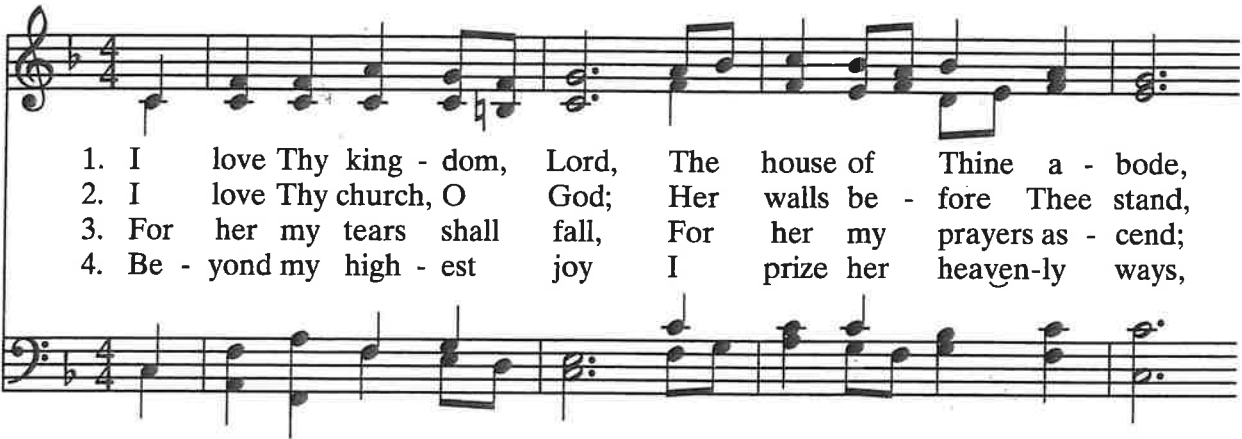
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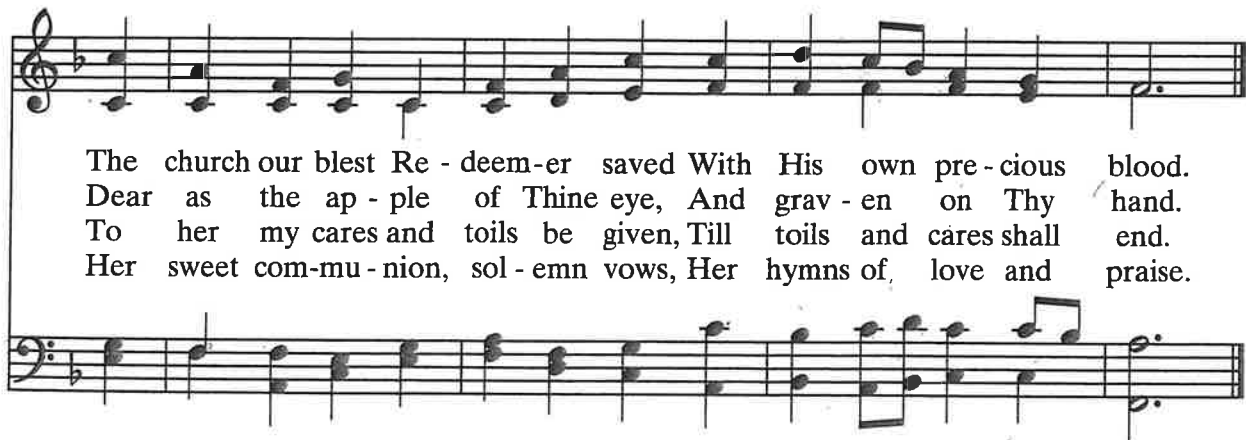
Timothy Dwight, 1800

The Universal Psalmist, 1763

Adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770



1. I love Thy king - dom, Lord, The house of Thine a - bode,
2. I love Thy church, O God; Her walls be - fore Thee stand,
3. For her my tears shall fall, For her my prayers as - cend;
4. Be - yond my high - est joy I prize her heaven-ly ways,



The church our blest Re - deem-er saved With His own pre - cious blood.
Dear as the ap - ple of Thine eye, And grav - en on Thy hand.
To her my cares and toils be given, Till toils and cares shall end.
Her sweet com-mu - nion, sol - emn vows, Her hymns of love and praise.

5. Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

August 10 – 17, 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8

Children's Worship in Chapel, Today, 10:10 a.m.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Great Decisions: U.S. - China Relations with Robert Scarlett Tuesday, August 12

Kirk Parlour | 3 p.m. When examining U.S.-China relations, it helps to be able to compare various dimensions of the two countries and understand some of the 2,000-year economic history of China. Robert Scarlett serves as Senior Advisor to Clear-water Biologic, LLC, a bio-remediation business. He is a 45-year volunteer and former Chair of Global Minnesota.

Red Cross Blood Drive Tuesday, August 26

Rooms A & B | 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Register: redcrossblood.org/give Sponsor Code: **houseofhope** or contact the church for assistance. Since August 2022, HOH has sponsored eight blood drives and collected 252 units of blood. Thank you!

Bikes and Burgers | August 30

10 a.m. Focus: BIPOC Histories.

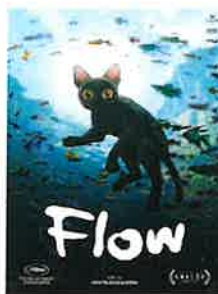
Looking for ways to connect with others while connecting our local stories to the stories of our faith? Join Jimmy Hoke and Elsa Kendig for a bike tour through the cities to hear about the histories of LGBTQIA+ and BIPOC people who shaped our communities. Each ride will be about 6 miles long for all ability levels with plenty of stops. We will stop for lunch and fellowship at noon.



Register: https://bit.ly/Bikes_Burgers

Hope Arts Center Movie in the Park

Tuesday, August 19 | 6 p.m. | HOH Park



Join friends from House of Hope and from the neighborhood for a free presentation of *Flow*, the 2024 Academy Award winner for Best Animated Feature.

Exploring themes of survival, friendship, and climate, *Flow* is told through music, stunning visuals, and sounds of animals and nature, with no spoken

language. The movie is broadly appealing to children and adults, as well as pets! Non-reactive dogs and cats are welcome, on leash or secured. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket, and a picnic supper. Bug spray is recommended.

This event is free and open to the public.

Neighborhood Puppet Show at House of Hope: The Adventures of Juan Bobo

Sunday, August 24 | Summit Lawn | 1 p.m.

Join us for a fun, free family event on the front lawn of House of Hope brought to you by Open Eye Theatre. Bring a blanket or a lawn chair and be prepared to be entertained! We will move inside the church if it rains.



The Adventures of Juan Bobo: The world is upside down, and Juan Bobo is going to do something to turn it right side up! Inspired by Puerto Rican folk stories, this show combines puppetry, music, Spanish, and English in a delightful tale of riddles, silly devils, a missing pig, and a village in need of a hero.

School Tools: School Supply Donation Drive

House of Hope is again participating in Interfaith Action's school supply drive. With your help, many area children will step into their classrooms ready for a great start to the school year.



Supplies Needed: Backpacks; 3-ring binders, loose-leaf paper, folders, and notebooks; Calculators; Pencils, pens, markers, colored pencils, crayons, erasers, highlighters; Glue sticks and bottles; Pencil boxes and pencil sharpeners; Scissors and rulers; Facial tissue and hand sanitizer.

Scan the QR code to give a monetary gift:



Or by check with memo: "School Supplies" by August 17. Drop off your donations at House of Hope by Monday, August 25.

Week Beginning August 10, 2025

Sunday, August 10, 2025

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Worship for Children, Chapel
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour

Monday, August 11, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 5:30 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Linda Lane's
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 3 p.m. Great Decisions, Kirk Parlour

Thursday, August 14, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom

Friday, August 15, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmers' Market, Summit Lot

Sunday, August 17, 2025

- 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
- 10:15 a.m. Worship for Children, Chapel
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour

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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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