

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"A searching and thriving congregation seeks to be a place where people can congregate and experience the evil weakening within them and feel the good being raised up."

– James R. Newby & Mark Minear

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | August 24, 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 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

Chorale Prelude on NICEA
Rachel Brandwein, Harp; Aaron David Miller, Organ

A. D. Miller

+Opening Hymn 416

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

Prayer of Confession *(Congregation reads the text in bold)*

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

As we gather in your name, Holy God, redeem the days when our focus wandered
and draw us back to you. Let your wisdom, justice, and compassion guide us.

Transform us, O God, that we might be saved from the vise of evil and the lure of inaction.

We cling to excuses to avoid discomfort or sacrifice in service of our neighbor.

We turn from human suffering. We keep silent in the face of wickedness.

Rebuild us with righteousness and hope, and redeem us for your beloved community.

Open our understanding to the good that needs to be done.

Sustain us for the challenges we face.

God's righteousness redeems. God is our shelter!

Let us worship the Holy One, our refuge, hope and trust. Our praise is continually of our God!

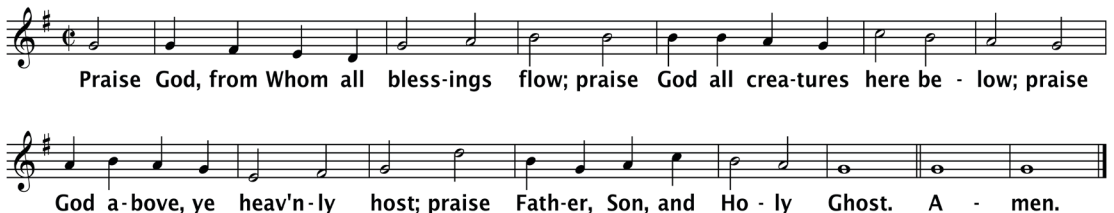
(The prayer will continue with our silent confessions.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

+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

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Psalm 71:1-6 (OT, p. 532 in pew Bible)

Janice Dickinson

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Solo

Capriccio on ASH GROVE

A. D. Miller

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 13:10-17 (NT, p. 76 in pew Bible)

For the Word of God in scripture,
For the Word of God within us,
For the Word of God among us,
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Seek Healing We Must

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 244

Let us with a Gladsome Mind

DICKINSON COLLEGE

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism,
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
and calls all peoples to all ministries of the Church.
In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

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

Treehouse in the Woods

A. D. Miller

+ 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 356

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

+ Benediction

Postlude

Aria

Marcel Grandjany

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.

HOH Parking Lot Informational Meetings

TODAY - Sunday, 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**.



Do you know a child who loves to sing? Perhaps you're curious about singing but hesitant to try. Whether it's choir ensembles for Prek-Grade 12, adult voice classes, or individual instruction (piano/voice), the Choir School has music and singing for everyone!

Registration for fall is open now: <https://bit.lyChoirSchoolRegistration>

Choir School Schedule — Classes start September 10

Tuesdays: 1 p.m. Adult Voice Explorers

Wednesdays: 4:15-6 p.m. classes and choirs for Grades 1-12

Sundays: 11-11:45 a.m. PreK-Grade 1

Individual lessons scheduled weekly.

For more information, contact Choir School Director Sofia Ardan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org

MOTET CHOIR WELCOMING NEW SINGERS - SEASON STARTS SEPTEMBER 3

The Motet Choir will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 3 at 7 p.m., and anyone interested in joining as a new singer should reach out to Matthew Culloton via e-mail: MatthewC@hohchurch.org. The choir is open to experienced singers who are college-aged or older. New members are invited to participate in a commitment-free period of a few rehearsals prior to singing on Sunday mornings. Rehearsals are every Wednesday night at 7 p.m., and the choir sings most Sunday mornings from September-July. We'd be eager to meet anyone interested in joining the powerful music ministry work that the Motet Choir provides.

In Memoriam

Rebecca Egge Moos joined the House of Hope Presbyterian Church on May 21, 1989. Becky entered the Church Triumphant on August 13, 2025. A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 5, 2025, at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow.

Lee Barrett Nelson joined the House of Hope Presbyterian Church on June 6, 1995. Lee entered the Church Triumphant on August 14, 2025. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

*If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord.
So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord.*

– Romans 14:8

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