

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The epiphany of awe is that its experience connects our individual selves
with the vast forces of life."

—Dacher Keltner

Rally Sunday | September 7, 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 Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians, or walk out with their guardians to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School. Caregivers should meet their children at the front steps of the church for the All-Church Picture.
- **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 is Rally Sunday Sunday, September 7

Rally Sunday is the time to gather for the start of a new program year! Join us for our celebration worship as our Motet Choir returns and an all-church picnic with burgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers, and all the trimmings. Our picnic uses all compostable/ biodegradable disposable plates, napkins and flatware. Sweet Fruci's Ice Cream Truck will be back with ice cream treats. All members, friends, and neighbors welcome! We will have inflatables for children and lawn games.

NEW: Congregational Photo! Following worship, we will gather for a congregational photo. We hope to have as many congregation members as possible participate!

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Voluntary in C
Aaron David Miller, Organ

Henry Eccles

Introit

O Come Let Us Sing to the Lord
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Scottish Psalter

+Processional Hymn 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

NICAEA

+Call To Worship *(Congregation reads the text in bold)*

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

Why have we gathered?

We have gathered to give witness to the presence of God's Spirit in our time.

+Prayer of Confession

Most loving God, we can scarcely comprehend the scope of your forgiveness.

We can hardly believe your amazing care for us.

**We confess that often we close ourselves off from your saving presence;
and in our pride, we withhold forgiveness from other people.**

Through the power of your Holy Spirit, grant us the assurance of your love.

**May our hearts be filled with gratitude for your grace
which overflows with love toward others. Amen.**

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

+The Peace *(The Peace of the Lord is shared with those around you.)*

+Doxology



Welcome and Announcements

Hope Arts Center Event

Madeline Cieslak

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Acclamation



First Lesson

An excerpt from *Upstream: Selected Essays* by Mary Oliver

Nancy Stendahl

Anthem

Haec est dies

Jacob Handl

Haec est dies quam fecit Dominus:
exultemus et laetemur in ea,
alleluia.

*This is the day which the Lord hath made:
let us be glad and rejoice therein.
Alleluia.*

Time for Children

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Second Lesson

Psalms 139:1-6, 13-18 (NT, p. 77 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

Transformed by Awe

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

+ Affirmation of Faith — *The Nicene Creed*, 381

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

(The prayers will begin with a moment for silent reflection.)

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

Antiphon (from Five Mystical Songs)

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King.

The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.

The church with Psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.

+ 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 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

DUKE STREET

+ Benediction

Postlude

Gigue

Dietrich Buxtehude

Processional to Church Front Steps for All-Church Photo

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

Assisting in the service today are the Sacred Bells.

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Lindsay Jean Knutson.

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.

MOTET CHOIR WELCOMING NEW SINGERS. 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.

In Memoriam

Katharine (Kay) Burke joined the House of Hope Presbyterian Church on December 10, 2000. Kay entered the Church Triumphant on August 31, 2025. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow.

A memorial service for **Lee Jamison** will be held on Friday, September 12, 2025, at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow.

A memorial service for **Lee Nelson** will be held on Friday, September 26, 2025, at 2:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary, with a reception to follow.

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