

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The reality of the living God is an ineffable mystery beyond all telling."

—Elizabeth Johnson

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time | September 14, 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 come to the East Wing 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!

• Today – Sunday Enrichment with Senior Pastor Scott Jones

Sunday, September 14 | Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. Join us to get to know our new Senior Pastor and Head of Staff better during an informal conversation.

• **Today – Welcoming Class** | Sunday, September 14 | 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.

• Parking Lot Informational Meeting – Sunday, September 28

Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. Join us for another meeting to learn about three task forces' work to study the Summit parking lot and the Session's decision to sell the lot. You can read more about the process on the website under *Things to Know*.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Dorian Toccata, BWV 538
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Introit

Jubilate Deo
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

+Processional Hymn 274

O God of Earth and Space

LEONI

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Let us enter the presence of our God with a renewed heart and a right spirit.

Revive us again, O God, according to your steadfast love.

+Prayer of Confession

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love. Forgive us our sins. Let us speak, hear, and embrace truth and the wisdom of God. Strengthen and empower us, O God. Restore our crushed spirits with joy and gladness. Amen.

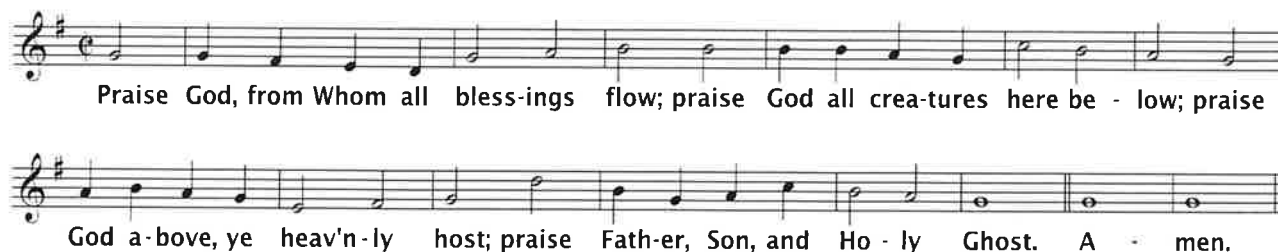
+Assurance of Forgiveness

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



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

Sung Acclamation



May the word of the liv - ing God en - light - en our path.

First Lesson

Luke 15:1-10 (NT, p. 78 in pew Bible)

Katie Anderson

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Jubilate Deo

Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before his presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise;
Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name.
For the Lord is gracious,
His mercy is everlasting:
And his truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

Time for Children

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

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Second Lesson

Psalm 100 (OT, p. 552 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

Divine Mystery

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

+ Affirmation of Faith — *The Second Helvetic Convention*, 1561

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

We believe and teach that God is one essence or nature, subsisting in himself, all sufficient in himself, invisible, incorporeal, immense, eternal, Creator of all things both visible and invisible, the greatest good, living, quickening and preserving all things, omnipotent and supremely wise, kind and merciful, just and true.

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.

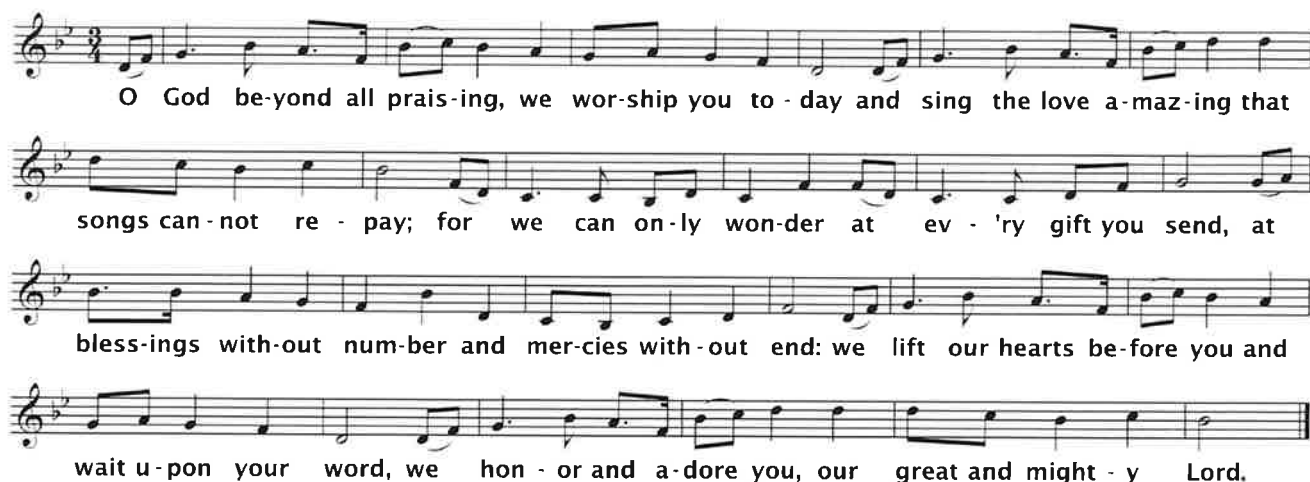
Offertory Anthem

How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place

Johannes Brahms

How lovely is Thy dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts.
For my soul it longeth, yea fainteth for the courts of the Lord;
My soul and body crieth out for the living God.
Blest are they that dwell within Thy house;
They praise Thy name evermore!

+ 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 376

Love, Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

+ Benediction

Postlude

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

The Pulpit Flowers are given in honor of Bill and Ann Geery's 55th wedding anniversary.

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Alfred M. and Lua B. Fulton, Donald B. and Sara A. Fulton, and Martha J. Fulton.

The Lectern Flowers are given in loving memory of Joe and Elvera Skovholt, and Bob and Betty Yost.

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.

THE SINGERS LAUNCH "THE FIRE OF OUR SONG" WITH J.S. BACH'S MAGNIFICAT

Joined by The Singers Sinfonia and led by Matthew Culloton, The Singers celebrate a new season with **J.S. Bach's Magnificat** – as festive and stirring a work as ever written! Be moved by the meditative music of **Arvo Pärt** (who turns 90 this September), and film composer **Ennio Morricone**, whose score for *The Mission* has become a cherished classic. Season subscriptions and single tickets available at www.singersmca.org

Saturday, October 11 | 7:30 p.m. | Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Minneapolis
Sunday, October 12 | 3 p.m. | House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

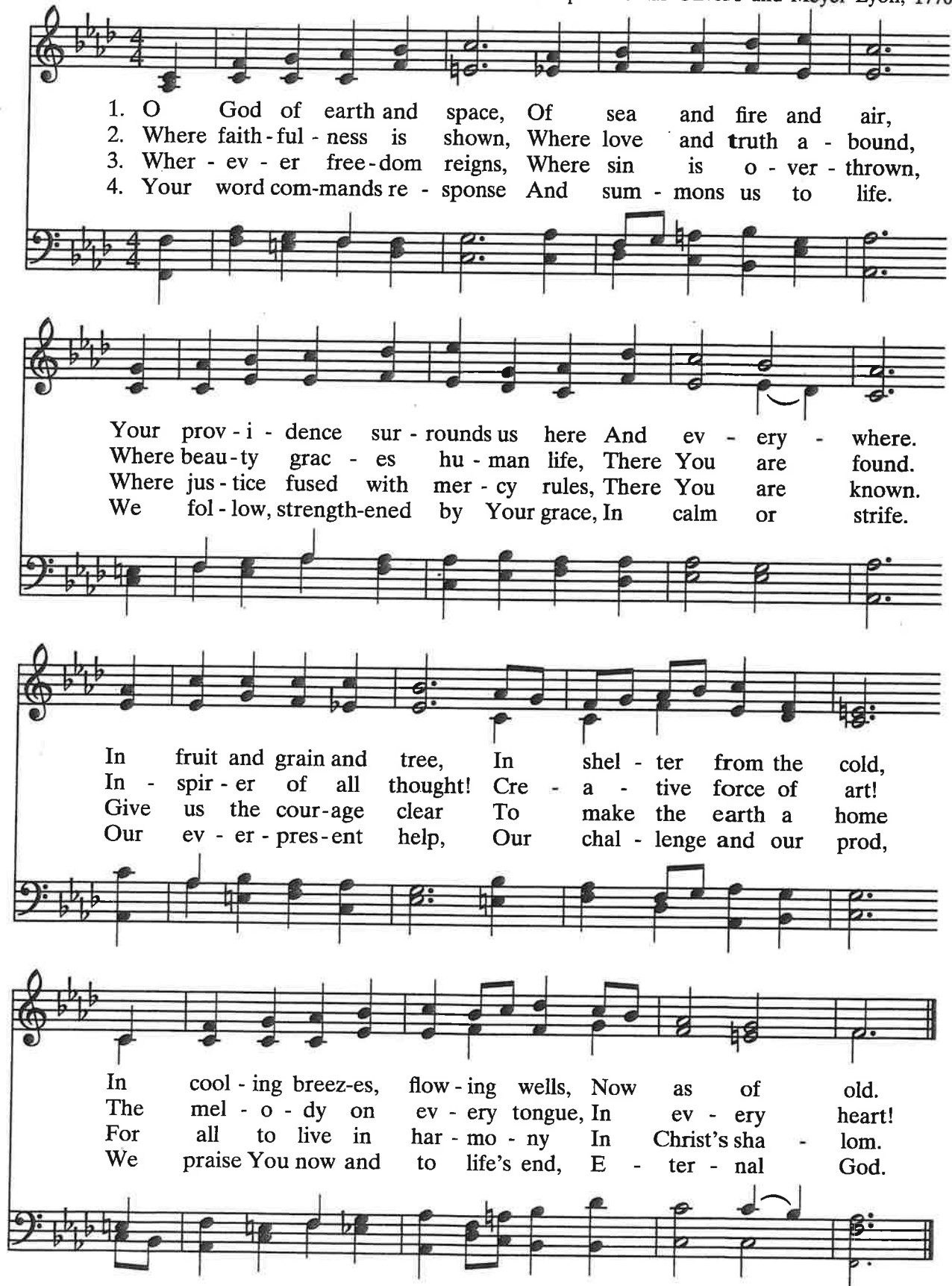
Awakening the Creative Soul: Art, Worship and Co-Creative Spiritual Practice Retreat
Saturday, October 4 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Pastor and artist Rev. Shawna Bowman (they/them) will be artist in residence at HOH and lead a morning arts retreat with a dynamic conversation and demonstration of the ways creativity can fuel our spiritual lives, and can foster a deeper connection with God and one another in worship. Additionally, Rev. Bowman will create live of a large piece for HOH centered on the Creation Story. Attendees can use this time to contemplatively watch the piece emerge or can create a piece of their own. Contact Elsa Kendig to volunteer: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

O God of Earth and Space

LEONI 6.6.8.4 D

Jane Parker Huber, 1980

Hebrew melody
Adapt. Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon, 1770


1. O God of earth and space, Of sea and fire and air,
 2. Where faith-ful-ness is shown, Where love and truth a-bound,
 3. Wher-ev-er free-dom reigns, Where sin is o-ver-thrown,
 4. Your word com-mands re-sponse And sum-mons us to life.

Your prov-i-dence sur-rounds us here And ev-ery-where.
 Where beau-ty grac-es hu-man life, There You are found.
 Where jus-tice fused with mer-cy rules, There You are known.
 We fol-low, strength-ened by Your grace, In calm or strife.

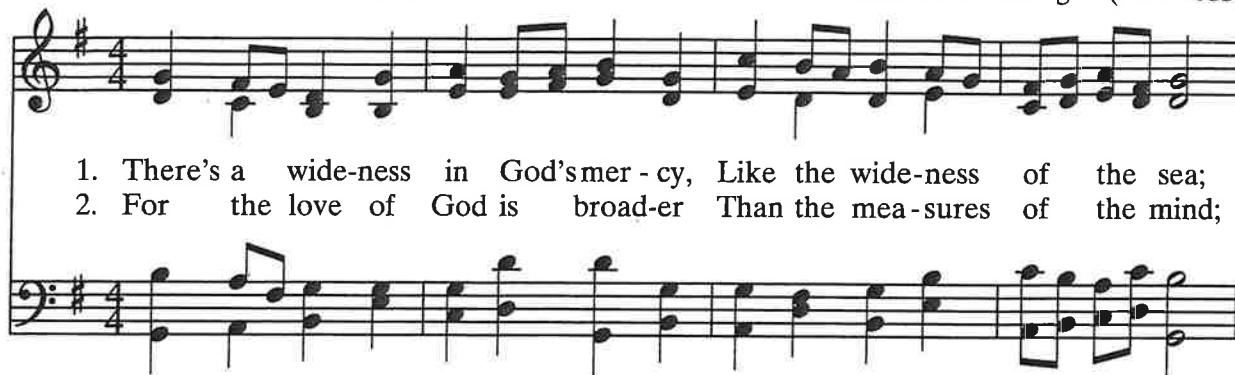
In fruit and grain and tree, In shel-ter from the cold,
 In-spir-er of all thought! Cre-a-tive force of art!
 Give us the cour-age clear To make the earth a home
 Our ev-er-pres-ent help, Our chal-lenge and our prod,

In cool-ing breez-es, flow-ing wells, Now as of old.
 The mel-o-dy on ev-ery tongue, In ev-ery heart!
 For all to live in har-mo-ny In Christ's sha-lom.
 We praise You now and to life's end, E-ter-nal God.

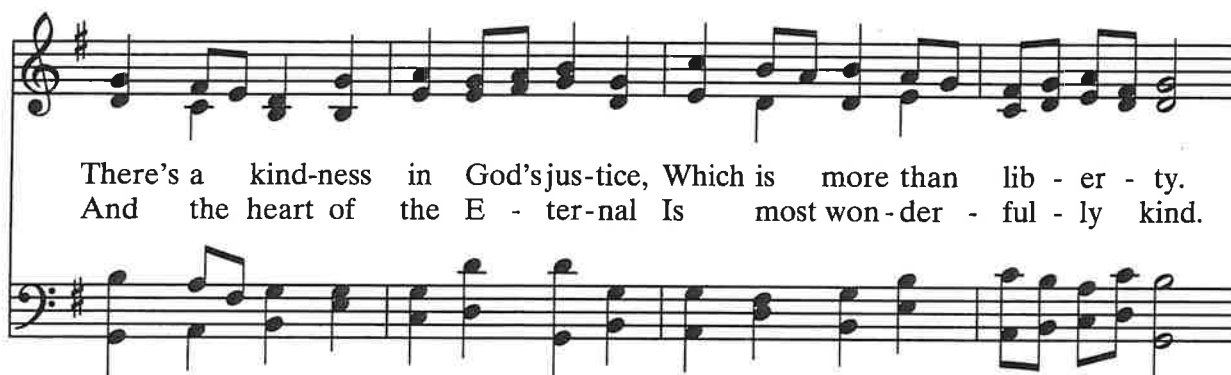
298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

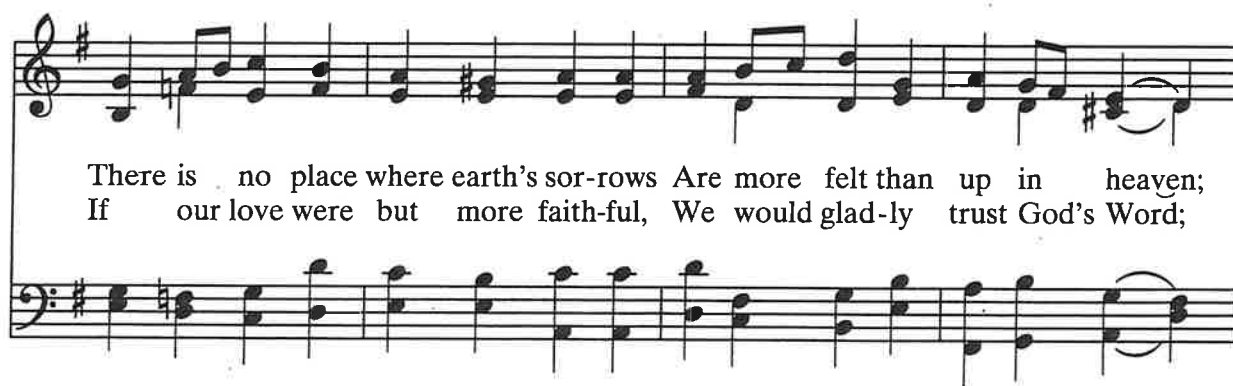
Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)


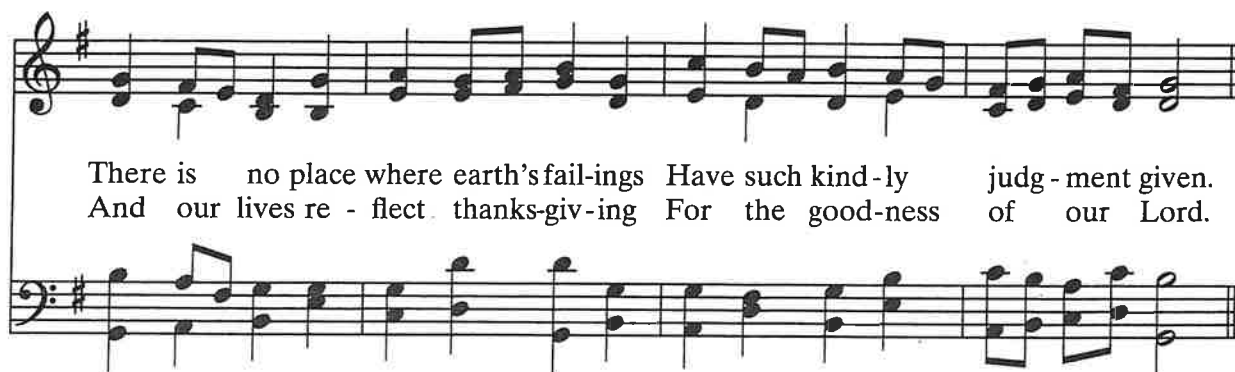
1. There's a wide-ness in God'smer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;



There's a kind-ness in God'sjus-tice, Which is more than lib-er-ty.
And the heart of the E-ter-nal Is most won-der-ful-ly kind.



There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;



There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg-ment given.
And our lives re-flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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Charles Wesley, 1747

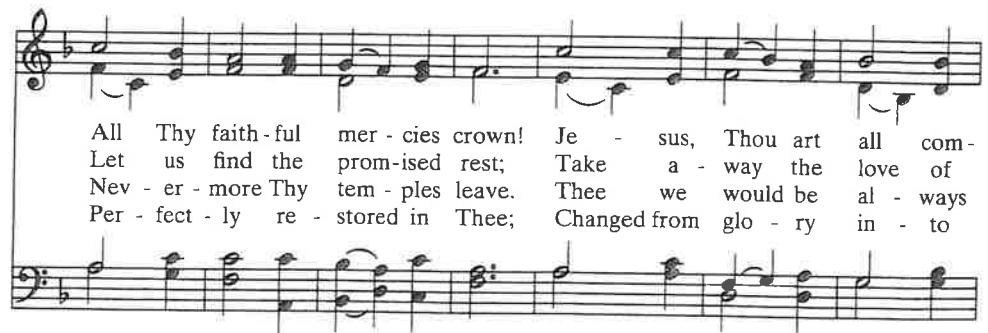
Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831



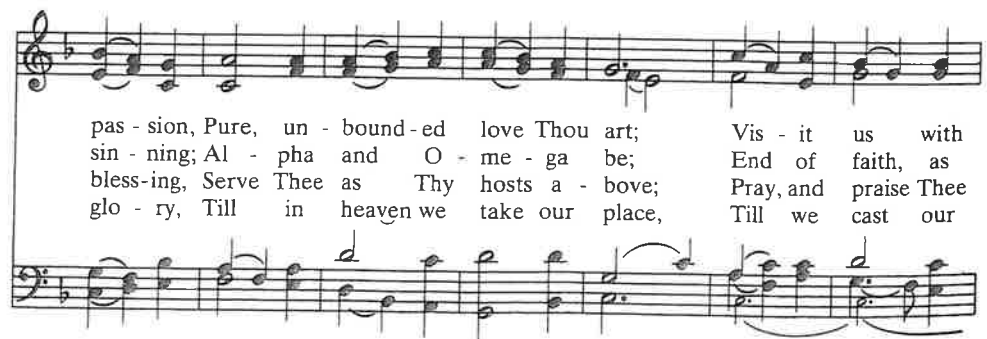
1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to ev - ery
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, Let us all Thy
 4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; Pure and spot - less



earth come down, Fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing,
 trou - bled breast! Let us all in Thee in - her - it,
 life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er,
 let us be; Let us see Thy great sal - va - tion



All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown! Je - sus, Thou art all com -
 Let us find the prom - ised rest; Take a - way the love of
 Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways
 Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee; Changed from glo - ry in - to



pas - sion, Pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with
 sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 bless - ing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove; Pray, and praise Thee
 glo - ry, Till in heaven we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise.



News & Opportunities

September 14 – 21, 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

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

Sunday School | 10:10 a.m. Rooms 2 & 4

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Confirmation Classes Begin this Sunday, September 14 | Youth Room | 8:30 a.m.

Renée Fleming Residency presented by House of Hope, Hope Arts Center and Schubert Club

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 | 7:30 p.m. Renée Fleming recital Voice of Nature at The Ordway Music Hall
Renée Fleming will make a much-anticipated return to the Twin Cities with pianist Inon Barnatan for a program based on her 2023 Grammy-winning album *Voice of Nature: The Anthropocene*. This breathtaking program explores mankind's complex and evolving relationship with nature through performances by Handel, Nico Muhly, Bjork, and more—all set against a backdrop of stunning film from the National Geographic Society.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 | 6:30 p.m. Masterclass, 7:30 p.m. Gala at House of Hope

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 | 2 p.m. Sunday Series Music and Mind with Ms. Fleming and guests, at House of Hope

To purchase tickets for the recital, masterclass, and Sunday Series lecture, please visit: www.schubert.org

To purchase tickets to the Gala, visit www.hohchurch.org or call 651-223-7545.

Sunday-Weekday Connections with Deb Boyd

Wednesday, September 23

Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Deb Boyd will talk about her life and connection to House of Hope. Please sign up by September 18 at: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, September 27 | Summit Lawn | 11 a.m.

Join us on the Summit Lawn with your pets for a blessing. Invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Choir School and Lessons Registration for fall is open now:

<https://bit.ly/ChoirSchoolRegistration> or contact Sofia Ardan at SofiaA@hohchurch.org

Bells of Hope and Sacred Bells: Interested in bell ringing at HOH? Contact Tim Short at TimS@hohchurch.org for more information.

Circle of Grace. Beginning Thursday, September 18 | 5:30 p.m.

This is a special invitation to each of you to attend the Circle of Grace gatherings that will begin this fall at House of Hope. The first gathering is September 18 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library. We invite getting together starting at 5 p.m. We'll have some salads and rolls on hand along with coffee, tea, and water. There will be a short presentation and facilitated discussion starting at 5:30 p.m. At the first meeting, we will give some thought to and talk about "Life as a Spiritual Journey."

Fall Dates: September 18, October 16, November 20; 2026 Dates: March 19, April 16, and May 16



NAMI Walk for Mental Health | Saturday, September 27

This is the third year in a row that I have joined this Walk-a-thon in support of mental health. I love this event. Community, fresh air, a little exercise, beautiful Mississippi River scenery, and a great excuse to talk to my kiddos about mental health. 1 in 5 adults (including me!) suffers from a mental health issue in their lives, something few people realize. Minnesota's National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)'s support is vital for the well-being of so many people. And this is a great opportunity to give back.

– John Zwier

We will gather at 11:30 a.m. at a round table in front of Sea Salt Eatery (4825 Minnehaha Ave, Minneapolis), with royal blue shirts and balloons. Lots of information tables, speakers, musicians, and inspiration will be there. Please register to walk (5 km) with us. If you cannot walk, we are grateful for contributions! **To register or donate: www.namiwalks.org/teams/77438**

Week Beginning September 14, 2025

Sunday, September 14, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting, Youth Rm
- 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. Pilgrimage Reunion, Dining A&B
- 11 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
- 11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
- 11:15 a.m. Sunday Enrichment, Assembly Room
- 11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
- 11:15 a.m. 3rd Grade Bible Class, Room 2
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

Monday, September 15, 2025

- 11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
- 3 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Kirk Parlour/Choir School Room
- 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
- 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 1 p.m. Adult Voice Class, Sanctuary
- 2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
- 5 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Room 7/Zoom
- 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Assembly Room

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

- 9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
- 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Room/Kirk Parlour, Great Hall
- 12 p.m. Adult Ministry Committee, Room 1
- 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
- 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5
- 7 p.m. Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, September 18, 2025

- 7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
- 10 a.m. Library Committee, Library
- 2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
- 5 p.m. Circle of Grace Meeting, Library
- 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Friday, September 19, 2025

- 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Library
- 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
- 1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmers' Market, Summit Lot
- 7:30 p.m. Renée Fleming Recital, Ordway Concert Hall

Saturday, September 20, 2025

- 6:30 p.m. Renée Fleming Masterclass, Sanctuary
- 7:30 p.m. Hope Arts Center Gala, Kirk Parlour

Sunday, September 21, 2025

- 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting, Youth Rm
- 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 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
- 11:15 a.m. 3rd Grade Bible Class, Room 2
- 2 p.m. Sunday Series with Renée Fleming
- 6 p.m. Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

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