

## Awakening the Creative Soul: Art, Worship and Co-Creative Spiritual Practice

with Rev. Shawna Bowman  
Saturday, October 4 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.



Pastor and artist, Rev. Shawna Bowman (they/them), will be artist in residence and lead a morning arts retreat. This will be a dynamic conversation and demonstration of the ways creativity can fuel our spiritual lives for all ages, 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 for more information: [ElsaK@hohchurch.org](mailto:ElsaK@hohchurch.org).

To register: <http://bit.ly/HoHArtInWorship>



## First Friday Jazz features Saxophonist Joe Mayo Friday, October 3 Assembly Room | 6 - 8 p.m.

Join us for another evening of great music by Jazz Savvy and good company. Enjoy this relaxed, casual opportunity to meet, mingle, and enjoy time with fellow congregants and our neighborhood community.

Please register early to help us better plan for the event.

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/FirstFridayJazz>

Volunteer: <https://bit.ly/JazzVolunteers>

Suggested donation to offset expenses is \$20 per adult. Donate at the door, in advance, or Text **HOH Jazz** to 73256.



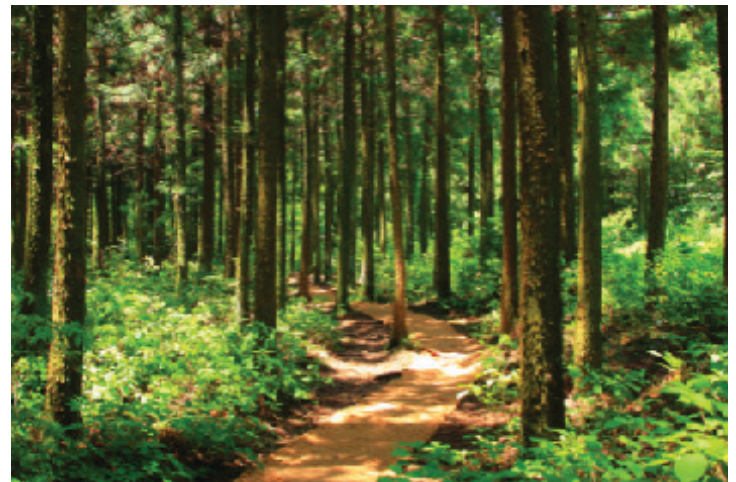
## Sunday Series with Journalist and Author Katherine Stewart

November 9, 2025 | 2 p.m.



Katherine Stewart is an investigative journalist and the author of the New York Times bestselling *Money, Lies, and God: Inside the Movement to Destroy American Democracy* (Bloomsbury, 2025). Her previous book, *The Power Worshippers: Inside the Dangerous*

*Rise of Religious Nationalism* (Bloomsbury, 2020) formed the basis of the documentary feature *God & Country*, produced by Rob Reiner. *The Power Worshippers* was also awarded First Place in the Nonfiction Books category by the Religion News Association, among other prizes, and was Union Theological Seminary's Fall Read. Stewart's work appears in *The New York Times* op ed, *New Republic*, Religion News Service and others. Her focus on November 9 will include ways in which faith communities can work to defend democracy. Tickets will be available mid to late Oct.



## Walking the Way

Wednesday Evenings, October 22 - November 19

Are you curious about Christian beliefs and practices? Do you ever wonder why Christians do certain things, or why different Christians do things differently? House of Hope will offer a five-week series for adults and youth covering foundational Christian practices that invite participants to reflect on and engage with our Presbyterian faith tradition. A simple dinner will be offered beginning at 5:30 p.m. The program will begin at 6 p.m., finishing by 7 p.m. Make plans to join us. For childcare requests or more information, contact Rev. Phillip Romine at [PhillipR@hohchurch.org](mailto:PhillipR@hohchurch.org)

# WORSHIP

10 a.m.

**Sunday, October 5, 2025**  
**Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Motet Choir:**

*Oh Lord in Thee Have I Trusted, Handel*  
*God's Gonna Set the World on Fire, Hogan*

**Sunday, October 12, 2025**  
**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Motet Choir:**

*Lord for Thy Tender Mercies Sake, Farrant*

House of Hope Choir School  
*Psalm 98, Marshall*

**Sunday, October 19, 2025**  
**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Motet Choir:**

*Hallelujah (from Christ on the Mount of Olives), Beethoven*  
*How Lovely are the Messengers, Mendelssohn*

**The Bells of Hope:**  
*Festival Intrada, Dobrinski*  
*The Awakening, Buckwalter*

**Sunday, October 26, 2025**  
**Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Motet Choir:**

*Nun danket alle Gott, Pachelbel*



## A Note from Scott

"The grace that is necessary to change things radically exists and is at work in the world now, providing human beings with everything they need to live life differently." So writes Kathryn Tanner in her insightful book *Christianity and the New Spirit of Capitalism*. Kathryn Tanner will give a presentation to us during a luncheon following worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 16.

Tanner is a Professor of Divinity and Religious Studies at Yale University. According to her bio, "Her research relates the history of Christian thought to contemporary issues of theological concern using social, cultural, and feminist theory." What impressed me about her book was the way she used core doctrines of Christian thought to examine critically the current, dominate economic system. Particularly the current economic model's use of scarcity to promote fear, which leads to people being stressed and burned out, missing out on the good life that God created us for. Her work invites us to think theologically about money, work, finance, etc. To imagine a different, better world that more fully enjoys the abundance of God's grace.

One of my early takeaways from conversations with many of you is that House of Hope needs to have an open conversation about money—how we raise it, invest it, budget it, spend it, report on it, etc. So we are

taking steps in forming a new Finance Committee, planning educational reports to Session, and have hired a new Director of Development to assist us in developing current best practices.

But I believe that our conversation shouldn't just be about nuts and bolts like fund allocation or audits or financial reports. The conversation should be rooted in our theological understanding. Tanner's presentation on November 16, as part of our season of stewardship and our annual pledge drive, will be a component of that. Helping us to think and imagine in new ways, rooted in our faith in God.

The Stewardship Committee has also asked me to lead an Adult Enrichment session on Sunday, November 2 about the church's finances. That's more the nuts and bolts part. So please save those dates now.

Of course, all of our financial workings are in service to God's mission. And it's very clear to me that God is using House of Hope to achieve God's purposes—to create a caring and resilient community of belonging that bears witness to our spiritual and humane values, such as beauty, joy, peace, justice, and love.

Kathryn Tanner reminds us, "The fulsome character of grace means... one has all one needs now to meet the present the challenge."

Peace,  
Scott

## Stewardship Save the Dates:



**Sunday, November 2:** Enrichment Hour with Scott Jones discussing House of Hope Financials

**Sunday, November 16: Stewardship Sunday & Luncheon**  
Join us after worship with guest speaker Kathryn Tanner, Professor of Divinity and Religious Studies at Yale University.





## HOPE ARTS CENTER

### Presbytery Grant

Hope Arts Center recently received a **\$20,000 grant from the Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area** to refresh the stage in the Great Hall. This funding will provide new drapery, a sound amplification solution, and improved ADA accessibility. It marks the first phase of a larger project that will eventually include upgraded lighting and additional audio improvements for the space.

Hope Arts Center represents House of Hope's commitment to deepening our connection with the community, opening the doors to experiences that uplift and inspire. These upgrades will make the stage more versatile for both House of Hope programs and community events — broadening the ways this space can bring people together and sustain House of Hope's impact for years to come.

### The Loft Literary Center and Hope Arts Center present:



#### **Narrative Healing Writing Workshops**

Experience writing as a way to heal in any one of

these 90-minutes sessions – or sign up for all three. Each session offers participants a unique opportunity to explore writing as a healing art.

**Narrative Healing:  
Writing to Remember**  
Saturday, October 4

**Narrative Healing:  
Music as a Prompt**  
Saturday, November 1

**Narrative Healing:  
Writing to Connect**  
Saturday, November 15

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.  
Location: House of Hope  
**Register: [www.loft.org](http://www.loft.org)**  
\$20 each workshop



## HOH Roofing Project Update

**Phase 1** - With an unusual number of rain delay days this summer, the flat roof replacement work has fallen behind the original schedule but with diligent effort by the contractor is now nearly completed. All of the new insulation and EPDM membrane is in place with a small amount of flashing and interior patching work needing completion.

**Phase 2** - The slate roof and sealant repair work is in progress and anticipated for completion by late October.

**Phase 3** - Placement of photovoltaic panels started on September 15 as pictured above and will take several weeks to install approximately 100 panels and connect the two arrays into the church's electrical system. Look for further updates and photos when the solar panel installation is complete!

– Dick Crone



## Choir School Holiday Wreath and Plant Sale: Order online October 12-30.

**Order pick up is December 3 between 4 - 6 p.m.**

Wreaths, holiday arrangements, gift cards, and poinsettias from Gertens! Proceeds support The House of Hope Choir School.

To order, go to [www.gertensfundraising.com](http://www.gertensfundraising.com) and enter **Store ID 95**





## Congregational/Family Retreat | Clearwater Forest

**Friday-Sunday, November 21-23**

The second annual Revived House of Hope Congregational Retreat at Clearwater Forest is back this November 21-23! This retreat not only revives a HOH tradition but will revive you! The focus is on recharging and quality time with fellow congregants. All ages are welcome as well as friends.

The cost of the retreat is \$110 per individual, or a \$250 family max.

**Registrations are due by Nov. 9.**

You can arrive after 5 p.m. Friday. If you would like to be back for Julia's farewell Sunday, feel free to drive back Saturday or before breakfast Sunday. We hope to see a wide swath of HOH up at camp! Register: <https://bit.ly/NovClearwaterRetreat>



## We welcome you to the House of Hope Library!

We recently were asked if it is possible to stop by House of Hope between appointments. You are always welcome to spend time when you need a break or to spend some time reading during church office hours. This is exactly what we set the library up for. There's an occasional meeting in the library, in which case you are welcome to use any other open room. Please check in in the church office and let us know you're in the building. There's usually coffee brewing somewhere, and we do always have tea.



## Children, Youth and Family Ministry

### Children and Family Ministry

Contact Dr. Jimmy Hoke:

[JimmyH@hohchurch.org](mailto:JimmyH@hohchurch.org)

### Early Childhood Ministry:

Sunday childcare will be available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8.

**October 4: Art, Children, and Worship Event, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.**

**October 10: Tween Night (4th – 6th graders) 5:30-7 p.m.**

**October 24: Annual Halloween Party, 5:30-7 p.m.**

**November 21-23: Fall Churchwide + Family Retreat at Clearwater**

### Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

[ElsaK@hohchurch.org](mailto:ElsaK@hohchurch.org)

### Art and Worship Event

**Saturday, October 4**

**Assembly Room | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

### Youth Group

**Sundays October 5, 12 and 26**

**Youth Room/Room 1 | 6-8 p.m.**

### Confirmation

**Sundays October 5, 12 and 26**

**Youth Room | 8:30-9:45 a.m.**

## CLOISTER GALLERY



### We are the Community we call House of Hope

Home of the Sunday Series:

Kate Bowler, Heather Cox

Richardson,

Justice Alan Page, George Takei.

We love music.

We are Singers and Bell Ringers.

And, there's First Friday Jazz.

We love Pets, People, and the Planet.

We are Learners and Readers.

We worship here. We play here.

We are Pilgrims and Seekers.

We are Neighbors and Friends,

Gardeners and Givers.

This is a reliable place for Coffee and Tea.

Often for cookies, sometimes for ice cream.

And, **EVERYONE** is welcome.

## Meet Ministry Intern Alex Boltz



Children, Youth, and Family Ministry is excited to welcome Alex Boltz as our ministry intern for the fall. Alex is working at House of Hope as part of his work through the Meisel Scholarship, awarded by Westminster Presbyterian Church in Minneapolis. Alex is a final-year student at the University of Minnesota, pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Psychology, and preparing to apply to seminary. A member at Westminster, Alex is preparing for and discerning a call to pastoral ministry through experiential and cooperative participation in local Presbyterian communities of faith. We are excited to introduce Alex to House of Hope and have him work with our team and programs!

# OCTOBER

## Drop-In Knitting and Crafts

**Wednesdays | Library | 3 p.m.**

Join us for a new adventure at House of Hope beginning October 1: drop-in knitting and crafting in the church library each Wednesday from 1 - 3 p.m. Bring your yarn or your project, and we will sit together and create! Coffee and water will be available. No need to 'reserve a space' just come as you are able.

## Twin Cities Marathon

**Sunday, October 6**

You'll want to arrange your drive to church to avoid road closures.

## Sunday Enrichment: Spirituality: Seeing with the Eyes of the Heart

**October 5 and 12**

Dr. Stephen Brachlow and Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson will offer back-to-back Adult Enrichment sessions on spirituality. Stephen taught courses on spirituality at several seminaries including the PC(USA) seminary in Louisville. As a retired professor of Church History and Christian Spirituality, Stephen has much wisdom to share about the Spirit's guidance and presence in our lives. Julia will introduce us to HOH's labyrinth and discuss the labyrinth as a spiritual practice.

## 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 turned 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](http://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

## Great Decisions: *The Changing Role of U.S. Leadership in the World Economy* with Todd Lefko

**Tuesday, October 14**

**Kirk Parlour | 3:30 p.m.**

The nature of the world economy is changing. Much of the change has been driven by changes in U.S. global policies, including the changes in national industrial policy, the use of sanctions, and the increasing threat of tariffs. We will discuss these factors, and the possible choices we have – both for the nation and the world. Todd Lefko is President of the International Business Development Company, an import-export firm dealing with water purification equipment, art, linen, kilns, and new technologies.

## Circle of Grace

**Thursday, October 16**

**Library | 5:30 p.m.**

Join us for Circle of Grace gatherings that began this fall. You are invited to gather starting at 5 p.m. We'll have some salads and rolls along with coffee, tea, and water. There will be a short presentation and facilitated discussion starting at 5:30 p.m. We will be talking about *Companions on the Journey*.

**Fall Dates:** November 20

**2026 Dates:** March 19, April 16, and May 16

## Installation of Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones as HOH's Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

**Sunday, October 19 during 10 a.m. worship**



## HOH Staff Update

We welcome **Christopher Freeze** as House of Hope's Director of Development.

## Who Lives in Hippo Park?

You're invited to a free event at "Hippo Park" (HOH Park) on Portland and Grotto on **Sunday, October 12 from 12:30-2:30 p.m.** We'll get to know the trees, plants, and other beings in Hippo Park! Help take an inventory to serve as a starting point as we reimagine this park together.

Also enjoy a special treat---yogurt parfaits featuring toppings from the kinds of trees that grow in St. Paul parks.

Activities will be led by Tracy Kugler ([momentsinthepark.com](http://momentsinthepark.com)) and the park project's neighborhood Steering Team.



## Earth Care

### Reduce and Compost Food Waste

Americans throw away nearly 120 million pounds of food every year, almost 40% of our country's entire food supply. To reduce food waste, plan your meals, create a shopping list, and buy only what you need. Buy fresh produce in smaller quantities, especially highly perishable items. Properly store your groceries to extend their shelf life. Buying local and seasonal produce can reduce food waste by shortening the distance food travels. Incorporate leftovers in your meals. And, compost the food scraps you do produce. To compost in your backyard or find a drop-off site in Saint Paul or Ramsey County, visit Food Scraps (Organics) Recycling | Saint Paul Minnesota.

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