

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Can we hear the voice of the beloved, the divine lure,
promiscuously inviting us all, even now, to come, to 'come away'?
To become who we did not know we could be?"

– Catherine Keller

Reformation Sunday | October 26, 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's Enrichment Hour: Sunday, October 26 - Panel Discussion on "No Kings"

Dr. Jimmy Hoke published an article in Presbyterian Outlook entitled 'No Kings' should include Jesus encouraged progressive Christians to think of Jesus beyond kingship as part of a democratic movement. Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson has long used the word "kin-dom" instead of "kingdom" in her prayers. And Rev. Dr. Scott Jones this summer preached on the political implications of kingdom language. These three staff members will engage in an open discussion of these topics during Adult Enrichment on Reformation Sunday.

Next Sunday, November 2 - "Let's Talk Money!" with Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones. New Senior Pastor Scott Jones wants to have a good, open conversation about church finances. As part of our season of stewardship, he'll share the current state of church finances and how we should guide this conversation with our theological, spiritual, and justice values. Then, on **Stewardship Sunday, November 16, Dr. Kathryn Tanner will be our guest speaker** via zoom in the Great Hall. A light lunch will be provided. Donations are appreciated to help us offset expenses. The suggested donation is \$20 per adult, or donate what you're able. To sign up and donate, please visit hohchurch.org, and scroll down to "Things to know".

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Fugue in E-Flat, "St. Anne", BWV 552
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S. Bach

Festal Procession of Pipes and Drums

Macalester Pipe and Drum Ensemble

+Processional Hymn 260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG

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

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

How blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness.

**Sanctify us by your Word and Spirit so that we may glorify you
in the company of the faithful.**

+Prayer of Confession

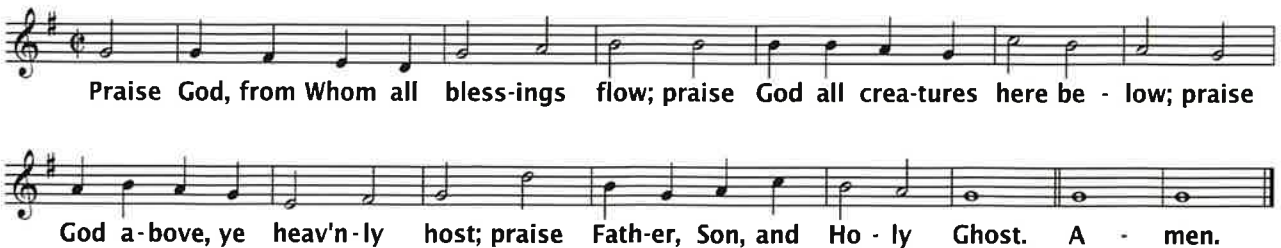
Loving God, too often we hide beneath the veil of religion
or trust too much in the good things we do. Remind us of the truth
that all have sinned, even us. We have failed to live as the people you call us to be.
Cleanse us and restore us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior.

+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.

Anthem

Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring

J.S. Bach

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Jesu, joy of man's desiring, Holy wisdom, Love most bright;
Drawn by thee, our soul's aspiring, Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned With the fire of life impassioned.
Striving still to Truth unknown, Soaring, dying, round thy throne.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Acclamation



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

First Lesson

Bruce Johnson

Luke 18:9-14 (NT, p. 81 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Bist du bei mir

J.S. Bach

Lily Flores-Diaz and Leah Shipp, Choir School Choristers; Aaron David Miller, Piano

Bist du bei mir, geh' ich mit Freuden
Zum Sterben und zu meiner Ruh'

*If you are with me, then I will go gladly
unto death and to my rest.*

Ach wie vergnügt wär so mein Ende:
Es drückten deine schönen Hände
Mir die getreuen Augen zu.

*Ah, how pleasing will be my end,
if your dear hands then
shut my faithful eyes!*

Time for Children

Alex Boltz, CYFM Intern

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. Caregivers should come to the East Wing immediately after the service to pick up their children.

Second Lesson

Psalm 77:11-15 (OT, p. 537 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

Working Wonders

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+ Hymn 370

Just as I Am, Without One Plea

WOODWORTH

+ Affirmation of Faith — from *The Scots Confession of 1650*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

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

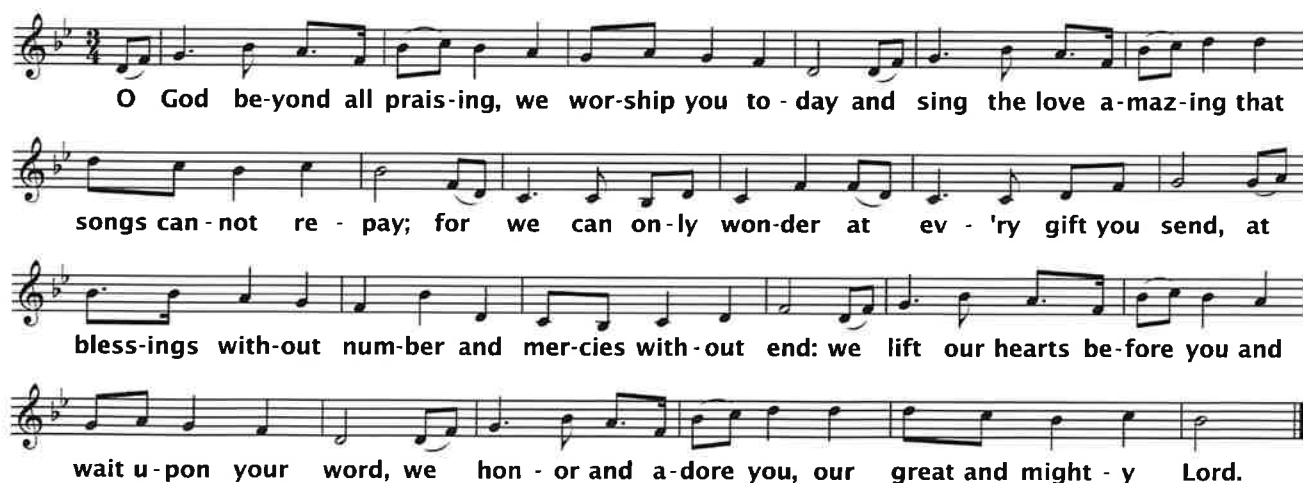
God is Living, God is Here

J.S. Bach

Wherefore despair?
God the Lord is everywhere!
God is good, and with compassion
Gives to all on earth his aid;
His strong arm, in powerful fashion,
All good things for us has made.
In his mystic ways progressing,
Turns he every want of blessing.
So my soul, now do not fear;
God is living, God is here!

Wherefore despair?
God the Lord is everywhere!
Shall he sleep when shadows darken,
He who made the eye so clear?
When we cry, shall he not hearken,
He who made the listening ear?
God is God the Lord, all-seeing
When despair torments our being.
So my soul, now do not fear;
God is living, God is here!

+ 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 139

Come, Thou Almighty King

ITALIAN HYMN

+ Benediction

Postlude

Gigue, BWV 1068

J. S. Bach

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.

The Communion Table Flowers are given in loving memory of Ted Weyerhaeuser.

The Pulpit Flowers are given in loving memory of Lee Jamison.

The Session has called a **Congregational Meeting** for Sunday, November 9, 2025 following the service for the purpose of acting upon the request of Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson that the pastoral relationship between Rev. Dr. Carlson and The House of Hope Presbyterian Church be dissolved, effective December 8, 2025. Her last Sunday will be November 23, 2025.

Next Week: All Saints' Sunday and Music Sunday, November 2 | 10 a.m.

Featuring: John Rutter's *Requiem* with the House of Hope Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra

John Rutter's program note for *Requiem*:

Requiem was written in 1985 and first performed in October of that year. Following the precedent established by Brahms and Fauré, among others, it is not strictly a setting of the Requiem Mass as laid down in Catholic liturgy, but instead is made up of a personal selection of texts, some taken from the Requiem Mass and some from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. The seven sections of the work form an arch-like meditation on the themes of life and death: the first and last movements (Requiem aeternam and Lux aeternam) are prayers on behalf of all humanity, movements 2 and 3 (Out of the deep and The Lord is my shepherd) are psalms, 3 and 5 (Pie Jesu and Agnus Dei) are personal prayers to Christ, and the central Sanctus is an affirmation of divine glory.

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A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN' FESTE BURG (isometric) 8.7.8.7.6.6.6.7

Martin Luther, 1529

Trans. Frederick Henry Hedge, 1852

Martin Luther, 1529



1. A might - y for - tress is our God, A bul - wark nev - er fail - ing;
 2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, Our striv - ing would be los - ing;
 3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, Should threat - en to un - do us,
 4. That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, No thanks to them, a - bid - eth;



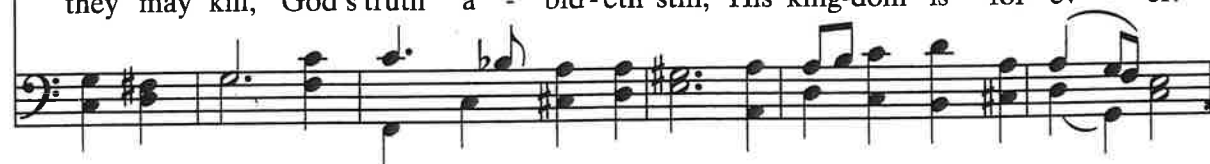
Our help - er He a - mid the flood Of mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing.
 Were not the right Man on our side, The Man of God's own choos - ing.
 We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to tri - umph through us.
 The Spir - it and the gifts are ours Through Him who with us sid - eth;



For still our an - cient foe Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and
 Dost ask who that may be? Christ Je - sus, it is He, Lord Sab - a -
 The prince of dark - ness grim, We trem - ble not for him; His rage we
 Let goods and kin - dred go, This mor - tal life al - so; The bod - y



power are great, And, armed with cru - el hate, On earth is not his e - qual.
 oth His name, From age to age the same, And He must win the bat - tle.
 can en - dure, For lo! his doom is sure, One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 they may kill, God's truth a - bid - eth still, His king - dom is for - ev - er.



Just as I Am, Without One Plea

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WOODWORTH LM

Charlotte Elliott, 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1849
Harm. *The Hymnbook*, 1955

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
3. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
4. Just as I am, Thy love un - known Has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me
con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise
ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee,
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
I be - lieve,
Thine a - lone,

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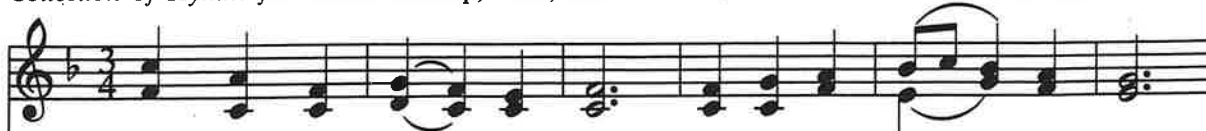
Come, Thou Almighty King

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ITALIAN HYMN 6.6.4.6.6.6.4

Collection of Hymns for Social Worship, 1757; alt.

Felice de Giardini, 1769



1. Come, Thou Al - might - y King, Help us Thy name to sing,
 2. Come, Thou In - car - nate Word, Gird on Thy might - y sword,
 3. Come, Ho - ly Com - fort - er, Thy sa - cred wit - ness bear
 4. To Thee, great One in Three, The high-est prais - es be,




Help us to praise: Fa - ther, all - glo - ri - ous, O'er all vic -
 Our prayer at - tend: Come, and Thy peo - ple bless, And give Thy
 In this glad hour: Thou who al - might - y art, Now rule in
 Hence ev - er - more! Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty May we in




to - ri - ous, Come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.
 word suc - cess; Spir - it of ho - li - ness, On us de - scend.
 ev - ery heart, And ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.
 glo - ry see, And to e - ter - ni - ty Love and a - dore.





News & Opportunities

October 26 – November 2, 2025

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

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

Worship for Children in the Chapel | 10:10 a.m.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Confirmation, Oct. 26 | Youth Room | 8:30 a.m.

Youth Group, Sunday, October 26 | Youth Room/
Room 1 | 6-8 p.m.

Walking the Way. Wednesday Evenings, October 29 - November 19 | Assembly Room
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 offers this 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



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). 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.

Free event, however tickets are required.

Donations welcome. To reserve your ticket and to donate: <https://bit.ly/HOHKatherineStewart>

The Loft Literary Center and Hope Arts Center present: *Narrative Healing Writing Workshops*. Experience writing as a way to heal in one of these 90-minutes sessions—or sign up for both. Each session offers participants a unique opportunity to explore writing as a healing art. Narrative Healing: Music as a Prompt • November 1; Narrative Healing: Writing to Connect • November 15.
Saturdays, 10:30 – 12 p.m. at House of Hope
\$20 each workshop | Register at: loft.org

House of Hope Winter Clothing Drive
Drop off by the Chapel by November 14. The Community Action Committee is organizing a winter clothing drive again this year with community mission partners. Needed Items: new or like-new warm outerwear including hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, coats, wool socks, boots, jackets, and children's snow pants, as well as new men's socks and underwear. Or, make a financial donation at <https://bit.ly/HOHWinterClothing>

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 student scholarships and special events. To order, go to www.gertensfundraising.com and enter Store ID 95

The House of Hope offers text giving. Text HOH to 73256 and click the link to complete your gift. It's that easy.

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>

Week Beginning October 26, 2025

Reformation Sunday, October 26, 2025

8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room
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.	Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
6 p.m.	Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

Monday, October 27, 2025

11 a.m.	Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom
3 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
5:30 p.m.	Faith and Fibers, Kirk Parlour
6 p.m.	AA, Assembly Room
6 p.m.	Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, October 28, 2025

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room

Wednesday, October 29, 2025

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Room 1
1 p.m.	Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
4 p.m.	Choir School, Kirk Parlour/Choir School Rm
5:30 p.m.	Walking the Way, Assembly Room
7 p.m.	Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5
7 p.m.	Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, October 30, 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
5:30 p.m.	Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi Catholic Community

Friday, October 31, 2025

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

Saturday, November 1, 2025

9 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat, Off Site
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All Saints and Music Sunday, November 2, 2025

8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room
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
11:15 a.m.	Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed, Room 1/Zoom
11:15 a.m.	Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
6 p.m.	Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

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