THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"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."

– Kathryn Tanner

Stewardship Sunday | November 16, 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: Stewardship Sunday, November 16.

Dr. Kathryn Tanner will be our guest speaker via zoom in the **Great Hall at 11:15 a.m.** 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.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Minuet and Meditation Aaron David Miller, Organist

Léon Boëllmann

Introit

Just as I Am
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

[†]Processional Hymn 425

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining

ABBOT'S LEIGH

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

Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating.

O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things. God has remembered us with steadfast love and faithfulness.

*Prayer of Confession

Mighty Savior, we turn from your path of sacrificial love, and we turn toward our personal preferences. We neglect your call to righteousness and forget how we depend upon you. Grant us wisdom to speak words of peace and comfort into places of brokenness and hurt. Make us instruments of the new heaven and new earth you have promised. Amen.

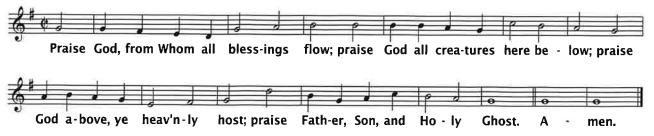
⁺Assurance of Forgiveness

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

Presentation of Pledges

All adults and children are invited to come forward and place their pledge cards in the basket as an act of worship and a sign of commitment. Please come forward using the center aisle and return to your pews by the side aisle.

Litany of Dedication

Gracious God, creator of the world, giver of all that is good, bless the gifts and the pledges we bring to you today. These pledges represent our work, our hopes, and our dreams, and we offer them in thanksgiving for all we have received. May they be the first fruits of all we have, and not what we have left over. May we see these pledges as a sacred offering, and not a gift of obligation or exchange. May we use them wisely for your service, to reflect your love to this city and this world. May they move us to be more faithful disciples, and energize us for lives of generosity. In gratitude for the grace of God, in the warmth of God's hospitality, and in the spirit of the generosity embodied by Christ, We dedicate these pledges to the work of God. Thanks be to God!

Anthem

Alleluia! Amen.

Thou Wilt Keep Him In Perfect Peace

Herbert Sumsion

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on Thee. The darkness is no darkness with Thee, But the night is as clear as the day. The darkness and the day to Thee are both alike. God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

O Let my soul live and it shall praise Thee, For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forevermore.

THE WORD OF GOD -

First Lesson

A Gracious Sabbath from The Sabbath Poems (1985) by Wendell Berry

Katie Anderson

Anthem

Blessed Be Timothy Shaw

Choristers from The Choir School, Jessica Bandelin, Director; Aaron David Miller, Piano

Blessed Be, Blessed Be,

Who alone does wondrous things,

Blessed be the Lord.

Blessed be the Lord.

Praise God's name evermore.

May God's glory fill the earth,

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Time for Children

Elsa Kendig

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Second Lesson

Isaiah 12 (OT, pp. 641-642 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

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

The Fulsome Character of Grace

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

†Hymn 422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING

+ Affirmation of Faith — from The Accra Confession, 2004

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

We believe that God has made a covenant with all of Creation.

God has brought into being an earth community based on the vision of justice and peace. The covenant is a gift of grace that is not for sale in the market place. It is an economy of grace for the household of all of creation.

Jesus shows that this is an inclusive covenant in which the poor and marginalized are preferential partners and calls us to put justice for the "least of these" at the center of the community of life. All creation is blessed and included in this covenant.

New Member Welcome

All: We welcome you with joy to this congregation, The House of Hope Presbyterian Church. We promise to extend the fellowship of Christ to you, and to encourage you in your life of faith. Likewise, we ask you to extend Christ's fellowship to us, and encourage us in our faith. May we grow together, sharing all that life brings, confident in the promises and grace of God. Welcome.

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.

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Offertory Anthem

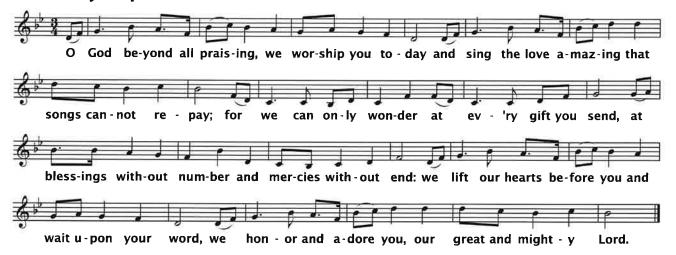
The Road Home Linh Kauffman, Soprano **Stephen Paulus**

Tell me, where is the road I can call my own, That I left, that I lost, So long ago? All these years I have wandered, Oh, when will I know There's a way, there's a road That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
As where you belong:
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.
- Michael Dennis Browne

⁺Offertory Response



* Prayer of Dedication

*Recessional Hymn 423

Jesus Shall Reign Where're the Sun

DUKE STREET

*Benediction

Postlude

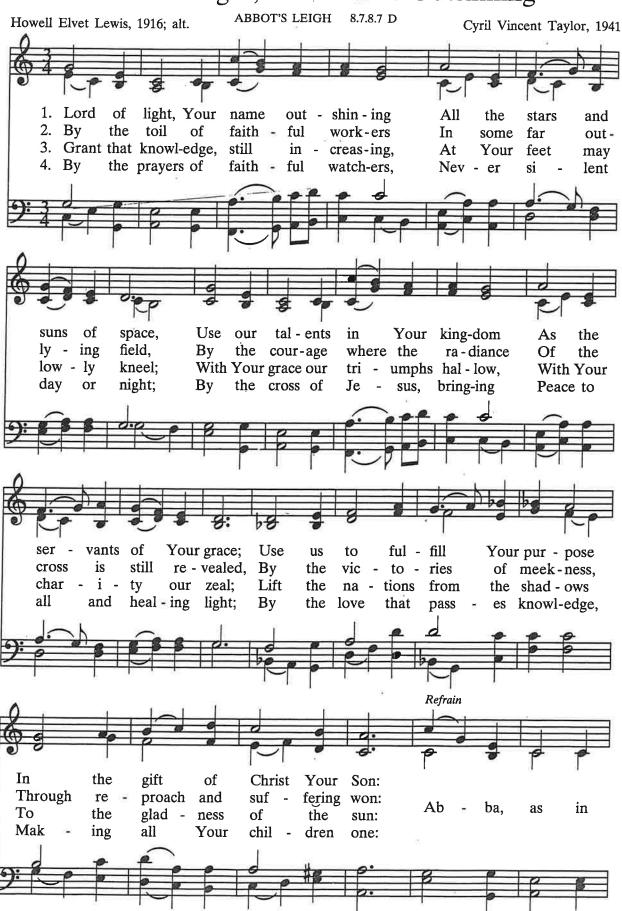
Toccata

Léon Boëllmann

Carillon Postlude

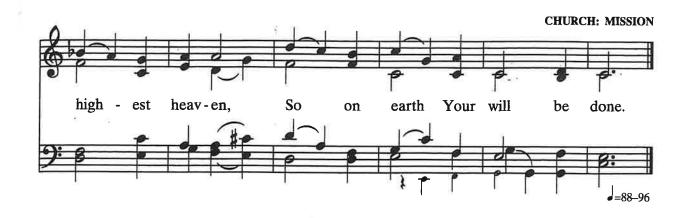
David W. Johnson, Carillonneur Emeritus

Lord of Light, Your Name Outshining



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Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak 426



5. O use me, Lord, use even me, Just as Thou wilt, and when, and where;

422 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

BEACH SPRING 8.7.8.7 D



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Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



5. Let every creature rise and bring Honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud Amen!



News & Opportunities

November 16 – 23, 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 | 8:30-9:45 a.m. | Youth Room Youth Group | 6-8 p.m. | Room 1 & Youth Room

Walking the Way

Wednesday Evening, November 19 Assembly Room

Are you curious about Christian beliefs and practices? House of Hope offers this 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

Circle of Grace

Thursday, November 20 | 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. and we'll have refreshments. There will be a short presentation and facilitated discussion at 5:30 p.m. about *Contemplative Nature Practices*.

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

Celebration for Rev. Dr. Julia A. Carlson Sunday, November 23 | Great Hall | 11:15 a.m.

Join us in the Great Hall after worship to thank and celebrate Pastor Julia's ministry at HOH on her last Sunday.

Christmas Sponsor-a-Family

Our faith reminds us the Christmas season is about sharing with those most in need. We plan to spread Christmas joy by providing gifts for 60 families in partnership with Mission Partners. Visit the church website under **Things to Know** to find the link for information on families. A family wish list with instructions will be emailed to you. For assistance in signing up, contact the church.

Don't like to shop?

- Donate to help purchase grocery store gift cards for each family. Mail or drop off donations with a notation of Sponsor-A-Family.
- Let us shop for you. Contact Stacy Paleen for details at spaleen@yahoo.com



Thanksgiving Eve Worship Wednesday, November 26, 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Eve worship will be held at 7

p.m. with music by the Motet Choir. All are invited to join us in worship and giving thanks. You are invited to bring non-perishable food items or make a financial donation that will be shared with the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House.

Music in Mission: Bells of Hope at Randolph Heights.

As part of their Music in Mission project, the Bells of Hope are offering music this day for the worship service at our neighboring congregation, Randolph Heights Presbyterian Church. RHPC is a small congregation with big hearts that embrace strong social justice to all people. At the retirement of the handbell ensemble at RHPC, remaining ringers joined the Bells of Hope and this partnership continues.

The Bells of Hope continue their Music in Mission project to support Keystone Communities, a local agency which works with youth and senior adults. You can donate unmarked Christmas cards and envelopes to be used by the clients of Keystone. Bring your donations of cards/envelopes by December 5 to the box outside the bell rehearsal room (Room 5) or in the church office. We invite donations year round for Keystone Communities: white socks, cloth shopping bags, 2026 calendars, all types of greeting/note cards and note pads. The ringers thank you for your ongoing support.

Week Beginning November 16, 2025

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Stewardship Sunday, November 16, 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.	Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room			
11 a.m.	Social Hour, Kirk Parlour			
11:15 a.m.	Stewardship Lunch with Kathryn Tanne			
	Great Hall			
6 p.m.	Youth Group, Rm 1/Youth Room			

Monday,	November	17, 2025
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11 a.m.

1:30 p.m.	Finance Meeting, Zoom
3 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
6 p.m.	AA, Assembly Room

Centering Prayer, Chancel/Zoom

6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

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

6 p.m. Childcare, Room 8

5 p.m. Session Meeting, Assembly Room

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Room 1
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p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
 p.m. Choir School, Kirk Parlour/Choir School Rm

5 p.m. Childcare, Room 8

5:30 p.m.
6 p.m.
7 p.m.
Walking the Way, Assembly Room
Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5
Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, November 20, 2025

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

5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Lumen Christi

Catholic Community

Friday, November 21, 2025

Congregational Retreat through Sunday 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom

Saturday, November 22, 2025

10 a.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Sanctuary

n Sunday, November 23, 2025

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8

10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
11 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
11 a.m. Rev. Dr. Julia Carlson's Retirement

Celebration, Great Hall

To support House of Hope, please use this QR code.



For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website www.hohchurch.org.

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 the Marble and Frank families.

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