

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The call of Jesus is beautiful, simple, gritty, and complicated, it is a calling to a liberating and liberated existence for all. This difficult, life-giving path, must be embarked upon, experienced. Are we willing to go on the journey? Are we willing to let go?" – Juan Carlos Huertas

Second Sunday after Epiphany | January 18, 2026 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 either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk out with their guardians to the Narthex to be led to the East Wing for Sunday School.
- **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, January 18:

10 a.m. Worship: Our guest preacher today is The Rev. Juan Carlos Huertas, who is the Minister of Proclamation and Practice of Justice at First-Plymouth Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, Lincoln NE.

11:15 a.m. Adult Enrichment: Ukraine-Russia War with Luda Anastazievsky

2 p.m. Sunday Series: {Trés} in Concert: *Chamber Music Across the Americas* (see page 7 for more information and to reserve tickets.)

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Two Character Pieces
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Introit

Deo Gracias
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

William Byrd

⁺Processional Hymn 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

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

Rev. James D. Cochrane

Saving God, source of our calling, your Word is full of power and glory.
Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us so that we may receive your grace
and live as your beloved children, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

⁺Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, we do not always wait with patience.
We do not always sing your praises. We do not always recognize your work in our lives.
We would rather take the credit for ourselves. Forgive us for all the ways we forget you.
Help us to delight in doing your will. Help us to trust in you and return us to the path of righteousness.

⁺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 blessings flow; praise God all creatures 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 living God enlighten our path.

First Lesson

Janice Dickinson

I Corinthians 1:1-9 (NT, p. 166 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Take My Life That I May Be

arr. J. Aaron McDermid

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.

Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.

Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.

Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.

Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.

Amen.

Time for Children

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones and Timothy Short

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.

Second Lesson

John 1:29-42 (NT, p. 92 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rev. Juan Carlos Huertas

Come & See: Explorations on a Decolonized Gospel

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

⁺Hymn 404*Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

PRECIOUS LORD

⁺Affirmation of Faith — Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

**God's sovereign love is a mystery
beyond the reach of the human mind.**
**Human thought ascribes to God
superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.**
**But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ
by showing power in the form of a servant,
wisdom in the folly of the cross,
and goodness in receiving
sinful men and women.**
**The power of God's love in Christ
to transform the world
discloses that the Redeemer
is the Lord and Creator
who made all things
to serve the purpose of God's love.**

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

The Lord is My Strength

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

The Lord is my strength and my song,
And is become my salvation.
I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of God.

O Lord of all, with us abide,
In this our joyful Eastertide,
From every weapon death can wield
Thine own redeemed forever shield.
All praise be thine, O Risen Lord,
From death to endless life restored,
All praise to God the Father be,
And Holy Ghost eternally. Amen.

+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 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE

+ Benediction

Postlude

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

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 Delmar E. Bowers and Tom Bowers.



{Trés} in Concert: Chamber Music Across the Americas

TODAY - Sunday, January 18 | 2 p.m.



House of Hope and Hope Arts Center are pleased to announce our next Sunday Series, a transcendent program that blends chamber music traditions with the syncopated rhythms of Puerto Rican and Caribbean soundscapes. The program also includes a performance and screening of the documentary musical experience *Pedacito de Tierra* (Little Piece of Land), a newly commissioned chamber work by acclaimed Puerto Rican composer Angélica Negrón that gives voice to the history and presence of the Puerto Rican diaspora in the Twin Cities. The work was commissioned and produced by Puerto Rican saxophonist and cultural organizer José Antonio Zayas Cabán, who also performs in this premiere alongside the Grammy-nominated {Trés} Chamber Music Trio and special guest, Grammy-winning artist Miguel Zenón. "Negrón and Zayas Cabán invite listeners not just to enjoy the music—but to be changed by it." A panel discussion will follow the performance, moderated by Tom Crann of MPR.

Tickets are available at: <https://our.show/tres/sundayseries> and will also be available for purchase at the door.

Holy God, We Praise Your Name 460

GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH 7.8.7.8.7.7

Attr. Ignaz Franz, c. 1774

Trans. Clarence Alphonsus Walworth, 1858; alt.

Allgemeines Katholisches Gesangbuch, c. 1774

Alt. Johann Gottfried Schicht, 1819

1. Ho - ly God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we
 2. Hark, the glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -
 3. All a - pos - tles join the strain As Your sa - cred
 4. Ho - ly Fa - ther, Ho - ly Son, Ho - ly Spir - it:

bow be - fore You; All on earth Your scep - ter claim,
 bove are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,
 name they hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,
 Three we name You, While in es - sence on - ly One;

All in heaven a - bove a - dore You. In - fi - nite Your
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais-ing, Fill the heavens with
 And the bless - ed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to
 Un - di - vid - ed God we claim You, And a - dor - ing

vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Your reign.
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord.
 set of sun, Through the church the song goes on.
 bend the knee While we own the mys - ter - y.

3. Kuhn shim guhk juhng moo guh ooh jim
 Ah nee jin jah noo goon gah
 Pee nahm chuh nun oo ree Ye su
 Joo ggeh kee doh duh ree seh
 Seh sahng chin goo myul see ha go
 Nuh rul joh rong ha yuh doh
 Joo eh poo meh ahn gee uh suh
 Cham dwen wee ro baat get neh.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Savior, still our refuge—
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
 Thou wilt find a solace there.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

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PRECIOUS LORD 6.6.9 D

Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

George N. Allen, 1844
Arr. Thomas A. Dorsey, 1938

1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, help me stand; I am
 2. When my way grows drear, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near; When my

tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me
 life is al - most gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my

on to the light; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.
 hand lest I fall; Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LIFT EVERY VOICE Irregular

James Weldon Johnson, 1921

J. Rosamond Johnson, 1921

Introduction

1. Lift ev - ery
2. Ston - y the
3. God of our



voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring, Ring with the har - mo -
 road we trod, bit - ter the chas-tening rod, Felt in the days when
 wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears, Thou who hast brought us



nies of lib - er - ty. Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the
 hope un - born had died; Yet, with a stead - y beat, have not our
 thus far on the way; Thou who hast by Thy might led us in -



lis - tening skies; Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 wea - ry feet Come to the place for which our *fa - thers sighed?
 to the light; Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.



*Or "parents."



Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us;
We have come o - ver a way that with tears has been wa - tered;
Lest our feet stray from the plac - es, our God, where we met Thee;



Sing a song full of the hope that the pres - ent has brought
We have come, tread - ing our path through the blood of the slaug
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we for - get



us; Fac - ing the ris - ing sun of our new day be -
tered, Out from the gloom - y past, till now we stand at
Thee; Shad-owed be - neath Thy hand may we for - ev - er



gun, Let us march on, till vic - to - ry is won.
last Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.
stand, True to our God, true to our na - tive land.





News & Opportunities

January 18 – 25, 2026

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. in Rooms 2&4

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Youth Group | January 18 | 6-8 p.m.
Room 1 and Youth Room

Sunday School Assistants Needed:

Our Sunday School program needs a few more volunteers to assist our lead teachers! This helps us ensure every classroom has two adults to help with supervision. We currently have volunteers assigned to lead each lesson, so volunteers will help our lead teachers. This is an easy way to support the program and help our children grow into their faith together. For more information, email Dr. Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org.

WinterWalk and Roll at House of Hope.

Thursdays, 10 - 11 a.m. through March 27. Enjoy indoor walking or rolling space away from cold, snow and ice. In partnership with Interfaith Action, House of Hope will welcome members, friends, and neighbors to the building to enjoy some exercise away from winter weather. The walking path will take place in HOH's East Wing.

Drop-In Knitting, Crafts, and Conversation

Thursdays | Library | 1-3 p.m. We are moving Drop-In Knitting, Crafts, and Conversation to Thursdays. Join us for drop-in projects or fellowship in the church library each Thursday from 1-3 p.m. Bring a project, and we will create and visit!

Sunday Enrichment: Reflections from the Camino de Santiago. Sunday, January 25

Assembly Room | 11:15 a.m. Join friend of House of Hope, Amy Kramer Brenengen, to learn about her remarkable 424 mile pilgrimage on foot across Spain. Amy walked the Camino de Santiago in the spring of 2025 and will share her experience, insights she gained, and historical information about the history of the Camino.

Sunday-Weekday Connections with Marnie Fleming Tuesday, January 27

Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m. From flower girl to the Peter Rabbit room, Choir School with Liz Shepley, serving as a Deacon, and even portraying Mary in the Tableaux — Marnie Fleming's journey with House of Hope is rich with faith and community. Come be inspired as Marnie shares how HOH has been her lifelong foundation and guide. Please sign up by January 22 at: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

NEW: Caregiving Conversations First Sundays of the Month, Beginning February 1

Bridal Room | 11:15 a.m. Providing support to a loved one is taxing; frustrations, loneliness, and even guilt can accompany caregiving. House of Hope will offer a 6-month pilot program for caregivers on the first Sundays of the month. Our first Caregiver Conversation is February 1 in the Bridal Room. We'll get to know each other and exchange our thoughts about "How has caregiving changed my life?" Participants should be willing to keep all exchanges confidential. Parish Associate Rev. Dix Brachlow and Catherine Guisan will facilitate conversations, while the participants determine the direction of the group. Feel free to join us when you can. Questions? Dix Brachlow, brachlow@gmail.com

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



First Friday Jazz Returns in February! Friday, February 6 | Assembly Room | 6 – 8 p.m.

Just in time for Valentine's Day! We hope you will join us – friends, neighbors, and sweethearts are welcome! Enjoy another evening of great jazz music by Jazz Savvy, savory food and beverages, and visiting with friends old and new. Pre-registration is encouraged to help us better plan for refreshments at <https://bit.ly/FirstFridayJazz>

Capital City Grief Coalition meetings will return to House of Hope on Thursdays, beginning February 5, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour.

Week Beginning January 18, 2026

Sunday, January 18, 2026

8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room
8:45 a.m.	Nursery, Room 8
10 a.m.	Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
11 a.m.	Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11:15 a.m.	Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
11:15 a.m.	Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
2 p.m.	Sunday Series with {Trés} and José Antonio Zayas Cabán, Sanctuary

Monday, January 19, 2026

Office and building are closed in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

7 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
6:30 p.m.	Session Meeting, Assembly Room

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

9:30 a.m.	Bible Study, Room 1
1:30 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
4 p.m.	Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm
5 p.m.	Childcare, Room 8
5 p.m.	Formation Series, Kirk Parlour
6 p.m.	Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
7 p.m.	Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary
7 p.m.	Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5

Thursday, January 22, 2026

7 a.m.	Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
10 a.m.	WinterWalk, East Wing
1 p.m.	Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
2 p.m.	Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room

Friday, January 23, 2026

8 a.m.	Women's Book Group, Zoom
9 a.m.	Centering Prayer, Zoom

Saturday, January 24, 2026

9 a.m.	All-Officer Retreat, Great Hall
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Sunday, January 25, 2026

8:30 a.m.	Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room
8:45 a.m.	Nursery, Room 8
10 a.m.	Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
11 a.m.	Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11 a.m.	Pre-Pilgrimage Gathering, Rooms A&B
11 a.m.	Youth Mission Trip Meeting, Youth Room
11:15 a.m.	Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
11:30 a.m.	Imagining God Creative Team, Room 1

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



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