

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Why struggle to open a door between us when the whole wall is an illusion?”

– Rumi

Youth Sunday and Second Sunday in Lent | March 1, 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**, served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

### Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School and Worship:** *There is no Sunday School Today.* For Youth Sunday, children may engage their faith by remaining in the service.
- **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!

### Sunday Enrichments at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room:

**Today, Sunday, March 1: *Oliver Button is a Star!*** Join long time HOH member Bruce Johnson as he showcases beloved children's book author and illustrator Tomie dePaola's book *Oliver Button is a Sissy*. Bruce will also share his own journey as a gay Christian.

**Sunday, March 8:** Dr. Ahmed Samatar, former Dean of the Institute for Global Citizenship at Macalester College will present ***Somalis and Minnesota: The Challenges of Critical Adaptation.*** He will discuss the reason for emigration and their struggles as immigrants in a different culture, as well as the gifts they bring. The issues of navigating differences is the challenge of our time, and experienced across all cultures.

**Sunday, March 15: *Spiritual Wellness and Aging Healthily.*** Angela Elwell, a Social Worker specializing in Mental Health and Chemical Health, will lead a workshop promoting ways to age gracefully and spiritually well. Angela is the sales director at Seven Hills Senior Living, and Secretary on the St. Paul Senior Workers Association 2026 Board of Directors.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Three Pieces from the Anna Magdalena Bach Book  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

J. S Bach

### Introit

*Non Nobis Domine*  
House of Hope Choir School; Jessica Bandelin, Director

William Byrd

Non nobis Domine non nobis; Sed nomini tuo da gloriam; Non nobis Domine  
*Not to us Lord, not to us; but to Your Name give the glory; Not to us, Lord.*

### +Processional Hymn 87

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

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

Otto M.

There is one Body and one Spirit  
**One Lord, one faith, one Baptism**  
one God. Creator of us all.  
**Let us worship God with hope.**

### +Prayer of Confession

Leo M.

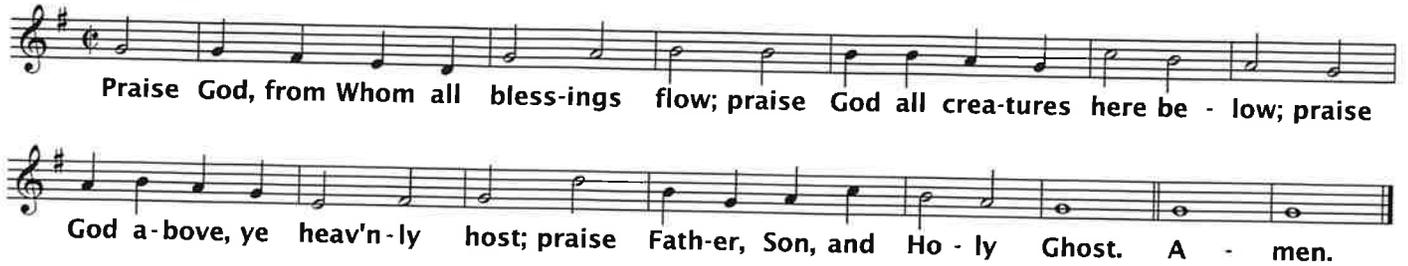
**Holy God, we yearn to be a community of believers united in your Spirit.  
Yet too often we get caught up in our differences, believing the lie that our diversity  
is a problem, instead of our strength. It is so easy to be weighed down by tensions in  
our communities or the forces trying to break us apart to serve their own goals.  
It is simpler to ignore the issues, to duck our responsibility to care for one another,  
or give in to cynicism or despair. Forgive us, God, for not trusting that you are what  
holds us all together in the great hoop of Creation. Help us to live in community  
together, working through our differences, trusting in the love we can share.  
Deepen our unity, not via control, but in concert toward a more just,  
loving and joyful world. 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 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

### Moment for Mission — Earth Care

El C.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Sung Acclamation



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

### First Lesson

Leah S.

Ephesians 4:1-6 (NT, p. 193 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Anthem

*In Heavenly Love Abiding*

John Ness Beck

Saint Nicholas and Saint Cecilia; Tim Short, Piano

In heavenly love abiding, my shepherd cares for me  
He watches over my loved ones, and longs for us to see  
That heaven and Earth are bound together, in love and unity  
In heavenly love abiding, my shepherd cares for me  
My shepherd, my savior, my master cares for me

### Time for Children

Isla K.

*Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians for Youth Sunday.*

## Meditation

Evan S.

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### THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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#### +Hymn *(See insert)*

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*

THE CALL

#### +Affirmation of Faith — Excerpt from the *Confession of Belhar* (1986)

Evie H.

**We believe: That Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the Church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another and unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the Church of Jesus Christ.**

**That this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly, that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the Church and must be resisted.**

**This unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways; in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully, to be of benefit and blessing to one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness, pray together, together serve God in this world, and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity.**

#### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Piper C.

*(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:

Elisabeth H.

- **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**

*Wayfaring Stranger*  
Saint Nicholas; Tim Short, Piano

Traditional, arr. Jessica Bandelin

I am a poor wayfaring stranger  
 A-trav'ling through this world of woe  
 But there's no sickness, toil, nor danger  
 In that bright land to which I go  
 I'm going there to meet my Savior  
 I'm going there no more to roam  
 I'm only going over Jordan  
 I'm only going over home

**+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**

Quint S.

**+Recessional Hymn 85**

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

## +Benediction

## Annual Meeting

## 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 SINGERS PRESENT: *MY SOUL'S REPOSE: The Book of Psalms* With Aaron David Miller, Organ**

There are very few more timeless, mysterious choral favorites than *Allegri's Miserere mei, Deus*, with its soaring soprano solo, echoes of chant, and sumptuous choral harmonies. More color is employed in *Leonard Bernstein's Chichester Psalms*, which even includes music originally written (and scrapped) from *West Side Story*. The Book of Psalms, from which boundless choral music flows, is further explored through the imaginations of **Bobby McFerrin, Caroline Shaw, Abbie Betinis, and Ernani Aguiar.**

**Tickets:** [singersmca.org](http://singersmca.org)

**Saturday, March 14, 7:30 pm:** Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Minneapolis

**Sunday, March 15, 3 pm:** House of Hope Presbyterian Church, St. Paul

## **Parking Lot Property Sale Update:**

On behalf of church leadership, we are providing an update on the potential sale of the Summit Avenue parking lot.

Church leadership voted last spring to put the property up for sale after task forces conducted extensive analysis and discernment. Listening sessions and written communication to the entire congregation followed.

In the fall of 2025, the church received a Letter of Intent for the parking lot. After reviewing it, the Trustees recommended not moving forward with the offer due to concerns about the project's scope and developments regarding parking needs. In January, the Session reviewed the Letter of Intent and received the Trustees' recommendation. The Session voted to decline the offer. At its February meeting, the Session voted to take the parking lot off the market for three months and asked the Trustees to prepare a report with updated maintenance costs. Further decisions on the property's future will be made once new information has been reviewed.

Sincerely,

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones; Lynn Stein, Clerk of the Session; Thomas Radio, Trustees President

## The Glory of These Forty Days

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Gregory the Great (540-604)  
Trans. Maurice F. Bell, 1906

Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543  
Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

1. The glo - ry of these for - ty days We  
 2. A - lone and fast - ing, Mo - ses saw The  
 3. So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, De -  
 4. Then grant that we like them be true, Con -

cel - e - brate with songs of praise; For Christ, by whom all  
 lov - ing God who gave the law; And to E - li - jah,  
 liv - ered from the li - on's might; And John, the Bride - groom's  
 sumed in fast and prayer with You; Our spir - its strength - en

things were made, Him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.  
 fast - ing, came The steeds and char - i - ots of flame.  
 friend, be - came The her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.  
 with Your grace, And give us joy to see Your face.

Text: From the *English Hymnal*, 1906. Used by permission of Oxford University Press.

# Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life



1. Come, my way, my truth, my life: such a way as  
2. Come, my light, my feast, my strength: such a light as  
3. Come, my joy, my love, my heart: such a joy as



gives us breath; such a truth as ends all strife;  
shows a feast; such a feast as mends in length;  
none can move; such a love as none can part;



such a life as kill - - - eth death.  
such a strength as makes his guest.  
such a heart as joys in love.

Text: George Herbert, 1593-1632

Tune: THE CALL, 7.7.7.7; Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

LENT

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# What Wondrous Love Is This

WONDRIOUS LOVE 12.9.12.9

American folk hymn, c. 1811

Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835  
Harm. *Cantate Domino*, 1980

1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
2. To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,  
3. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

What won-drous love is this, O my soul!  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

What won-drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy-ful be,

To bear the \*heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,  
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;  
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,

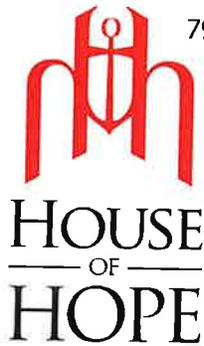
To bear the \*heav - y cross for my soul!  
 While mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

\*Or "dreadful curse" (as original text).

**In Memoriam**

**Ruth Elaine Warland** joined The House of Hope Presbyterian Church on June 21, 2016.  
Ruth entered the Church Triumphant on February 19, 2026.  
A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

*"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then,  
whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's" - Romans 14:8*



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# News & Opportunities

March 1 – 8, 2026

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

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

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

The Session has called an **Annual Meeting of the Congregation** for **Today, Sunday, March 1, 2026** following worship for the purpose of approving clergy terms of call, and presenting the Session approved 2026 Operating Budget.

**Caregiving Conversations – Today, March 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. 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](mailto:brachlow@gmail.com)

**Easter Memorials:** You may purchase an Easter lily (\$15) or make a donation in any amount in memory of or in honor of loved ones for publication in the Easter Sunday bulletin. Your donation will support the ministries of House of Hope. The deadline for reserving Easter Memorials is Palm Sunday, March 29. Contact the church office, or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/EasterMemorials>



**Midday Lenten Prayer Services**  
**Wednesdays in Lent**  
**March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1**

**Elizabeth Chapel | 12:15 p.m.**

On Wednesday in Lent, House of Hope will offer a short, contemplative prayer service in the Elizabeth Chapel. Led by clergy, Scripture reading, prayers, bells, and silence will invite us to ground and center ourselves in this season of renewing practice and deepening wisdom. Rather than giving something up this Lent, consider trying out this liturgy as a new spiritual practice. Come with eyes to see, and ears to hear.

**Formation Classes:**  
**Methods of Interpretation**  
**Wednesdays in March (March 4, 11, 18, and 25)**  
**Kirk Parlour | 5:30 - 7 p.m.**

Our Formations series will continue in March with a four-week series led by Senior Pastor Scott Jones on the methods of Biblical interpretation. "Interpretation is not a process along a linear trajectory from ignorance to understanding via the medium of the text . . . but an endless stimulation to further inquiry and conversation." So writes David Jasper in his book *A Short Introduction to Hermeneutics*. "Hermeneutics" being the fancy word for the study of interpretation.

Join us for a potluck at 5:30 p.m. with the class following the meal.

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

**March Food Drive.** 1 in 10 people in Minnesota have limited or uncertain access to adequate food. You can make a difference during the March Food Drive as we support the food pantries at Hallie Q. Brown Community Center and Neighborhood House. Our March Food Drive is vitally important as we help the 1 in 7 hungry children, or 1 in 10 people overall. **How can you help? Financial donations help our food partners buy much more.** They can multiply cash gifts through buying in bulk, and they can buy what they need the most. **Bring food donations** to the shopping cart outside the Elizabeth Chapel and in the Narthex. **Volunteer at Loaves and Fishes**, contact Norma Hether or Kevin Loney for more information. 2026 Dates: April 20, June 15, August 17, October 19, and December 21.

**Ways to Give:** By cash, or check with memo: 'Food Pantry' in pew envelopes; or at <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: Food Pantry; or Text HOH Food to 73256

## Week Beginning March 1, 2026

### Youth Sunday, March 1, 2026

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
 9:30 a.m. Choir School, Choir School Room  
 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 11 a.m. Annual Meeting, Sanctuary  
 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour  
 11:15 a.m. Caregiving Conversations, Bridal Room  
 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room  
 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room  
 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed, Room 1/Zoom

### Monday, March 2, 2026

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

### Tuesday, March 3, 2026

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
 2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room  
 4 p.m. House and Property Meeting, Room 1

### Wednesday, March 4, 2026

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1  
 12:15 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Chapel  
 1 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom  
 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm  
 5 p.m. Childcare, Room 8  
 5:30 p.m. Formation Series, Kirk Parlour  
 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom  
 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5  
 7 p.m. Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary  
 7 p.m. Nominating Committee, Kirby Lounge

### Thursday, March 5, 2026

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B  
 10 a.m. WinterWalk, East Wing  
 1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library  
 2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Rm  
 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour

### Friday, March 6, 2026

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

### Saturday, March 7, 2026

9 a.m. Confirmation Retreat, Off Site

### Sunday, March 8, 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. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room  
 11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library  
 6 p.m. Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

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