

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“The best life is oriented around the increasing excellence of the soul and is nourished by moral joy, the quiet sense of gratitude and tranquility that comes as a byproduct of successful moral struggle.”

—David Brooks

Third Sunday in Lent | March 8, 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:** 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:** Children may also 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 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.

Next 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

Ostinato in A minor
Prelude on the Welsh hymntune RHOSYMEDRE
The Bells of Hope; Timothy Short, Director

Jason Krug
Douglas Wagner

Introit

Psalm 51
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Trinity Psalter

+Processional Hymn 379

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less
Aaron David Miller, Organist

SOLID ROCK

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
We have come to give thanks and to sing songs of praise!

+Prayer of Confession

**Jesus, friend of all, once again, we come to you knowing our words have stung,
our actions have harmed, and our indifference has let evil have its day.
Our hearts yearn for you, our souls thirst for you, yet we do not imitate you in our lives.
Once again, forgive us, O God.
Give us your living water, that we might tell the world all you have done for us.**

+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.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Acclamation



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

First Lesson

Katie Anderson

John 4:7-15 (NT, p. 95 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem

They that go down to the sea in ships

Herbert Sumsion

They that go down to the sea in ships, and occupy their business in great waters;
These men see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.
For at his word the stormy wind ariseth, which lifteth up the waves thereof.
They are carried up to the heaven, and down again to the deep.
Their soul melteth away, because of the trouble.
They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, and are at their wits' end.
So when they cry unto the Lord in their trouble he delivereth them out of their distress.
For He maketh the storm to cease, so that the waves thereof are still.
Then are they glad because they are at rest;
and so he bringeth them unto the haven where they would be.

Time for Children

Rev. Jim Cochrane and Elsa Kendig

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

Philippians 2:1-11 (NT, p. 197 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.

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 392

Take Thou our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

+Affirmation of Faith — From the *Westminster Confession of Faith*, 1648 Rev. James D. Cochran

The Son of God, the second Person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him humanity's nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof; yet without sin: being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost, in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and humanity, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very human, yet one Christ, the only Mediator between God and humanity.

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

Ecce quomodo moritur

Jacob Handl

Ecce quomodo moritur justus
et nemo percipit corde.
Viri justi tolluntur
et nemo considerat.
A facie iniquitatis
sublatus est justus
et erit in pace memoria eius:
in pace factus est locus ejus
et in Sion habitatio eius
et erit in pace memoria eius.

*Behold how the righteous dies
and no one takes notice.
The righteous are taken away
and no one pays attention.
From facing iniquity
the righteous is removed,
and their memory will be in peace:
their (resting) place is in peace
and their dwelling place in Zion,
and their memory will be in peace.*

+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 298

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE

+Benediction

Postlude

"Allegro" from the Concerto in A Minor, BWV 593

J. S. Bach

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 Jon Ljungkull.

The Pulpit Flowers are given in loving memory of David J. Larson.

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

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

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

Cover Art: *Water & Spirit*, an original painting by Robyn Sand Anderson, that was commissioned by the Arts Committee after her exhibit in the gallery during the spring of 2022. The original hangs in the Portland Ave. entrance hallway.

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

SOLID ROCK LM with refrain

Edward Mote, c. 1834

William Batchelder Bradbury, 1863

1. My hope is built on noth-ing less Than Je - sus' blood and
 2. When dark-ness veils His love - ly face, I rest on His un -
 3. His oath, His cov - e - nant, His blood Sup - port me in the
 4. When He shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in

right - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, But whol-ly
 chang-ing grace; In ev - ery high and storm - y gale, My an - chor
 whelm-ing flood; When all a - round my soul gives way, He then is
 Him be found, Dressed in His right - teous - ness a - lone, Fault - less to

Refrain

lean on Je - sus' name.
 holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; All
 all my hope and stay.
 stand be - fore the throne.

oth - er ground is sink-ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink-ing sand.

Alternate tune: MELITA, 562

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord 392

HALL 10.10.10.10

William H. Foulkes
Stanzas 1-3, 1918
Stanza 4, c. 1920

Calvin Weiss Laufer, 1918

1. Take Thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2. Take Thou our hearts, O Christ, they are Thine own;
 3. Take Thou our wills, Most High! Hold Thou full sway;
 4. Take Thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;

Give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 Come Thou with - in our souls and claim Thy throne;
 Have in our in - most souls Thy per - fect way;
 Through our sur - ren - dered souls Thy plans ful - fill.

Teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 Help us to shed a - broad Thy death - less love;
 Guard Thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to Thee— time, tal - ents, all;

Grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or Thee.
 Use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 Guide Thou our or - dered lives as Thou dost please.
 We hear, and hence - forth heed, Thy sov - ereign call.

298 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

IN BABILONE 8.7.8.7 D

Frederick William Faber, 1854; alt.

Dutch melody
Arr. Julius Röntgen (1855-1933)

1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;
2. For the love of God is broad-er Than the mea-sures of the mind;

There's a kind-ness in God's jus-tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter-nal Is most won-der - ful - ly kind.

There is no place where earth's sor-rows Are more felt than up in heaven;
If our love were but more faith-ful, We would glad-ly trust God's Word;

There is no place where earth's fail-ings Have such kind-ly judg - ment given.
And our lives re - flect thanks-giv-ing For the good-ness of our Lord.



News & Opportunities

March 8 – 15, 2026

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Sunday School | 10:10 a.m. | Rooms 2&4
Nursery available at 8:45 a.m. in Room 8

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Confirmation | 8:30 a.m. | Youth Room
Youth Group | 6 p.m. | Room 1/Youth Room

TODAY - Welcoming Class

Sunday, March 8 | Library | 11:15 a.m.
Whether you're new to House of Hope, or want to know more about our community, join us!



House of Hope Choir School Spring Flower Sale and Pick Up

Order Deadline: Thursday, March 30 | 10 p.m.

Order online:

www.gertensfundraising.com and enter Store ID: 95

Curbside Pickup: Wednesday, April 29 | Porte Cochere
Entrance 3:30 - 6 p.m.

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 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 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.

Circle of Grace | Thursday, March 19 | Library | 5:30 p.m.

Music and Simple Movement as a Contemplative Practice. Join us for Circle of Grace gatherings that began last 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. **2026 Dates:** April 16 and May 16

Sunday-Weekday Connections | Tuesday, March 24 | Kirk Parlour | 5:30 p.m.

Sunday-Weekday Connections brings together women of the congregation for fellowship, supper, and a speaker. Cheryl Stanford will be our speaker.

Please sign up by March 19 at: <https://bit.ly/HOHSundayWeekday>

Week Beginning March 8, 2026

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, Off Site

Monday, March 9, 2026

11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chapel/Zoom
3 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
5 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Library
6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
4 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Room 7/Zoom
7 p.m. Nominating Committee, Kirby Lounge

Wednesday, March 11, 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
5:30 p.m. Matthew 25 Meeting, Room 1/Zoom
7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5
7 p.m. Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, March 12, 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 Rm
5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour

Friday, March 13, 2026

8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
9 a.m. Trustees Meeting, Kirby Lounge/Zoom
9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
5:30 p.m. Tweens Night, Off Site

Sunday, March 15, 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, Dining A&B
11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room
11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room

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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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