

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"Vulnerability is the only path to more love, belonging, and joy."

– Brené Brown

Fourth Sunday in Lent | March 15, 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, 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.

Sunday, March 22: *The Houses of Hope Fund.* For more than 25 years, The Houses of Hope Endowed Fund has been supporting affordable housing needs in Saint Paul and the East Metro. We will celebrate its success during worship and in Adult Enrichment. Several of our housing partners will join us to talk about what our partnership has meant to their organization's ability to provide and support housing needs in our community. It is truly something to celebrate HOH's efforts since the first grants were made in 2000.

THE APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Improvisation on LLANGLOFFAN
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Introit

Psalm 86
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Trinity Psalter

+Processional Hymn 289

O God of Every Nation

LLANGLOFFAN

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

Rev. James D. Cochrane

We are children of light,

rejoicing in everything good and right and true.

We worship the Lord who heals, liberates, and raises us from the dead.

In the dream of the beloved community of God, we are awake,

and we stand in the light of Christ.

+Prayer of Confession

God of compassion and mercy, we sometimes fail to see what you are doing in the world.

We want you to act in ways we predict, but we forget: you do what is good,

not what is expected. Forgive us when we do not recognize your miracles.

Most of all, forgive us when we do not respond to your call,

ignoring what we need to do to show the world your love and grace.

+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

Minute for Mission — March Food Drive

Lisa Yost

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Acclamation



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

First Lesson

Bruce Johnson

John 9:1-7 (NT, p. 102 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Dixit Dominus

Johann Gottlieb Naumann

Dixit Dominus Domino meo,
Sede a dextris meis, donec ponam inimicos tuos
scabellum pedum tuorum.
Virgam virtutis tuae emittet Dominus ex Sion:
dominare in medio inimicorum tuorum.
Tecum principium in die virtutis
tuae in splendoribus sanctorum:
ex utero, ante luciferum, genui te.
Juravit Dominus et non poenitebit eum:
Tu es sacerdos in aeternum
secundum ordinem Melchisedech.
Dominus a dextris tuis;
confregit in die irae suae reges.
Judicabit in nationibus, implebit ruinas;
conquassabit capita in terra multorum.

De torrente in via bibet;
propterea exaltabit caput.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio et nunc et semper
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*The Lord said unto my Lord:
Sit thou on my right hand,
until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
The Lord shall send the rod of thy power out of Sion:
be thou ruler, even in the midst among thine enemies.
In the day of thy power shall the people
offer thee free-will offerings with an holy worship:
the dew of thy birth is of the womb of the morning.
The Lord swore, and will not repent:
Thou art a priest for ever
after the order of Melchisedech.
The Lord upon thy right hand:
shall wound even kings in the day of his wrath.
He shall judge among the heathen;
filling places with the dead bodies: and smite in sunder
the heads over all lands.
He shall drink of the brook in the way:
therefore shall he lift up his head.*

*Glory be to the Father and Son and Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and always
Will be for all generations. Amen.*

Time for Children

Rev. Phil Romine

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 4:4-9 (NT, pp. 198-199 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

Healing Work

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 394

There Is a Balm in Gilead

BALM IN GILEAD

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as God's reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares God's labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with all God's children by faithful obedience to his call.

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

Adoramus te

Eric Barnum

Adoramus te, Christe,
 Et benedicimus tibi:
 Quia per sanctam crucem tuam,
 Et passionem tuam
 Redemisti mundum.
 Domine, Miserere nobis.

*Christ, we adore thee,
 And cast our blessings upon thee:
 Thou, who by thy holy crucifixion
 And through thy passion
 Redeemed the world,
 Lord, have mercy on us.*

+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 467

How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD

+Benediction

Postlude

Sortie

César Franck

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 James Patrick Adams.

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

TODAY — 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**.

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

Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

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.

O God of Every Nation

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LLANGLOFFAN 7.6.7.6 D

Welsh folk melody

Evans' *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865As in *English Hymnal*, 1906

William W. Reid, Jr., 1958; alt. 1972



1. O God of ev - ery na - tion, Of ev - ery race and land,
 2. From search for wealth and pow - er And scorn of truth and right,
 3. Lord, strength-en those who la - bor That all may find re - lease
 4. Keep bright in us the vi - sion Of days when war shall cease,



Re - deem the whole cre - a - tion With Your al - might - y hand;
 From trust in bombs that show - er De - struc-tion through the night,
 From fear of rat - tling sa - ber, From dread of war's in - crease;
 When ha - tred and di - vi - sion Give way to love and peace,



Where hate and fear di - vide us And bit - ter threats are hurled,
 From pride of race and sta - tion And blind-ness to Your way,
 When hope and cour-age fal - ter, Your still small voice be heard;
 Till dawns the morn-ing glo - rious When peace on earth shall reign



In love and mer - cy guide us And heal our strife-torn world.
 De - liv - er ev - ery na - tion, E - ter - nal God, we pray.
 With faith that none can al - ter, Your ser - vants un - der - gird.
 And Christ shall rule vic - to - rious O'er all the world's do - main.



There Is a Balm in Gilead

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BALM IN GILEAD 7.6.7.6 with refrain

African-American spiritual

African-American spiritual
Arr. Melva W. Costen, 1989; alt.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to make the wound-ed whole.

There is a balm in Gil-e-ad to heal the sin-sick soul.

1. Some-times I feel dis-cour-aged, And think my work's in vain, But
 2. Don't ev-er feel dis-cour-aged, For Je-sus is your friend, And
 3. If you can-not preach like Pe-ter, If you can-not pray like Paul, You can

then the Ho-ly Spir-it Re-vives my soul a-gain. There is a
 if you lack for knowl-edge He'll not re-fuse to lend. There is a
 tell the love of Je--sus. And say, "He died for all." There is a

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How Great Thou Art

O STORE GUD 11.10.11.10 with refrain

Carl Gustav Boberg, 1885

English version: Stuart K. Hine, 1953

Transliteration of Korean: Myung Ja Yue, 1989

Swedish folk melody

Harm. Stuart K. Hine, 1949



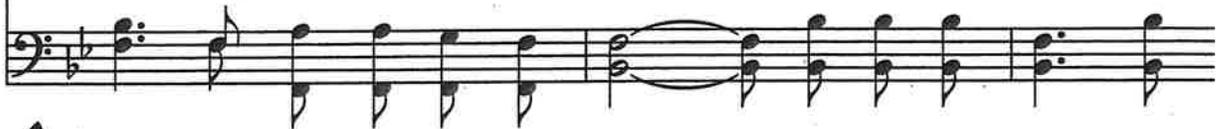
1. Joo ha nah nim jee eu shin mo dun seh geh Nae ma um
 2. Soop sok ee nah hum hahn sahn gol jjak eh suh Jee juh gee

1. O Lord my God! when I in awe-some won-der Con-sid-er
 2. When through the woods and for-est glades I wan-der And hear the



so geh geu ree uh bol ttae Ha neul eh byul ool
 nun juh sae so ree deul gwa Ko yo ha geh heu

all the *worlds Thy hands have made, I see the stars, I
 birds sing sweet-ly in the trees; When I look down from



lyuh paw jee nun nweh sung Joo nim eh kwon nung oo joo eh chan
 reu nun see nae moo reun Joo nim eh som ssee no rae ha doh

hear the *roll-ing thun-der, Thy power through-out the u-ni-verse dis-
 loft-y moun-tain gran-deur And hear the brook and feel the gen-tle



*Hooryum
 Refrain*



neh Joo nim eh nop go wee dae ha shim ul
 dah

played; Then sings my soul, my Sav-ior God, to Thee,
 breeze;



Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh Joo nim eh nop go
 How great Thou art, how great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my

wee dae ha shim eul Nae young hon ee chan yahng ha neh
 Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

3. Joo ha nah nim tok seng ja ak kim up see
 Oo ree rul wee hae ddang eh bo nae uh
 Seep ja ga eh pee heul lyuh juk keh ha
 sa
 Nae mo dun chway rul goo sok ha shun
 neh
Hooryum

3. And when I think that God, His Son
 not sparing,
 Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
 That on the cross, my burden gladly
 bearing,
 He bled and died to take away my sin;
Refrain

4. Nae joo Ye su seh sahng eh dah see ol ttae
 Juh chun goo geu ro nal in doh ha ree
 Na kyum son hee up deu ryuh kyung
 bae ha myuh
 Young won hee joo rul chan yahng ha
 ree rah
Hooryum

4. When Christ shall come with shout
 of acclamation
 And take me home, what joy shall
 fill my heart!
 Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
 And there proclaim, my God,
 how great Thou art!
Refrain

*Original English words were "works" and "mighty."



News & Opportunities

March 15 – 22, 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. | Rooms 2&4

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Confirmation | 8:30 a.m. | Youth Room

2026 Youth Summer Mission Trip June 20-26
Work: We will be working at Clearwater Forest (painting, trail work, etc.), and possibly doing community service with local organizations. Cost: \$350 per youth: Scholarships Available. **Reservation Deadline: March 22.** Contact Elsa Kendig for more information.



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 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 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.

Let It Shine! Thursday, March 19 at 1 p.m. we'll commission and bless our new solar panels. We'll stream from the rooftop via Facebook Live on the HOH Facebook page.
 Weather delay will be March 26 at 1 p.m. if needed.

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 15, 2026

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
 10:10 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. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room

Monday, March 16, 2026

11 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chapel/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 17, 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. Joint Session and Deacons Meeting, Assembly Room

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
 12:15 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Chapel
 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom
 2:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Meeting, Kirby Lounge
 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

Thursday, March 19, 2026

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
 10 a.m. Library Committee, Library
 10 a.m. WinterWalk, East Wing
 1 p.m. Solar Panel Blessing HOH Flat Rooftop and Facebook Live
 1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
 2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Rm
 5 p.m. Circle of Grace Meeting, Library
 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour

Friday, March 20, 2026

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

Sunday, March 22, 2026

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
 11:15 a.m. Paper Making, Room 2
 12:15 a.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Rm
 3 p.m. Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt

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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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