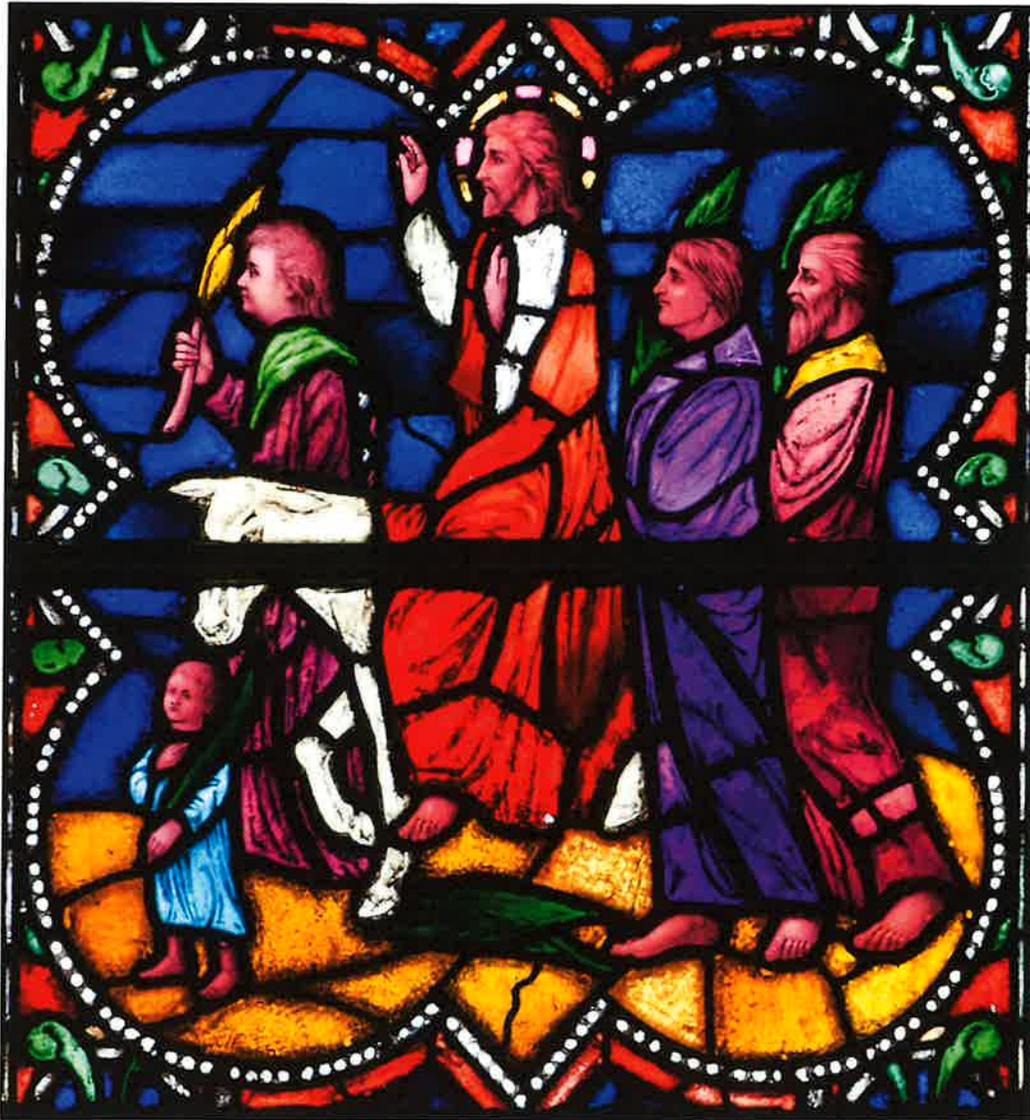


# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The peace and wonder, joy, gratitude,  
and restoration that we find in silence, prayer,  
and other rituals of love strengthen us for moral action  
and comfort us when we fail to do our best."

– Amanda Udis-Kessler

Palm/Passion Sunday | March 29, 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 and 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**, including fair trade coffee, served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

### Sunday Morning Family Resources:

- **Sunday School:** Following the Time for Children, children may leave the service to engage in faith formation with adult leaders to the East Wing for Sunday School. Caregivers should pick their children up from the East Wing.
- **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!

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**ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.** In Isaiah 58, God issues a call and a challenge — to love one another more deeply by sharing what we have with those in need. One Great Hour of Sharing is our direct response to the ways in which God has called us to share. Today and next Sunday, we ask you to give generously to an offering that makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship, and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time. Please use the special envelopes in the pew rack, or the white envelopes indicating: OGHS. You can also donate online at Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving> > Fund: OGHS or by texting HOH OGHS to 73256. Thank you.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

*The King of Glory*  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Hebrew Melody

### Processional with Palms

#### + Processional Hymn 88

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

As the crowds in Jerusalem cried out long ago, we echo,

**Hosanna! Save us! Blessed is the One  
who comes in the name of the Lord!**

#### + Prayer of Confession

**Christ our Redeemer, try as we might, we do not follow your example.  
We do not empty ourselves, we do not humble ourselves, we are not obedient.  
You simply ask us to care about this world you created, but we fail to do even that.  
Forgive us. You have given us the greatest, clearest example of love.  
Heal us, and help us to follow.**

#### + 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.



## Second Lesson

Philippians 3:7-4:1 (NT, p. 198 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

*Following Jesus*

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### + Hymn 148

*At the Name of Jesus*

KING'S WESTON

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

Rev. James D. Cochrane

**God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery  
which the Scriptures describe in various ways.**

**It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep,  
atonement by a priest;**

**again it is ransom of an enslaved person, payment of debt,**

**vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil.**

**These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory  
in the depths of God's love for humankind. They reveal the gravity, cost,  
and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.**

## 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.** Please see insert.

## Offertory Anthem

*Behold the Lamb of God (from Messiah)*

G. F. Handel

Behold the Lamb of God

That takest away the sin of the world.

## + 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 89**

*Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna*

ELLACOMBE

+ **Benediction**

**Postlude**

*The Carillon will remain silent throughout Holy Week.*

Assisting in today's service is Sacred Bells.

**The Communion Table Flowers** are given in loving memory of Carol L. Damberg.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT HOUSE OF HOPE

### **Maundy Thursday with The Lord's Supper, April 2**

Elizabeth Chapel | 12 p.m.

Office of Tenebrae: Responsories by Healey Willan  
Sanctuary | 7 p.m. Childcare available.

### **Good Friday, April 3**

Elizabeth Chapel | 12 p.m.

Good Friday Vespers  
*Christ lag in Todesbanden* (BWV 4) - J.S. Bach  
The Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra  
Sanctuary | 7 p.m. Childcare available.

### **Easter Sunday, April 5**

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service, Elizabeth Chapel

9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Worship Services, Sanctuary  
Festive worship with organ, brass, and The Motet Choir  
Childcare available (9 & 11 a.m.) | Sunday School & Easter Egg Hunt 10:10 a.m.

**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.

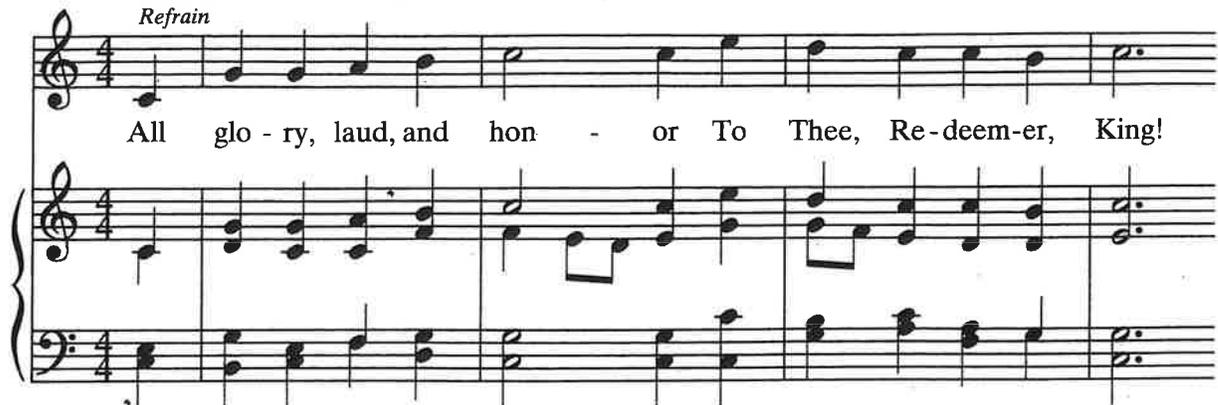
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## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

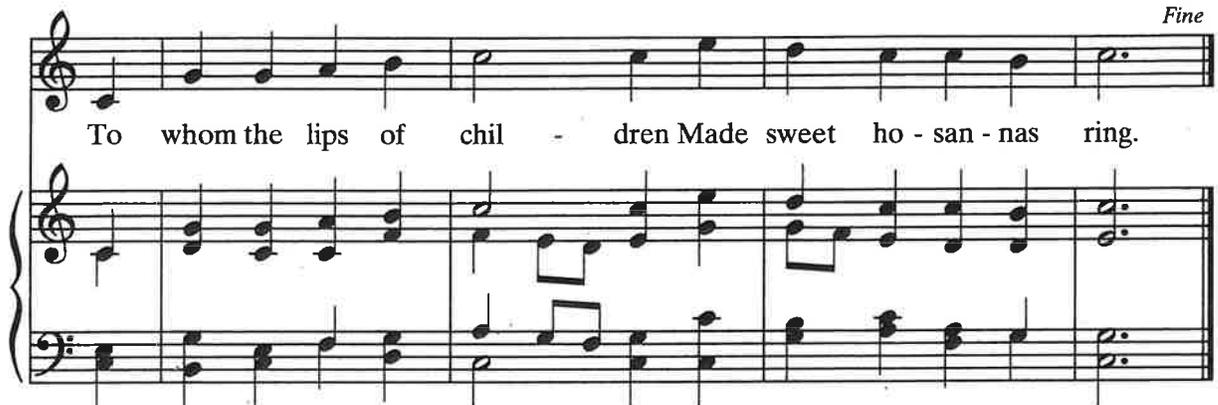
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Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820  
Trans. John Mason Neale, 1851; alt. 1859Melchior Teschner, 1614  
Arr. William Henry Monk, 1861

*Refrain*

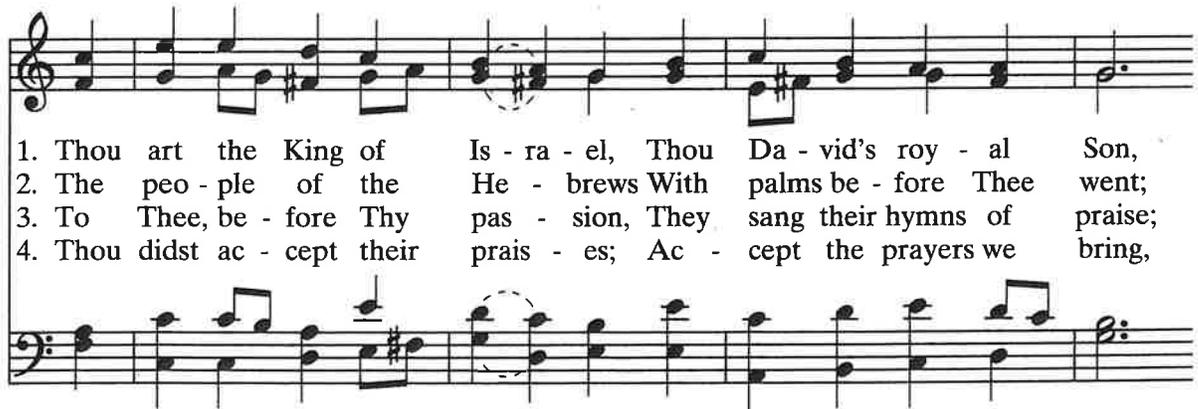


All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re-deem-er, King!



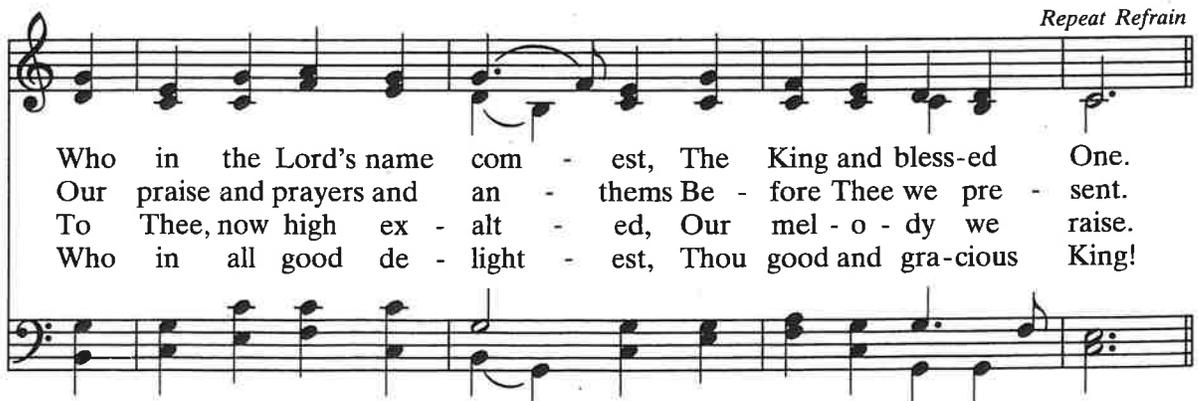
To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.

*Fine*



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went;  
3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,

*Repeat Refrain*



Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One.  
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.  
To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.  
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

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## At the Name of Jesus

KING'S WESTON 6.5.6.5 D

Caroline Maria Noel, 1890; alt. 1931

Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1925

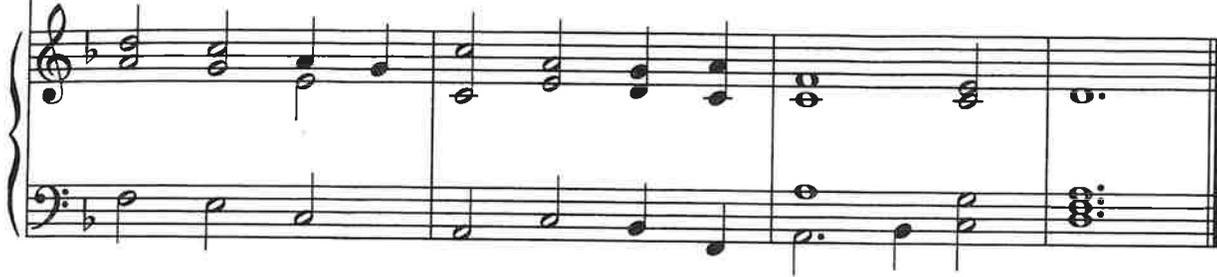
1. At the name of Je - sus Ev - ery knee shall bow,  
 2. Hum-bled for a sea - son, To re-ceive a name  
 3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, With its hu - man light,  
 4. Chris-tians, this Lord Je - sus Shall re - turn a - gain,

Ev - ery tongue con - fess Him King of glo - ry now;  
 From the lips of sin - ners, Un - to whom He came,  
 Through all ranks of crea - tures, To the cen - tral height,  
 With His Fa - ther's glo - ry O'er the earth to reign;

'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure We should call Him Lord,  
 Faith-ful - ly He bore it Spot-less to the last,  
 To the throne of God - head, To the Fa - ther's breast;  
 For all wreaths of em - pire Meet up - on His brow,



Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.  
Brought it back vic - to - rious, When from death He passed;  
Filled it with the glo - ry Of that per - fect rest.  
And our hearts con - fess Him King of glo - ry now.



## Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

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ELLACOMBE 7.6.7.6 D

Jennette Threlfall, 1873

*Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen  
Katholischen Hofkapelle, 1784; alt. 1868*

1. Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, The lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
2. From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'Mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
3. "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

Through pil - lared court and tem - ple The joy - ful an - them rang;  
The vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, And chant - ing clear and loud;  
For Christ is our Re - deem - er, The Lord of heaven our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them Close fold - ed to His breast,  
The Lord of earth and heav - en Rode on in low - ly state,  
O may we ev - er praise Him With heart and life and voice,

The chil - dren sang their prais - es, The sim - plest and the best.  
Nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren Should on His bid - ding wait.  
And in His bliss - ful pres - ence E - ter - nal - ly re - joice.



# News & Opportunities

March 29 – April 5, 2026

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

## TODAY'S Sunday Enrichment with Matthew Culloton and the Motet Choir

**Sunday, March 29 | Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.**

Join House of Hope's Choirmaster Matthew Culloton and the Motet Choir to learn about music for Holy Week at HOH. Through musical examples and a short lecture style, Matthew will offer a glimpse at what music was selected, what makes it so meaningful, and how each piece will fit into the Holy Week services.



## House of Hope Choir School Spring Flower Sale and Pick Up

**Order Deadline: Monday,  
March 30 | 10 p.m.** Order online: [www.gertensfund-raising.com](http://www.gertensfund-raising.com) and enter Store ID: 95 Curbside Pickup:  
Wednesday, April 29 | Porte Cochere 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 TODAY, Palm Sunday, March 29.** Contact the church office, or sign up online: <https://bit.ly/EasterMemorials>



## Midday Lenten Prayer Service 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.



## THE DIDIER SEMINAR 2026

with Rev. John L. Bell | **April 18 – 19**

John Bell is a Scottish hymn writer, composer, broadcaster, and lecturer, who spends much of the year traveling, mostly in the Americas and Europe. He is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland and a member of the Iona Community.

***The Shaping of What We Believe:*** Singing is neither a harmless nor a neutral activity. For many people what they sing shapes what they believe about God as much, if not more, than preaching.

Saturday, April 18: 8:30 a.m. - Noon. (See *Anchor Newsletter* for more information)

Sunday, April 19: Rev. Bell will preach, and offer an enrichment titled: *The Importance of the Imagination in Unlocking Holy Scripture.*

**Register at: <https://bit.ly/Didier2026>**

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

**Caregiving Conversations – Today, March 29 Bridal Room | 11:15 a.m.** Providing support to a loved one is taxing; frustrations, loneliness, and even guilt can accompany caregiving. 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

**Palm Sunday Faith in Action Marches.** Christians stand for loving our neighbors. We stand for healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and welcoming the stranger. We stand for telling the truth and honoring the dignity and worth of every child of God. Today, Christians across the country will stand up to the rise of authoritarianism and white Christian nationalism. We will stand against the politics of greed, cruelty, and oppression by continuing to show the country that our central commandments, to love God and love our neighbors, is our way forward. There are several Minnesota locations, as well as around the country. To find a march nearest you, please use the following link, and scroll down to your State and nearest city to register. <https://bit.ly/PalmSundayFaithAction>

## Week Beginning March 29, 2026

### **Palm/Passion Sunday, March 29, 2026**

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room  
 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
 9:15 a.m. Choir School, Choir School Room  
 9:45 a.m. Children Palm Frond Pickup, Room 7  
 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 10:15 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4  
 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour  
 11:15 a.m. Caregiving Conversations, Bridal Room  
 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Sanctuary  
 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room  
 6 p.m. Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

### **Monday, March 30, 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 31, 2026**

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

### **Wednesday, April 1, 2026**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1  
 10 a.m. Daniel Freeman Lecture, Kirk Parlour  
 10 a.m. Mission Outreach Meeting, Kirby Lounge  
 12:15 p.m. Lenten Prayer Service, Chapel  
 1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom  
 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm  
 5 p.m. Childcare, Room 8  
 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom  
 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5  
 7 p.m. Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

### **Maundy Thursday, April 2, 2026**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
 9:30 a.m. Mission Sewing, Dining A&B  
 12 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship, Chapel  
 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  
 7 p.m. Maundy Thursday Worship, Sanctuary

### **Good Friday, April 3, 2026**

8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom  
 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom  
 12 p.m. Good Friday Service, Chapel  
 6:30 p.m. Childcare, Room 8  
 7 p.m. Good Friday Vespers, Sanctuary

### **Easter Sunday, April 5, 2026**

7:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service, Chapel  
 8 a.m. Emerging Adult Breakfast, Caribou Coffee, 757 Grand Ave.  
 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
 9 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 10 a.m. Coffee for Parents, Parent Lounge  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School & Egg Hunt, Room 4  
 11 a.m. Easter Worship, Sanctuary

### **Easter Monday, April 6, 2026**

*Building and Office are Closed in Observance of Easter*

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For a full listing of events and activities, see our calendar on the homepage of our website [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org).



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**Rev. Phillip J. Romine**, Transitional Associate Pastor  
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