

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



“Hope, in a Christian sense, is love stretching itself into the future.”

- Miroslav Volf

Second Sunday of Easter | April 12, 2026 10 a.m.

# Welcome!

**We are delighted you have joined House of Hope for worship.**

Our open, affirming, and 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.*

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** is celebrated today. All are welcome to share in the Lord's Supper. Elements served are gluten free bread and grape juice.

### 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 Chapel for special worship for children.
- **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!

### Upcoming Events and Enrichments:

**Today, April 12 | 11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room** Rev. Dr. Molly T. Marshall, President, United Theological Seminary will present: *What is Progressive Theology?*



**The Didier Seminar 2026 | April 18-19 | Rev. John L. Bell**

See bulletin insert for full details and registration.

**Sunday, April 26 | 11:15 a.m. | Assembly Room** *Forming Our Faith.* The whole life of the church is educating people in the faith and helping them make sense of themselves and the world. **Senior Pastor Scott Jones** will talk about the principles of faith formation, especially of our children and youth. He'll explore the underlying principles, general approach, and overall goals of Christian education.

# THE APPROACH TO GOD

## Prelude

*Cantabile*  
Maureen Armstrong, Guest Organist

David Lasky

## Introit

*Give Ear, O My People*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Matthew Culloton

## +Processional Hymn 104

*Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

HYMN TO JOY

## +Eastertide Affirmation *(congregation reads text in bold)*

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All of creation rejoices; the birds sing the good news from their nests.**

Alleluia! Life reigns and Christ is in our midst!

**Children shout with sounds of joy; words cannot express what is in our hearts.**

Alleluia! Christ is our light:

**Bathing us in peace; surrounding us with grace and hope.**

**We will praise our God forever!**

## +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

**Great Decisions – 25th Anniversary**

Linda Lane

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### **Anthem**

*Exsultate Justi*

Ludovico Viadana

Exsultate, justi, in Domino; rectos decet collaudatio.  
Confitemini Domino in cithara; in psalterio decem chordarum psallite illi.  
Cantate ei canticum novum; bene psallite ei in vociferatione.

*Rejoice in the Lord, O ye just; praise befits the upright.  
Give praise to the Lord on the harp; sing to him with the psaltery, the instrument of ten strings.  
Sing to him a new canticle, sing well unto him with a loud noise.*

### **Time for Children**

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

*Following the Time for Children, children are invited to either stay in the service with their guardians, or walk with staff and volunteers to the chapel for a special children's worship service. Children will return to the sanctuary for communion.*

### **Scripture Lesson**

John 20:19-31 (NT, p. 115 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Sermon**

Rev. James D. Cochrane

*Unsteady Ground*

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### **+Hymn 316**

*Breathe on Me Breath of God*

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**+Affirmation of Faith** — *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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**

*Just as I am Without One Plea*

Matthew Culloton

Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt;  
Fightings within, and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Has broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

# THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

## Invitation to the Lord's Table

### The Great Thanksgiving


Leader: The Lord is with you.

People:   
And with thy spir - it.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People:   
We lift them up un-to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People:   
It is meet and right so to do.

Leader: O Holy God.... Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People:   
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts,  
  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry:  
  
Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord Most High. A - men

Leader: Blessed is Jesus, the Christ.... And hear us now as we say the prayer Jesus taught:

**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.**

### **Words of Institution**

*All who desire to partake will be dismissed from the back to the front by an usher. Please come down the center aisle to receive an individual cup of grape juice and piece of gluten free bread and return to your seats by the side aisles. Those unable to come forward will be served in the pew.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People: and all that is within me, bless God's holy name!**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul;

**People: and forget not all God's benefits.**

**Leader and People:**

**God of wonder and laughter, your resurrection of Jesus mocked not the reality of death, but its hold on our imaginations. May we have the boldness to proclaim the Gospel of your unconditional love for all creation—even as the ground shakes under our feet. Create us anew, redeem us afresh, and sustain us always, now and forever. Amen.**

### **+Recessional Hymn 371**

*Lift High the Cross*

CRUCIFER

### **+Benediction**

### **Postlude**

*Hymn to Joy*

Michael D. Costello

### **Carillon Postlude**

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

## Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

HYMN TO JOY 8.7.8.7 D

Ludwig van Beethoven, 1824

Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Adapt. Edward Hodges (1796-1867); alt.

1. Christ is ris - en! Shout Ho - san - na! Cel - e - brate this day of days!  
 2. Christ is ris - en! Raise your spir - its From the cav - erns of de - spair.  
 3. Christ is ris - en! Earth and heav - en Nev - er - more shall be the same.

Christ is ris - en! Hush in won - der: All cre - a - tion is a - mazed.  
 Walk with glad - ness in the morn - ing. See what love can do and dare.  
 Break the bread of new cre - a - tion Where the world is still in pain.

In the des - ert all - sur - round - ing, See, a spread - ing tree has grown.  
 Drink the wine of res - ur - rec - tion, Not a ser - vant, but a friend.  
 Tell its grim, de - mon - ic cho - rus: "Christ is ris - en! Get you gone!"

Heal - ing leaves of grace a - bound - ing Bring a taste of love un - known.  
 Je - sus is our strong com - pan - ion. Joy and peace shall nev - er end.  
 God the First and Last is with us. Sing Ho - san - na, ev - ery - one!

# Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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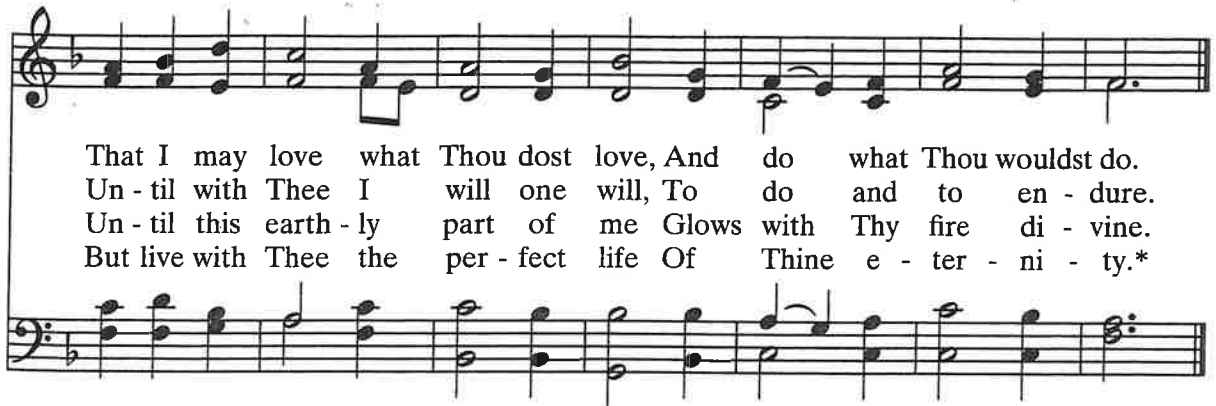
Edwin Hatch, 1886

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Robert Jackson, 1894



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life a - new,  
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Un - til my heart is pure,  
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am whol - ly Thine,  
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I nev - er die,



That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.  
Un - til with Thee I will one will, To do and to en - dure.  
Un - til this earth - ly part of me Glows with Thy fire di - vine.  
But live with Thee the per - fect life Of Thine e - ter - ni - ty.\*

\*Repeat stanza 1.

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## Lift High the Cross

George William Kitchin (1827-1912)  
 Rev. by Michael Robert Newbolt, 1916; alt.  
*Refrain and Descant*

CRUCIFER 10.10 with refrain

Sidney Hugo Nicholson, 1916  
 Desc. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name.

Till all the world a - dore His sa - cred name. *Fine*

1. Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,  
 2. Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4. So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

*Repeat Refrain*

The Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.  
 Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died.  
 Your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.  
 Praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.



# News & Opportunities

April 12 – 19, 2026

## CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

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

Today, April 12, Special Worship for Children in the Chapel | 10:10 a.m.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

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

Confirmation | 8:30-9:45 a.m. | Youth Room

Youth House Group | 6-8 p.m. | Offsite

## 2026 Women's Retreat: "Like a Tree... rooted, growing, nourishing self and others." Friday April 24- 26

St. John's Abbey Guesthouse, Collegeville, MN.

For full details, cost, and registration, please visit: <https://bit.ly/HOHWomensRetreat2026>

**Women's Contemplative Retreat:  
Exploring Thin Places in Minnesota**  
Friday, May 15 - Sunday, May 17 Shalom Hill Farm,  
Windom MN. Transportation provided. Cost: \$300  
per person, all-inclusive except Friday lunch.

For full details and registration:  
<https://bit.ly/ThinPlacesRetreat2026>

For more information please email Laurel Gamm at [lrgmm@gmail.com](mailto:lrgmm@gmail.com).

**Circle of Grace | Thursday, April 16 | Library**  
5:30 p.m. **Writing as a Spiritual & 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:** May 21



## 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.

8:30 a.m. Coffee and Treats

9 a.m. Session 1: *The Subversive Potentials of Sung Text*

10:30 a.m. Session 2: *Correcting the Balance*

The song of the church is not a closed canon enshrined in a denominational hymnbook. It has to be constantly renewed as our awareness and understanding of God's will and God's world increases.

11:30 a.m. Discussion and Closing Remarks

**Sunday, April 19:** Rev. Bell will preach, and following worship, offer an enrichment titled: *The Importance of the Imagination in Unlocking Holy Scripture.* To take the Bible seriously, for many people, means to study it. That is often a cerebral pursuit. Perhaps there are other means by which the depths of divine truth may be discovered through music, hymns, and song.

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.

**The Singers' Season Finale Concert: *WORLD ON OUR SHOULDERS: Songs of the Earth***  
**Sunday, April 26 | 3 p.m. | House of Hope Presbyterian Church**

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

"In the dusk of the river, the wind gone, the leaves grow still —..." Thus begins **Alex Berko's Sacred Place**, an ecologically-minded score on texts of Wendell Berry, John Muir, and others. You'll quickly hear why this has become one of the most-performed works in recent years! Along with two **world premieres by Scott Senko** (one of our own tenors!), **Jocelyn Hagen's A Thank You Note to the Universe**, on a poem of Noor Unnahar, says "I breathe the same air as the people I love and the people I lose" – a reminder of our connection to the earth and each other. We will also share a set called **American Tune**, which we'll present at Chorus America's National Conference in Minneapolis – with music by **William Byrd, Benjamin Britten, Caroline Shaw, Marques Garrett, and Paul Simon**. This collage program highlights our responsibilities as citizens to be attentive and assertive, empathetic and brave.

**Week Beginning April 12, 2026**

**Sunday, April 12, 2026**

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room  
 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
 9 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 10:10 a.m. Children's Worship, Chapel  
 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room  
 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour  
 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room  
 6 p.m. Youth Group, Room 1/Youth Room

**Monday, April 13, 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, April 14, 2026**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
 2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room  
 3:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Kirk Parlour

**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1  
 10 a.m. Daniel Freeman Lecture, Kirk Parlour  
 12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel  
 1:30 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. Formations Series, Kirk Parlour  
 5:30 p.m. Liturgy Support Committee, Room 1  
 6 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom  
 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5  
 7 p.m. Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 16, 2026**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
 10 a.m. Library Committee, Library  
 1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library  
 2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Rm  
 5 p.m. Circle of Grace, Library  
 5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, Kirk Parlour

**Friday, April 17, 2026**

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

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

8:30 a.m. Dider Seminar, Assembly Room  
 2 p.m. Memorial Concert in Honor of Sofia Ardalan, Sanctuary  
 3 p.m. Memorial Concert Reception, Kirk Parlour

**Sunday, April 19, 2026**

8:30 a.m. Confirmation Meeting, Youth Room  
 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
 9 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary  
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4  
 11:15 a.m. Enrichment Hour, Assembly Room  
 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour  
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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).



## A Memorial Concert for Sofia Ardalan

**Saturday, April 18**

**Sanctuary | 2 p.m.**

House of Hope will host a memorial concert in honor of former Choir School Director Sofia Ardalan. This event is one that Sofia designed with music chosen because it was special to her. The program will include the Motet Choir, Aaron David Miller on the organ, Choir School alumni, the Carillon, and additional instrumentalists. Please join us in honoring Sofia's memory with this special event.

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