

# THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"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."

- Rev. John Bell

Third Sunday of Easter | April 19, 2026 10 a.m.

# Welcome!

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

***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**, today served in the **Kirk Parlour** following the service.

## **Sunday Morning Family Resources:**

- **Sunday School:** Following the Baptism, 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!

## **Upcoming Enrichments:**

**Today's** preacher Rev. John Bell will lead today's enrichment in the **Sanctuary** as a conclusion of the 2026 Didier Seminar: ***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.

**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.



House of Hope's sanctuary is equipped with telecoil technology.

To access the Hearing Loop, please sit in the long pews in the center of the sanctuary.

## THE APPROACH TO GOD

### Prelude

Improvisation on LLANFAIR  
Aaron David Miller, Organist

### Introit

*Walk with Me*  
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

George Elvey

### +Processional Hymn 113

*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

LLANFAIR

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

Jesus the Christ has freed us from death  
and brought us into new life.

**Through Christ, we have faith and hope in God.**

In genuine, mutual love,  
let us worship with one heart and one voice.

**In reverence and joy, we praise God's holy name!**

### +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

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## THE WORD OF GOD

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### First Lesson

Katie Anderson

Leviticus 21:16-23 (OT, p. 108 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

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

John 5:1-9 (NT, p. 96 in pew Bible)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

### Sermon

Rev. John Bell

*The Shaping of What We Believe*

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## THE RESPONSE TO GOD

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### +Hymn 399

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

DUNLAP'S CREEK

**Life in Christ is life eternal.**

**The resurrection of Jesus is the sign**

**that God will consummate the work**

**of creation and reconciliation beyond death**

**and bring to fulfillment**

**the new life begun in Christ.**

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

**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 his memory will be in peace:*

*his (resting) place is in peace*

*and his dwelling place in Zion,*

*and his 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 108

*Christ Is Alive!*

TRURO

### +Benediction

### Postlude

Psalm 19

Benedetto Marcello

### Carillon Postlude

David Johnson, Carillonneur Emeritus

**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 Mary Stewart Swanson.

## About Today's Preacher:

**John Bell** is a preacher, hymnwriter, composer, lecturer and broadcaster, who spends much of the year travelling, mostly in the Americas and Europe. He is an ordained minister of the Church of Scotland and a member of the Iona Community. During his studies in Theology, he became the first (and last) student Rector of the University of Glasgow. After a period in the Netherlands and two posts in church youth work, he became employed, firstly in youth work and then in the areas of music and worship, founding during that time, with Graham Maule, the *Wild Goose Worship Group* and the *Wild Goose Resource Group*.

He is a past convenor of the Church of Scotland's Panel on Worship and the committee that produced the ground-breaking Church Hymnary 4. In 1999, he was honoured by the Presbyterian Church of Canada and the Royal School of Church Music which bestowed on him a Fellowship. In 2002, he was awarded an honorary doctorate by the University of Glasgow. In 2013, he was awarded the Community of Christ International Peace Award, and in 2018, presented by the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Thomas Cranmer Award for Worship, and for his outstanding Christian witness, through hymn-writing, broadcasting and social action.

John has produced many collections of liturgy, scripts, sermons and reflections, original hymns and songs (some in collaboration with Graham) and three collections of songs of the World Church. These are published by Wild Goose Publications, the Iona Community's publishing arm, in Scotland and by G.I.A. Publications (Chicago) in N. America. He lectures in theological colleges in Britain and U.S., but is primarily concerned with the renewal of congregational worship at grass roots level.

John hails from Kilmarnock and like Johnnie Walker, the ubiquitous creator of the world-wide whisky, John shares an affection for colourfully, distinctive dressing (without the top hat, red coat, white britches and black knee-length boots).

## **A Reading From the Book of Leviticus.**

**The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, “Speak to Aaron and say: No one of your offspring throughout their generations who has a blemish may approach to offer the food of his God. Indeed, no one who has a blemish shall draw near, one who is blind or lame, or one who is mutilated or deformed, or one who has a broken foot or a broken hand, or a hunchback, or a dwarf, or a man with a defect in his eyes or an itching disease or scabs or crushed testicles. No descendant of Aaron the priest who has a blemish shall come near to offer the Lord’s offerings by fire; since he has a blemish, he shall not come near to offer the food of his God. He may eat the food of his God, of the most holy as well as of the holy. But he shall not come near the curtain or approach the altar because he has a blemish, that he may not profane my sanctuaries, for I am the Lord; I sanctify them.”**

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**Leviticus 21:16-23**

## **A Reading From the Gospel According to John.**

**After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay many ill, blind, lame, and paralyzed people. One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" The ill man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am making my way someone else steps down ahead of me." Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk.**

**Now that day was a Sabbath.**

**The Word of the Lord.**

***Thanks be to God.***

**John 5:1-9**

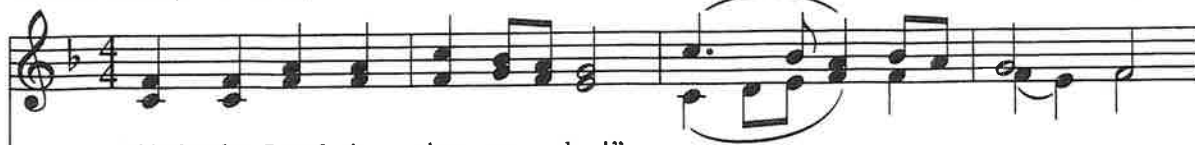
## Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!

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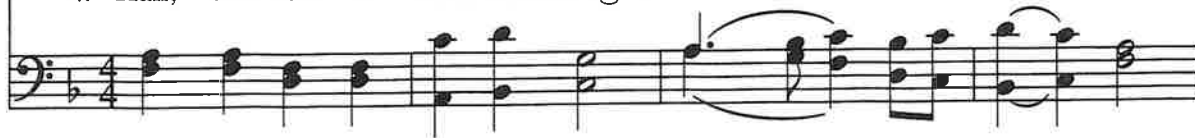
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Robert Williams, 1817  
Harm. David Evans, 1927

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.



1. "Christ the Lord is risen to - day!"  
 2. Love's re - deem - ing work is done, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3. Lives a - gain our glo - rious King;  
 4. Hail, the Lord of earth and heaven!



All cre - a - tion, join to say;  
 Fought the fight, the bat - tle won; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where, O death, is now your sting?  
 Praise to You by both be given;



Raise your joys and tri - umphs high;  
 Death in vain for - bids Him rise; Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Je - sus died, our souls to save;  
 Ev - ery knee to You shall bow,



Sing, O heavens, and earth re - ply,  
 Christ has o - pened par - a - dise. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Where your vic - to - ry, O grave?  
 Ris - en Christ, tri - um - phant now.



## 399 We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

DUNLAP'S CREEK CM

Samuel McFarland, c. 1816  
Harm. Richard Proulx, 1986

Henry Alford, 1844; alt.



1. We walk by faith and not by sight; No  
 2. We may not touch His hands and side, Nor  
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; And  
 4. That, when our life of faith is done, In



gra - cious words we hear From Christ, who spoke as  
 fol - low where He trod; But in His prom - ise  
 may our faith a - bound To call on You when  
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold You



none e'er spoke; But we be - lieve Him near.  
 we re - joice, And cry, "My Lord and God!"  
 You are near And seek where You are found:  
 as You are, With full and end - less sight.

clare Christ's great - ness, Spread good news, pro - claim Christ's name.  
 love a - round us, May it grow and pu - ri - fy.  
 has been pur - chased By our lov - ing, ris - en Lord.

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## Christ Is Alive!

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TRURO LM

Thomas Williams, 1789

Brian Wren, 1968; rev.

Harm. Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

1. Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2. Christ is a - live! No long - er bound To dis - tant  
 3. Not throned a - far, re - mote - ly high, Un - touched, un -  
 4. In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war, Where col - or,

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, But sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 moved by hu - man pains, But dai - ly, in the  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, And touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 midst of life, Our Sav - ior in the God-head reigns.  
 loves the more, And lives, where ev - en hope has died.

5. Christ is alive, and comes to bring Till earth and sky and ocean ring  
 Good news to this and every age, With joy, with justice, love, and praise.



# News & Opportunities

April 19 – 26 , 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)

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

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

## Formations Series: Anti-Racism & Spiritual Practice Wednesdays, April 22, 29

**Kirk Parlour | 5:30 - 7 p.m.** Our Formations series will continue led by Pastor Phillip Romine on anti-racism and spiritual practice. "I aspire to remember every day that I love you as I love myself, and we all know, or most of us do, what a struggle it can be to love ourselves well." So writes Tema Okun, echoing a core teaching of Jesus. This 3-part series will focus on building spiritual practices that encourage us to love ourselves and our neighbors, in a dominant culture that discourages it. Join us for a potluck meal at 5:30 p.m. and bring a dish to share, along with wisdom from your experiments in loving yourself.

**Monday Centering Prayer moving to Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.** Centering Prayer that took place on Mondays will be moving to the Chapel (or Zoom) on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m.

Friday Centering Prayer continues at 9 a.m. on Zoom.

**Wednesday Midday Prayer Services** will continue in the chapel at Noon each week.

## Solar Panel Blessing Thursday, April 22

**1 p.m.** Join us on Facebook Live at 1 p.m. as we commission and bless our new solar panels, which are now fully connected and operational.

Also, save the date for the **2026 Eco Fair at House of Hope**: Saturday, May 16, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Portland Parking Lot. Enjoy good food and learn about all things green, from e-bikes to pollinator gardens, electric vehicles to solar installations at the Eco Fair on Summit Avenue. Come spend time with your neighbors and find new ways for you and your community to transition to a greener future.

**Drop-In Knitting, Crafts, and Conversation Thursdays, Library | 1 - 3 p.m.** Join us to work on projects or fellowship in the church library.

**First Friday Jazz returns on Friday, May 1 Assembly Room | 6 p.m.** Featuring Jazz Savvy and guest accordionist Ryan Charles Cihlar: *Café Music from Around the World*. First Friday Jazz is a relaxed, social evening inspired by classic jazz clubs—where live music accompanies conversation and community. Friends, neighbors, families, music-lovers, and newcomers of all ages are welcome at this candlelit, nightlife-inspired jazz party. Suggested adult admission: \$25. All offerings welcome. Kids are free. Light fare and beverages included. Advance registration available at [www.hohchurch.org](http://www.hohchurch.org), or register at the door.

**Save the Date! Sunday, May 10** when we will celebrate Michelle Freyholtz's 41 years at House of Hope as she heads into a well deserved retirement. More info soon!

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 Unnahr, 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 19, 2026**

**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  
 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room  
 6 p.m. Youth Group, Off Site

**Monday, April 20, 2026**

9 a.m. Community Action Committee, Room  
 1:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting, Zoom  
 3 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room  
 6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room  
 6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

**Tuesday, April 21, 2026**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chapel/Zoom  
 2 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room  
 2:30 p.m. Didier Seminar Committee, Room 1  
 6 p.m. Childcare  
 6:30 p.m. Session Meeting, Assembly Room

**Wednesday, April 22, 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 p.m. Solar Panel Commissioning, Facebook Live  
 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Choir School Rm  
 5 p.m. Childcare, Room 8  
 5:30 p.m. Formations Series, Kirk Parlour  
 7 p.m. Bells of Hope Rehearsal, Room 5  
 7 p.m. Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

**Thursday, April 23, 2026**

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom  
 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, April 24, 2026**

*Women's Retreat through Sunday, St. John's Abbey*  
 8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom  
 9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom  
 1 p.m. Gale Robb Memorial Service, Sanctuary  
 2 p.m. Gale Robb Reception, Kirk Parlour

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

*Ireland Pilgrimage through May 7*  
 8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8  
 9:15 a.m. Choir School, Choir School Room  
 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  
 11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room  
 3 p.m. Singers Concert, Sanctuary  
 6 p.m. Youth Group, Room 1/Youth 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](http://www.hohchurch.org).

## In Memoriam

Rev. Gale W. Robb served as a Stated Supply and Interim Teaching Elder at The House of Hope Presbyterian Church in the early to mid-2000s, as well as guiding and engaging this congregation, among her many roles, in other meaningful ways throughout the years.

Gale entered the Church Triumphant on April 1, 2026.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, April 24 at 1 p.m. in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow.

*"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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**Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones**, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff

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