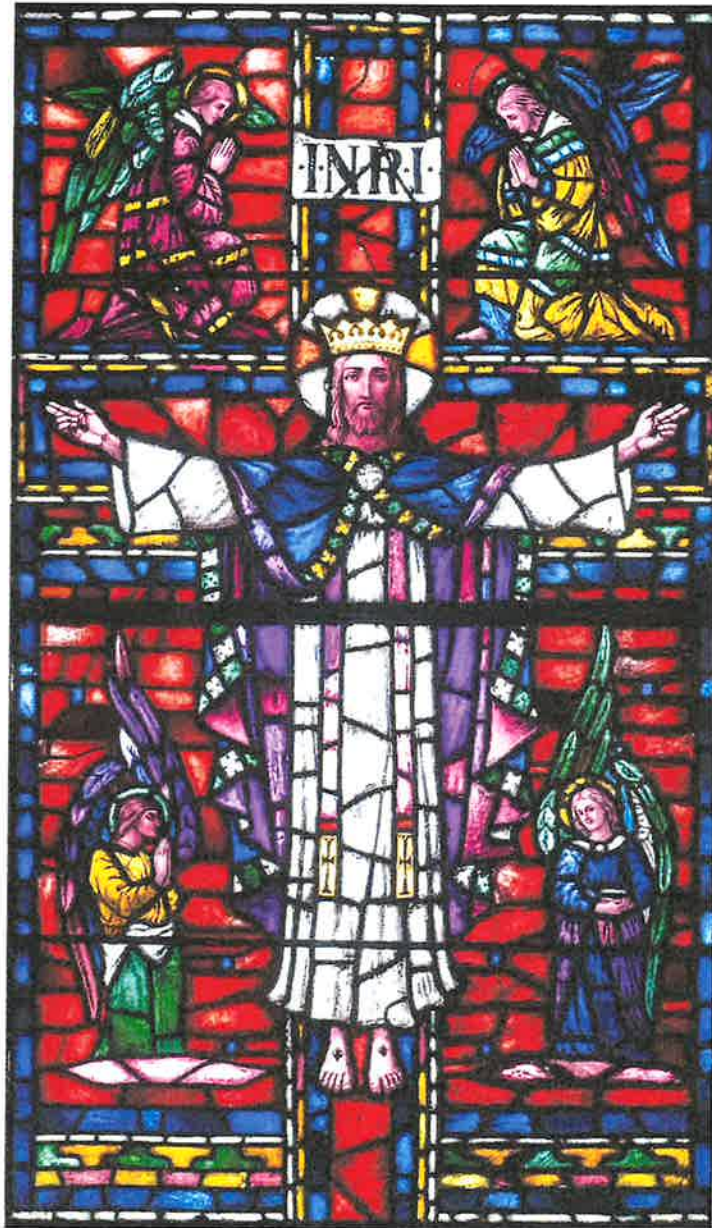


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"For in the cross of Christ, as in a splendid theater, the incomparable goodness of God is set before the whole world. The glory of God shines... the whole world was renewed and all things restored to order." – John Calvin

Fourth Sunday of Easter | April 26, 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 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!

Upcoming Enrichments:

Today, 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

Con Spirito
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Thomas Arne

Introit

With Gladness We Worship
The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

George J. Elvey

+Processional Hymn 111

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

GELOBT SEI GOTT

+Eastertide Affirmation (congregation reads text in bold)

Rev. James D. Cochrane

God our Shepherd,
You are our safe place, our shelter,
Our ground, our breath.
We turn to you in hope and trust.

+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

Minute for Mission — The Ministry Transformation Lab

Rev. Emily Meyer

Anthem

Jubilate Deo

William Mathias

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.
Serve the Lord with gladness;
Come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the Lord he is God:
It is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves:
We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
And into his courts with praise:
Be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the Lord is good, his mercy is everlasting;
And his truth endureth to all generations. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD

First Lesson

Bruce Johnson

Psalm 23 (OT, p. 501 in pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Hymn to Freedom

Oscar Peterson

St Nicholas Choir; Jessica Bandelin, Acting Director; Aaron David Miller, Piano

When ev'ry heart joins ev'ry heart
And together yearns for liberty,
That's when we'll be free
When ev'ry hand joins ev'ry hand
And together molds our destiny,
That's when we'll be free
Any hour, any day, the time soon will come
When all will live in dignity, that's when we'll be free
When ev'ry one joins in our song
And together singing harmony
That's when we'll be free

Time for Children

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

Isaiah 55 (OT, p. 685-686 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

Pastoral Presence

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 293

This is My Father's World

TERRA BEATA

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

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

New life in Christ takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

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

The Morning Trumpet

Daniel Kallman

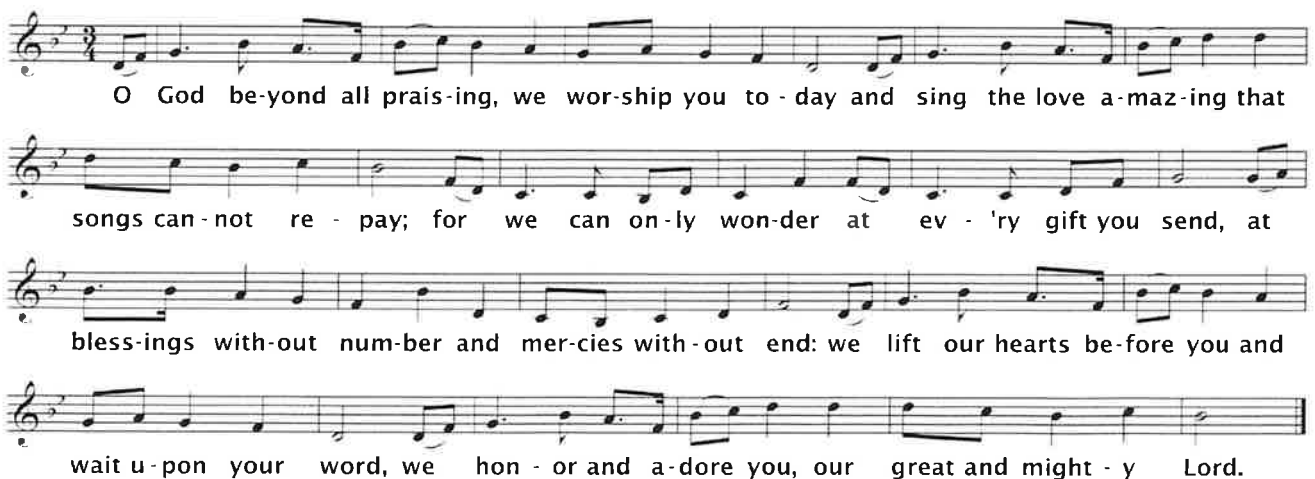
Oh, when shall I see Jesus and reign with Him above,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning,
And from the flowing fountain drink everlasting love,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Oh, Shout glory, glory, I shall mount above the skies
When I hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

When shall I be delivered from this vain world of sin,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning,
And with my blessed Jesus drink endless pleasures in,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

Through grace I feel determined to conquer, though I die,
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning;
And then away to Jesus on wings of love I'll fly
And shall hear the trumpet sound in that morning.

+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 268

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

+Benediction

Postlude

“Final” from Symphony No. 1

Louis Vierne

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 Sherla Mayer.

Today! 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 available at the door.

“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 Unnihar, 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.

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS - Members and Friends Art Show

Members and friends of the House of Hope are invited to submit original artwork, fine arts and crafts, and textile/fiber arts for the upcoming Members and Friends Art Show. Each individual may submit up to three pieces and each piece must be suitable, fully assembled, framed and/or ready for display without any additional preparation needed. Please deliver submissions to House of Hope outside the Kirk Parlour on Sunday, May 3, before or after the worship service. If you have questions or wish further information, please contact Elly Verhagen at ellverha@gmail.com

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing! 111

GELOBT SEI GOTT 8.8.8 with alleluias

Cyril A. Alington, 1931; alt.

Melchior Vulpus, 1609
As in *Pilgrim Hymnal*, 1958

1. Good Chris-tians all, re - joi - ce and sing! Now is the tri - umph
2. The Lord of life is risen to - day! Bring flowers of song, be -
3. Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry That love, that life which
4. Thy name we bless, O ris - en Lord, And sing to - day with

of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
deck the way; Let ev - ery tongue re - joi - ce and say:
can - not die, And sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
one ac - cord The life laid down, the life re - stored:

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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This Is My Father's World

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TERRA BEATA SMD

Maltbie Davenport Babcock, 1901

Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915
Harm. 1953 for *The Hymnbook*; alt. 1988

1. This is my Fa-ther's world, And to my lis-tening ears All
2. This is my Fa-ther's world: Oh, let me ne'er for - get That

na - ture sings, and round me rings The mu - sic of the spheres.
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought Of
This is my Fa-ther's world: The bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; His hand the won - ders wrought.
sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, And earth and heaven be one.

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HOLY MANNA 8.7.8.7 D

Catherine Arnott Cameron, 1967; alt.

Attr. William Moore, 1825
Harm. Charles Anders, 1969

F Dm Gm Dm Am Gm7

1. God, who stretched the span - gled heav - ens In - fi - nite in
2. We have ven - tured worlds un - dreamed of Since the child-hood
3. As each far ho - ri - zon beck - ons, May it chal-lenge

Bb7 Dm C Dm C Bb7

time and place, Flung the suns in burn - ing ra - diance
of our race; Known the ec - sta - sy of wing - ing
us a - new: Chil - dren of cre - a - tive pur - pose,

Am Bb7 C F F Dm7

Through the si - lent fields of space: We, Your chil - dren
Through un - trav - eled realms of space; Probed the se - crets
Serv - ing oth - ers, hon - oring You. May our dreams prove

B \flat 7 Gm7 B \flat 7 Am7 B \flat 7 Gm7 C

in Your like - ness, Share in - ven - tive powers with You;
of the at - om, Yield - ing un - i - mag - ined power,
rich with prom - ise, Each en - deav - or well be - gun;

F Dm C Gm7 Am B \flat 7 C6 C F

Great Cre - a - tor, still cre - at - ing, Show us what we yet may do.
Fac - ing us with life's de - struc - tion Or our most tri - um - phant hour.
Great Cre - a - tor, give us guid - ance Till our goals and Yours are one.



News & Opportunities

April 26 – May 3, 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

Youth Group | 6-8 p.m. | Room 1/Youth Room

Formations Series: Anti-Racism & Spiritual Practice Wednesdays, April 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 moved to Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer that took place on Mondays has moved 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.



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 is greatly appreciated to help us plan. Details and registration: www.hohchurch.org

Caregiver Conversations

Sunday, May 3 | 11:15 a.m. | Bridal Room

House of Hope has a support group for Caregivers on the first Sundays of each month, following worship. Providing support to a loved one is taxing; frustrations, loneliness, and even guilt can accompany caregiving. Facilitated by our pastoral staff, this month's Caregiver Conversation is May 3, 2026, at 11:15 a.m. in the Bridal Room (near the Kirk Parlour). For information, see Rev. Dix Brachlow, Care Pastor, dwbrachlow@gmail.com.



The Saint Paul Farmers' Market returns to House of Hope! Fridays, May 8 - October 30 | 1:15 - 5 p.m. Summit Avenue Parking Lot

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.



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.

Spring Congregational Retreat at Clearwater Forest | May 29 – 31

Looking for a chance to enjoy the company of your church family before summer adventures? Join us for a delightful and low-key Retreat at Clearwater Forest in the Leaning Tree Lodge. All ages are not only welcome, but will find the weekend offers opportunities to engage in activities that you'll find by turns relaxing and and enlivening. We hope you'll join us for what everyone who is gone previously agrees is a wonderful opportunity to experience the House of Hope Church community at its fullest!

Cost: \$110 per individual, with a \$260 family max.

Please RSVP by May 15 to reserve your spot. ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Week Beginning April 26, 2026

Sunday, April 26, 2026

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

Monday, April 27, 2026

3 p.m. Choir School Lessons, Choir School Room
6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, April 28, 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

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel
4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Sanctuary
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 30, 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 May 1, 2026

8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
9 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
6 p.m. First Friday Jazz, Assembly Room

Saturday, May 2, 2026

9 a.m. Confirmation Saturday with Session, Kirk Parlour

Confirmation Sunday, May 3, 2026

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. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11:15 a.m. Alleluia Choir, Choir School Room
11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Cont. Ed., Room 1/Zoom
11:15 a.m. Caregiving Conversations, Bridal Room
1 p.m. Sherla Mayer Visitation, Sanctuary
2:15 p.m. Sherla Mayer Memorial Service, Sanctuary
3:15 p.m. Sherla Mayer Reception, 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.

In Memoriam

Jean Kathleen Godfrey joined the House of Hope Presbyterian Church on February 2, 1996. Jean entered the Church Triumphant on April 17, 2026.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, May 15 at 11 a.m. in the Sanctuary with a reception to follow.

A Memorial Service for **Sherla Mayer** will take place on Sunday, May 3 at 2:15 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A visitation will begin at 1 p.m., and a reception will follow the service.

*"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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