



Music Sunday
MOTET CHOIR TO
PRESENT RALPH
VAUGHAN WILLIAMS'
FIVE MYSTICAL SONGS

For the first time since 1989, The House of Hope Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra will perform Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs* in its entirety. This version of the beloved work is scored for strings, piano, chorus, and baritone solos, which will be shared by Timothy Bruett and William Sales. The cantata is based on the writings of Anglican priest and poet George Herbert (1593-1633) whose godfather, esteemed poet John Donne, helped raise him from the age of three. Ralph Vaughan Williams was deeply inspired by the Tudor anthems frequently heard in the English cathedrals, though he considered himself a "cheerful agnostic." He studied for a short stint with Maurice Ravel, and the *Five Mystical Songs* is one of the works completed after that time period in 1908. In total, Vaughan Williams crafted the set of songs between 1906 and 1911. For House of Hope congregations, the final movement, *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* will be familiar, as it is sung by the Motet Choir with some regularity.



**ECO FAIR ON
SUMMIT 2026**

A unique partnership of congregations on and near Summit Avenue—St. Clement's Episcopal, St. John the Evangelist Episcopal, St. Paul's United Church of Christ, Saint Thomas More Catholic Community, Unity Church-Unitarian, and House of Hope, with support from Minnesota Interfaith Power and Light (MNIPL)—

have again collaborated to host the Eco Fair on Summit | Fueled by Faith • Driven by Climate. House of Hope is pleased to provide the site for the Fair in our Portland and Holly Avenue Parking Lots and Park.

The Fair will provide multiple ways to help you live more sustainably. It will feature owners displaying their electric vehicles and sharing their experiences and endorsements for going electric; an electric vehicle "show-street" offering test drives by multiple dealers in a variety of vehicle makes and models; an e-bike lot; green technology for the home and garden; opportunities to explore energy savings; green burial options; environmental advocacy groups, and more.

HOPE IN ACTION

House of Hope in Our Community

House of Hope changes lives – inside our church and throughout our community. **Be a part of it.** Join the **Hope in Action Campaign** and help this work grow.

Support Those Doing the Work

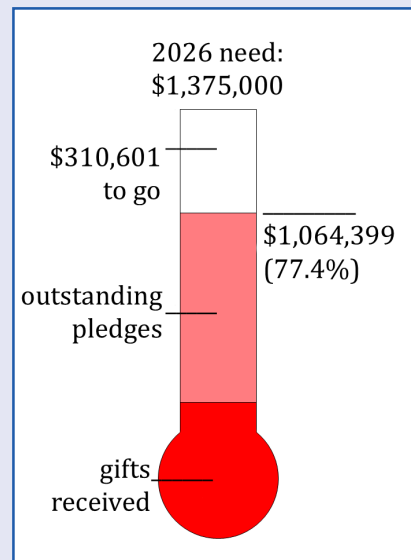
We invest in nonprofit partners who address hunger, housing, racial equity, education, and healing. Your gifts strengthen organizations already making a difference, extending our impact far beyond our congregation.

A Building That Serves The Community

Our church is more than a place for Sunday worship. It is a shared space for community organizations, support groups, artists, and advocates – offering welcome, safety, and connection throughout the week.

Please support House of Hope, because **when you give, Mission Happens!**

Last year, your generosity provided \$1,267,918 for our general operating fund. To meet our 2026 budget and continue the work of our church, our goal is \$1,375,000. Follow our journey through the fundraising progress thermometer.



Watch for more information about the Hope in Action Campaign.



Ways to Give to Hope in Action:

- Use the QR Code
- Online: <https://bit.ly/HOHGiving>
- Check or Cash

WORSHIP

10 a.m.

Sunday, May 3
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Motet Choir:
Anthems from the Motet Choir

Sunday, May 10
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Motet Choir:
Anthems from the Motet Choir

Sunday, May 17
7th Sunday of Easter
Music Sunday

Motet Choir:
Five Mystical Songs,
Ralph Vaughan Williams
How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place,
Aaron David Miller

House of Hope Choir School:
Together in Music Concert

Sunday, May 24
Day of Pentecost

Motet Choir:
Anthems from the Motet Choir

Sunday, May 31
Trinity Sunday

Motet Choir:
Anthems from the Motet Choir



An Interview with Michelle

Pictured: Michelle Freyholtz and Kevin Freyholtz, 1987

What do you remember about your first days at House of Hope?

I remember getting lost trying to find the church office, something that still happens today- though not to me! In those early days I was shy and stayed close to my office. It was nearly three years before I ventured down to the Great Hall or the lower level of the building.

What accomplishments are you most proud of?

Researching and implementing church software to move our data management onto a PC and later, setting up internet communications and online giving for the congregation. Bringing the church into the digital age felt like a real contribution.

How would you describe the relationship between your work and your spiritual life?

The House of Hope has always given me a deep sense of spirituality through its spaces and beauty. Working on a spreadsheet while listening to the organ and choirs rehearse nearby...that is something truly amazing. Over 41 years I moved through many roles, from membership secretary and bookkeeper to office manager and administration, along with the skills and institutional memory to each of them.

Who have been the most influential people in your journey here?

So many pastors shaped my time here through life's milestones. Calvin Didier gave me the opportunity to become financially independent as a single parent. Pastor Linda Loving helped me find spirituality in the workplace. Pastor Van Dyke and Diane Smith were deeply supportive during the loss of my parents and husband, leaving me a single parent again.

My colleague Teddy Zamacona Altman was a role model and a dear friend. We worked together for over 33 years supporting the congregation side by side. I miss her advice, her grace, and her friendship deeply.

What advice would you give your successor?

Bring flexibility. Learn new ways to get things done, and approach change with patience and grace.

What would you tell your 1985 self?

Working for a church is unlike any other organization. The congregation will shape your relationships and your character in ways you can't imagine. You will make a real difference in the community, and you will make friends for life.

HAPPY RETIREMENT, MICHELLE FREYHOLTZ!



Sunday, May 10 we will celebrate Michelle Freyholtz's 41 years at House of hope as she heads into a well deserved retirement. Please join us as we recognize Michelle in the service followed by a reception in the Kirk Parlour with cake and a sparkling cider toast. If you'd like to give Michelle a gift, please enclose in an envelope and place in the baskets provided in the Parlour at the reception, or mail to the church office.

BE A DOCENT FOR 2026 JULY SUNDAY CARILLON SERIES - 4 PM

An easy, short-term task of 2 hours docents are the "welcome and hospitality" arm of the Carillon Series for the House of Hope. Men and women (and one does not have to be a member of HoH to help) are needed for serving ice-cream, offering directions, and distributing programs. A docent receives training, and chooses which Sunday to help. The series brings around 60 to each concert. All concerts are held outdoors. Contact Tim Short know if you have an interest to help with this musical outreach to the neighborhood. (TimS@hohchurch or phone: 651.223.7546).

VOLUNTEER IN COMMUNITY GARDEN

New volunteers are always welcome for our beautiful HOH Food Pantry Garden! Even if you can only help out a couple times, it all contributes to creating the 1000+ pounds of delicious and nutritious food each year for our neighbors. All ages, abilities, experience levels, and schedules of volunteers are welcome - there are jobs to fit everyone, including delivering the veggies to the food shelf. Most of our work is on weekday mornings, but we do occasional evenings and weekends, or there are opportunities to weed on your own schedule. Volunteer once or all season long. We'll be starting by getting ready by early May and gardening goes through late Fall. Have questions or want to join the email list? Reach out to Elizabeth Karre (contact) or email houseofhopegarden@gmail.com.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

We wish to celebrate House of Hope Members Bob and Beverly Peterson!

Every Christmas, Bob hand-paints small scenes for friends, some of whom have been recipients for a long time, --- as long as 15 years. We at the House of Hope have been fortunate to now have a mantel full of about 8 or 9 years of his Christmas cards --and the numbers keep growing, year by year.



FARMERS' MARKET



The Farmers' Market is back in the Summit Avenue Parking Lot! Meet farmers and other vendors for a summer of togetherness!

CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT AT CLEARWATER FOREST

Dates: May 29 - 31, 2026

RSVP by May 15

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

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!

SOLAR PANEL BLESSING ON EARTH DAY



On Earth Day 2026, members of the congregation and clergy celebrated the commissioning of the new solar panels on the Kirk Parlour roof!

In reflection of this momentous occasion, we are reminded that light is one of the first gifts of creation - essential, abundant, and freely given. The solar panels represent a commitment; to live more gently on the Earth, to participate in healing rather than harm, and to embody hope in action.

It's Time to Pay Per Capita

Per capita is a funding mechanism to support the work of the PC(USA) at the local, regional and national levels. HOH annually pays per capita for each of its members (not each household). **2026 per capita is \$43.75 per member**, and we ask every member to contribute now.



House of Hope's per capita for 2026 totals \$50,750 based on membership of 1,160 members in 2024. You can **pay by check** or **pay online: bit.ly/HOHHGiving** > Fund: Per Capita Gifts. Please note **Per Capita** when paying.



HOPE ARTS CENTER



Children, Youth and Family Ministry

Children and Family Ministry

Contact Dr. Jimmy Hoke:

JimmyH@hohchurch.org

Early Childhood Ministry:

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

Sunday School:

Rooms 2 and 4 | 10:10 a.m.

Youth and Family Ministry

Contact Elsa Kendig:

ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Confirmation Sunday

Sunday, May 3

Sanctuary | 10 a.m.

Youth House Group

Sunday, May 10

Offsite | 6 - 8 p.m.

Youth Group

Sunday, May 17

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



First Friday Jazz returns on Friday, May 1

Featuring Jazz Savvy and guest accordionist Ryan Charles Cihlar: *Café Music from Around the World*
Assembly Room | 6 p.m.

Ryan Charles Cihlar takes his audiences all over the world: a romantic café in Paris, a spirited wurst hall in Germany, a breezy Italian beach. Playing everything from classic European music to Midwestern folk, Ryan will transport you to a different country - or decade - as he breathes new life into beloved classics on his 1950's Excelsior accordion.

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.

Accessible cover charge: Suggested admission for adults \$25

- All offerings welcome
- Kids are free
- Light fare and beverages included.

Advance registration available at www.hohchurch.org, or register at the door.



Hope Arts Center presents Osip Nikiforov | May 15 | 6 p.m.

Pianist Osip Nikiforov presents a program exploring the connections between Franz Liszt and Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, highlighting their intersecting musical worlds of the Romantic era. A Siberian-born pianist, Nikiforov has performed widely in the U.S. and abroad, and currently serves on the piano faculty at Macalester College. Osip Nikiforov is a fiscal year 2026 recipient of a Creative Individuals grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board.

Hope Arts Center presents Summer in the Park 2026!



Hope Arts Center is delighted to launch **Summer in the Park**, a new outdoor series bringing the arts, wellness, and community together in the green space of the House of Hope on Portland Avenue.

Enjoy live music in collaboration with Tiny Porch Concerts, family-friendly movie nights, outdoor yoga, and opportunities to be involved in planning for the future renovation

of the park. Highlights will include live music from Twin Cities favorites Choro Borealis, Dan Chouinard, Phil Heywood & Tim Sparks, and The High 48s bluegrass band. Bring a blanket, invite a friend! The full schedule is coming soon on the Hope Arts page on the HOH website.

MAY

Caregiving Conversations

Sunday, May 3

Bridal Room | 11:15 a.m.

Providing support to a loved one is taxing; frustrations, loneliness, and even guilt can accompany caregiving. House of Hope will offer a 6-month pilot program for caregivers on first Sundays of the month. Parish Associate Rev. Dix Brachlow and Catherine Guisan will facilitate conversations, while participants determine the direction of the group. Contact Dix Brachlow: brachlow@gmail.com

Welcoming Class

Sunday, May 3

Library | 11:15 a.m.

Whether you're new to the House of Hope, or just want to know more about how our community works, join our Welcoming Class. This class provides information about church membership, as well as other ways to connect with community life at HOH. We'll get to know each other, learn about shared congregational values, and connect to opportunities to live out those values through our church life.

Farmers' Market

Fridays

May 8 - October 30

Summit Avenue Parking Lot

1:15 p.m. - 5 p.m.

The Farmers' Market is back in the Summit Avenue Parking Lot! Meet farmers and other vendors for a summer of togetherness!

Great Decisions

Tuesday, May 12

Kirk Parlour | 3:30 p.m.

Venezuela and the Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine.

The "2025 National Security Strategy," adopted by the Trump Administration last fall, asserts U.S. hegemony in the Western Hemisphere to counter foreign influence, particularly from

China, Russia, and Iran. The central concept of this idea is not new, going back to the Monroe Doctrine articulated by our 5th president, who warned European countries about further colonization in the Western Hemisphere.

Our session will review and discuss the impact of this strategy on our country's global role.

Rob Scarlett currently serves as Senior Advisor to Clearwater Biologic, LLC, a bio-remediation business located in Babbitt, Minnesota, and has served as a senior executive in smaller manufacturing companies over the years. In 1999, after co-authoring "Global Business: 308 Tips to Take Your Company Worldwide", he started Hunter Scarlett Consulting and serves as a director for start-ups in the US and Latin America. He has spent much of the past 50 years working and living in Venezuela, Brazil, Peru, and other countries in Latin America, and continues to maintain personal connections to people who have lived and worked there.

Eco Fair on Summit 2026

Saturday, May 16

HOH Portland and Holly Ave

Parking Lots and Park

Noon - 3 p.m.

See Earth Care.

House of Hope Choir School

Concert: Together in Music

Sunday, May 17

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

Join the House of Hope Youth Choir for a thrilling and exciting line up of music in one great afternoon.

Circle of Grace

Thursday, May 21

Library | 5:30 p.m.

Join us for Circle of Grace 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.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 24

Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m.

The Session has called a Meeting of the Congregation on Sunday, May 24, following worship for the purpose of electing Elders, Trustees, Deacons; and members of the 2027 Nominating Committee.

Drop-In Knitting, Crafts, and Conversation

Thursdays

Library | 1 - 3 p.m.

Join us to work on projects or fellowship in the church library.



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Come learn about multiple ways to live more sustainably at this free, family-friendly event. Sample delicious earth-friendly food and learn about electric vehicles, solar installations, e-bikes, free home audits, pollinator gardens, green burial options, and much more. Find new ways for you, your neighbors, and your community to transition to a greener future. Join us rain or shine. Learn more at www.mnipl.org/eco-fair-on-summit.

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DIDIER SEMINAR 2026: REV. JOHN L. BELL



Thank you to all who attended the 2026 Didier Seminar with special speaker, Rev. John L. Bell. During the two day seminar, attendants were treated to three sessions focused on hymn work and how imagination inspires congregations to interpret the Bible and how music and hymns can help in that interpretation. We thank Rev. John L. Bell in his leadership and wisdom in how we can look at scripture in a new light.



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