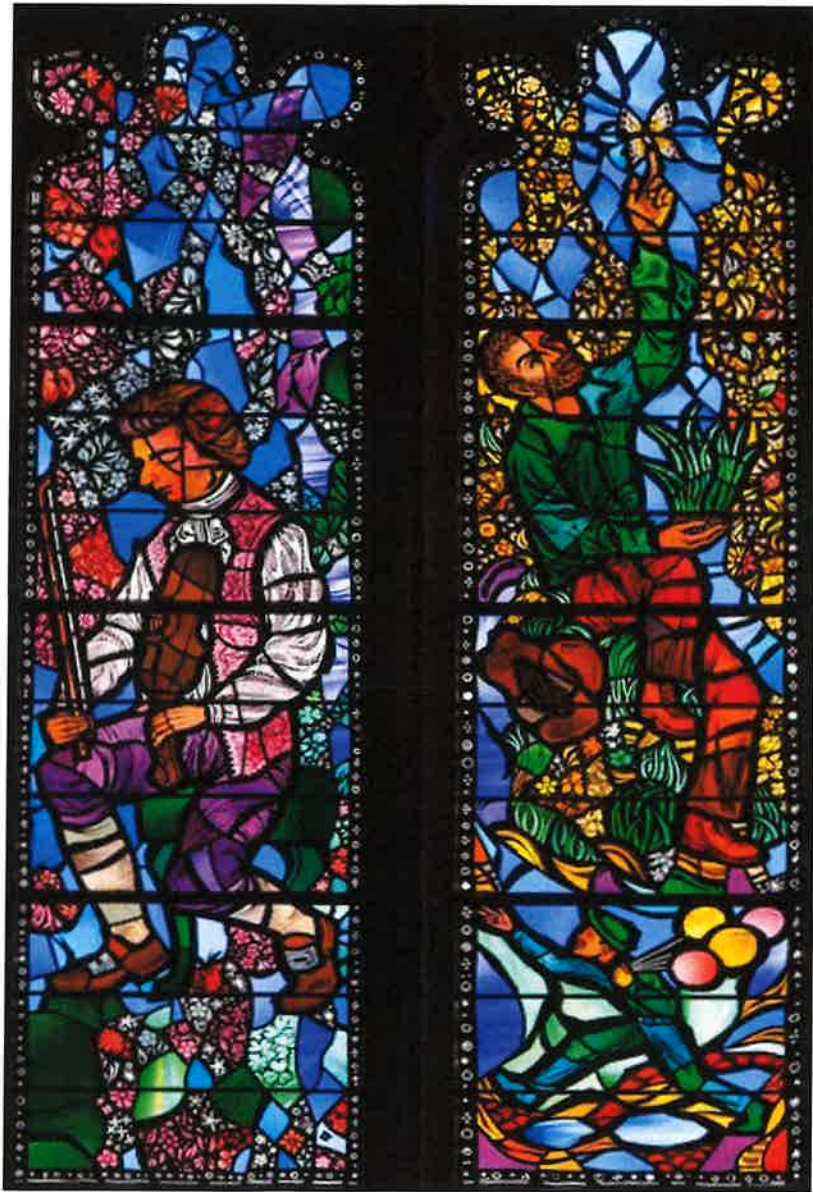


THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"The real frontier at the moment for our species
lies in our quest to dwell with this earth
in a mutually beneficial, mutually beautiful way."

– Daniel Cooperrider

Sixth Sunday of Easter | May 10, 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:

The House of Hope Choir School Spring Concert: *Together in Music*

Sunday, May 17 | Sanctuary | 11:15 a.m. All are welcome to the final Choir School concert of the season in the sanctuary and streamed at hohchurch.org. Come experience the beauty of our choristers' voices as we close out our 42nd Season!

Today's Cover Art: "Spring" Window found on the west side of the Chancel. The left panel depicts Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The right panel depicts Walt Whitman (above) and E.E. Cummings (below). Artist: Rowan LeCompte. Photo Credit: Dick Crone.



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 DIX

Aaron David Miller, Organist

Introit

To You, Almighty Creator God

The Motet Choir; Matthew Culloton, Choirmaster

Aaron David Miller

+Processional Hymn 473

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

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

Rev. James D. Cochrane

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of praise be heard!

God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

Surely God has listened to us and heard our prayers!

Blessed be God, who is steadfast love.

+The Peace *(The Peace of the Lord is shared with those around you.)*

+Doxology



Welcome and Announcements

Volunteer Recognition

Elsa Kendig

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Affirmation



First Lesson

John 14:15-21 (NT, p. 109 in pew Bible)

Bruce Johnson

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Anthem

O Give Thanks Unto the Lord

Arthur Bliss

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is gracious.
Who can express the noble acts of the Lord;
Or show forth his praise?
Blessed are they that always keep judgement and do righteousness;
Blessed be the Lord God from everlasting,
And let all the people sing. Amen.

Time for Children

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

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

1 Chronicles 16:7-36 (OT, pp. 375-376 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

Verdant Praise

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 306

Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADERS' HYMN

Celebrating Michelle Freyholtz's 41 years at HOH

Lynn Stein, Clerk of Session

+Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

from A Proposed New Confession for the PC(USA), February 20, 2026

**As stewards of God's creative work,
we repair and nurture the earth we have harmed,
tending it for future generations,
and we honor our own life-giving connection
to the rest of creation.**

**As we feel the earth groaning in labor pains,
we proclaim our steadfast hope that a new creation is being born,
and we eagerly await the new heaven and earth,
when the home of God is among mortals
and death will be no more.**

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

Praise the Lord, Ye Servants

John Blow

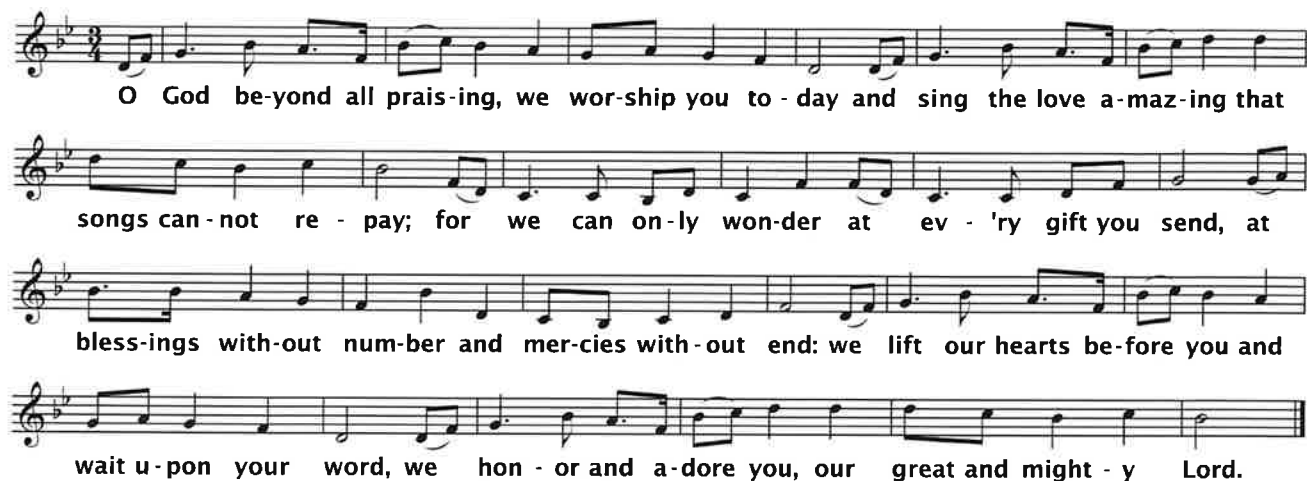
Praise the Lord, ye servants:

O Praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord:

From this time forth for evermore.

+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 285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN

+Benediction

Postlude

Rigaudon

André Campra

Carillon Postlude

Timothy Short, Carillonneur

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 honor of Michelle Mullins Freyholtz.

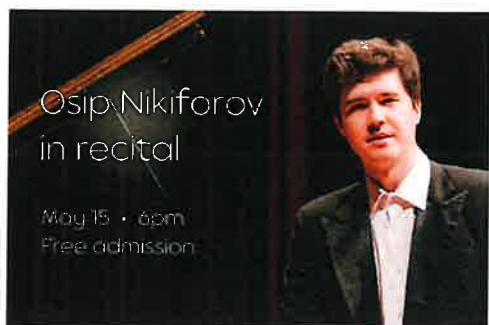
A Little About the Ministry Transformation Lab

When House of Hope took the Innovation Culture Index in 2024, one of the goals was to work with our results. As we begin, we're asking you to help us refresh our ICI results with up-to-date feedback. **Follow the QR code or <https://bit.ly/HOHICI> and enter code: 9indicators**

The Ministry Transformation Lab, where we'll use this updated data, brings together design thinking, practical theology, and asset-based community development to help us practice a process that fosters an innovate culture and enhances ministry outcomes.

Not only can this lead to more successful and vibrant ministries, but also to fostering life-giving community along the way.

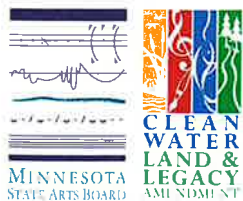
Still curious? Hear more in a video in this week's House of Hope e-news.



Hope Arts Center Presents: Osip Nikiforov
Piano recital of Liszt and Tchaikovsky

Friday, May 15 | 6 p.m.
House of Hope Sanctuary
Free Admission

Exploring the historical connection and stylistic influences between Franz Liszt and Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, Mr. Nikiforov will present rarely heard gems as well as works that are the cornerstone of piano solo repertoire.



Osip Nikiforov is a fiscal year 2026 recipient of a Creative Individuals grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Em D E C B B7 Em

Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
 Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!
 Can - tad al Se - ñor, can - tad al Se - ñor!

O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
 O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
 And sing to our God, and sing to our God.

For the Beauty of the Earth

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DIX - 7.7.7.7.7

Conrad Kocher, 1838

Abr. William Henry Monk, 1861

Harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint, 1864

1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,
 2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,

For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,
 For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

Refrain

Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore
 Lifteth holy hands above,
 Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

E^b A^b E^b A^b B^b E^b A^b F^m E^b B^b E^b

By Your pa - tience and Your cour-age You have taught us work is good.
 You, the Bread of hea-ven, are bro-ken In the sac - ra - ment of life.

Fairest Lord Jesus

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CRUSADERS' HYMN 5.6.8.5.5.8

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Trans. Church Chorals and Choir Studies, 1850; alt.

Silesian folk melody

In Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,
 2. Fair are the mead - ows, Fair - er still the wood - lands,
 3. Fair is the sun - shine, Fair - er still the moon - light,

O Thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cher - ish,
 Robed in the bloom-ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 And all the twin - kling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

Thee will I hon - or, Thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, Who makes the woe-ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, Than all the an-gels heaven can boast.

285 God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

AUSTRIAN HYMN 8.7.8.7 D

Jane Parker Huber, 1978

Franz Joseph Haydn, 1797

1. God, You spin the whirl-ing plan-ets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,
 2. You have called us to be faith-ful In our life and min-is-try.
 3. God, Your word is still cre-at-ing, Call-ing us to life made new.

Mold the moun-tains, fash-ion blos-soms, Call forth sun-shine, wind, and rain.
 We re-pond in grate-ful wor-ship Joined in one com-mu-ni-ty.
 Now re-veal to us fresh vis-tas Where there's work to dare and do.

We, cre-at-ed in Your im-age, Would a true re-flec-tion be
 When we blur Your gra-cious im-age, Fo-cus us and make us whole.
 Keep us clear of all dis-tor-tion. Pol-ish us with lov-ing care.

Of Your jus-tice, grace, and mer-cy And the truth that makes us free.
 Healed and strength-ened as Your peo-ple, We move on-ward toward Your goal.
 Thus, new crea-tures in Your im-age, We'll pro-claim Christ ev-ery-where.



News & Opportunities

May 10 – 17, 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 | May 10, 6 p.m. | Room 1/Youth Room

Happy Retirement, Michelle Freyholtz!

Today, Sunday, May 10 we 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.

Great Decisions | Tuesday, May 12

3:30 p.m. in the Kirk Parlour. Robert Scarlett, Senior Advisor to Clearwater Biologic, LLC, will present *Venezuela and the Trump Corollary to the Monroe Doctrine*. Our session will review and discuss the impact of this strategy on our country's global role.

Sunday, May 17, is Music Sunday! For the first time since 1989, The House of Hope Motet Choir and Chamber Orchestra will perform Vaughan Williams' *Five Mystical Songs*.

Midweek Contemplative Prayer in Elizabeth Chapel | Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m.

House of Hope offers 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.



The Saint Paul Farmers' Market returns to House of Hope!

Fridays, May 8 - October 30

1:15 - 5 p.m.

Summit Avenue Parking Lot

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 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.
Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/HOHRetreatMay2026>



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.

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

The Session has called a **Meeting of the Congregation for, Sunday, May 24** following worship for the purposes of electing Elders, Trustees, Deacons and members of the 2027 Congregational Nominating Committee; and approving Clergy Terms of Call. Below is the slate of names for elections by office:

Deacons: Eric Bergstrom, Nancy Berry, Cindy Bielke, Stephen Brachlow, Ann Geery, Norma Herther, Christian Howard, Verlene Larson, Jane Reidell, Martha Rhode, Kathleen Sarrazin, Nick Thompson, Cheryl Winget, Gary Winget **Youth Deacons:** Leo M., Mariano R.

Elders: Kevin Anderson, Renee Lane, Terri Mattila, Mark Prpich, Bill Sales, Nancy Stendahl, Annie Yetter, Leatha Wolter (1-year term) **Youth Elders:** Jack S., Abram V.

Trustees: Judy Foley, Paul Godfrey, Elise Jamison, Paul Schluter

2027 Nominating Committee: Marybeth Dorn, Judy Gensmer, April Greibrok, Linda Lane

Week Beginning May 10, 2026

Sunday, May 10, 2026

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
 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, May 11, 2026

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
 7 p.m. Eco Fair Planning Committee, Kirk Parlour

Tuesday, May 12, 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
 3:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Kirk Parlour
 5 p.m. Stewardship Committee, Room 7/Zoom
 6:30 p.m. Children and Family Ministry, Room 1

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

9:30 a.m. Bible Study, Room 1
 12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel
 3 p.m. Park Steering Committee, Room 1
 4 p.m. Choir School Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 5 p.m. Childcare, Room 8
 5:15 p.m. Choir School Dinner, Kirk Parlour
 7 p.m. Motet Rehearsal, Sanctuary

Thursday, May 14, 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, May 15, 2026

Women's Contemplative Retreat through May 17

8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
 9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
 11 a.m. Jean Godfrey Memorial Service, Sanctuary
 12 p.m. Jean Godfrey Reception, Kirk Parlour
 1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmer's Market, Summit Lot
 5 p.m. Tween Night, Off Site
 6 p.m. Hope Arts Center Recital, Sanctuary

Saturday, May 16, 2026

12 p.m. Eco Fair, Portland/Holly Lots

Music Sunday, May 17, 2026

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
 10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
 10:10 a.m. Sunday School, Rooms 2&4
 11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
 11:15 a.m. Choir School Spring Concert, Sanctuary
 11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Gathering, Room 1
 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.



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