

THE HOUSE OF HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



"From the crush of wealth and power
something broken in us all waits the Spirit's silent hour,
pleading with a poignant call, bind all my wounds again."

– Kendyl Gibbons

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | July 12, 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:

- **Worship:** Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians. A children's table for coloring and other quiet activities is available in the west transept.
- **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!

Mark your calendars!

NEXT Sunday, July 19 | 10 a.m. worship will be held OUTSIDE on the Summit Lawn, weather permitting. *(In sanctuary, as usual, for inclement weather)*

We encourage you to walk, bike, or rideshare to church if you're able!

Welcoming Class | Today, Sunday, July 12 | 11:15 a.m. in the Library

Whether you're new to House of Hope, or just want to know more about how our community works, join our Welcoming Class. This is an opportunity to learn about our congregation and church membership, as well as other ways to connect to community life at House of Hope. 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.



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

Chorale Prelude on CWM RHONDDA
Aaron David Miller, Organist

Paul Manz

Introit

Sanctus
The Motet Choir; Paige Armstrong, Guest Conductor

Franz Schubert

+Processional Hymn 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

+Call to Worship (*congregation reads text in bold*)

Rev. Phillip J. Romine

The windows of heaven are open;
let us receive God's abundance.

+Prayer of Confession

As much as we try not to stray: we do.
As much as we try to follow God's word: we don't.
As we continue on this journey, we seek God's forgiveness.
Form and reform us by your word, that we may rejoice in your bounty
and share your inheritance of abundance, all the days of our lives. Amen.

+Assurance of Forgiveness

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

+Doxology



Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise God all creatures 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

THE WORD OF GOD

Sung Affirmation



First Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-16 (NT, pp. 210-211 in pew Bible)

Ann Geery

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive that is past,
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives.
To decline from sin and incline to virtue,
That we may walk in a perfect heart
Before Thee now and evermore. Amen.

Time for Children

Dr. Jimmy Hoke

Following the Time for Children, children are invited to stay in the service with their guardians. A children's table for coloring and other quiet activities is available in the west transept.

Second Lesson

1 Samuel 2:12-17, 22-25 (OT, p. 246 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

Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones

Tangled Threads

THE RESPONSE TO GOD

+Hymn 333

Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY

+Affirmation of Faith

Rev. James D. Cochrane

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

**Again and again, we have worshiped at the feet of false gods,
enabling power and money to accumulate in the hands of a few.
We have honored and enthroned particular races, religions, and nations
as if they were God’s favored ones, chosen for privilege,
while we have ignored, persecuted, and brutalized neighbors in need.
We have not loved our God, our neighbors, or ourselves.**

These idolatrous systems are fueled by fear, and they produce fear.

**They proclaim scarcity rather than God’s abundant provision
obscuring the image of God in ourselves
and driving us away from one another.**

**This worship of wealth and power sustains itself
through lies, persecution, violence,
and oppression of those deemed “other”.**

**We glorify conquest and war as offerings to false gods
rather than following the way of justice, mercy, and humility.**

**All creation is wounded and diminished,
alienated and exploited by such greed.**

Both humanity and the earth bear the scars.

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

Grant Us Thy Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

Grant us thy peace, almighty Lord,
Thou source of every blessing!
Feeble and frail, trust we Thy word,
All things in Thee possessing.
In Thee is our hope and safety.

+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 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

+Benediction

Postlude

Improvisation on CWM RHONDDA

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 House of Hope Sunday Series Presents:

Rev. Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock

Next **Sunday, July 19 at 2 p.m.**, as part of our Sunday Series, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Rita Nakashima Brock to speak on *Moral Injury during Operation Metro Surge*.



Rev. Dr. Brock is a leading theologian whose groundbreaking books include *Journeys by Heart: A Christology of Erotic Power*; *Proverbs of Ashes: Violence, Redemptive Suffering*; and *The Search for What Saves Us* (with Rebecca Ann Parker). Her book, *Soul Repair: Recovering from Moral Injury after War*, was among the first published works on moral injury as a concept, and she co-founded the Soul Repair Center at Brite Divinity School at Texas Christian University. *This event is free and open to the public. No ticket required.*



In collaboration with Tiny Porch Concerts, Hope Arts Summer in the Park is delighted to present the High 48s. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, and join friends and neighbors for a lively bluegrass concert!



THE HIGH 48s
TUESDAY JULY 14 · 7PM

House of Hope Park: corner of Portland and Grotto in St. Paul.

FREE, with an invitation to contribute in support of the musicians.

Use the QR code and follow the Hope Arts facebook page for updates, in case of weather.



Since forming in northeast Minneapolis in 2006, The High 48s have blended the timeless sound of bluegrass with a fresh, modern perspective. Equally at home with classic standards and unexpected covers, they're known for their dynamic musicianship and original songs.

<https://thehigh48s.com/>

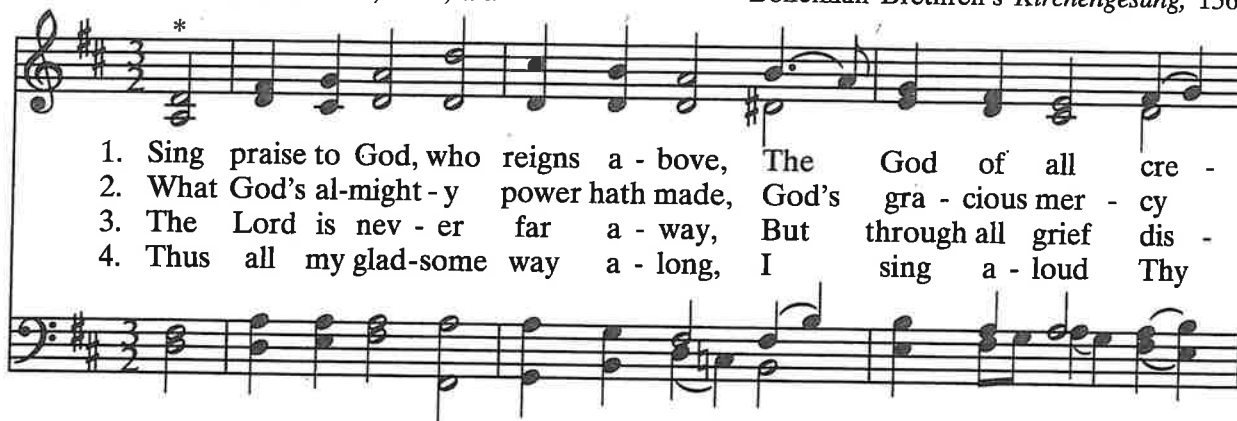
483 Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

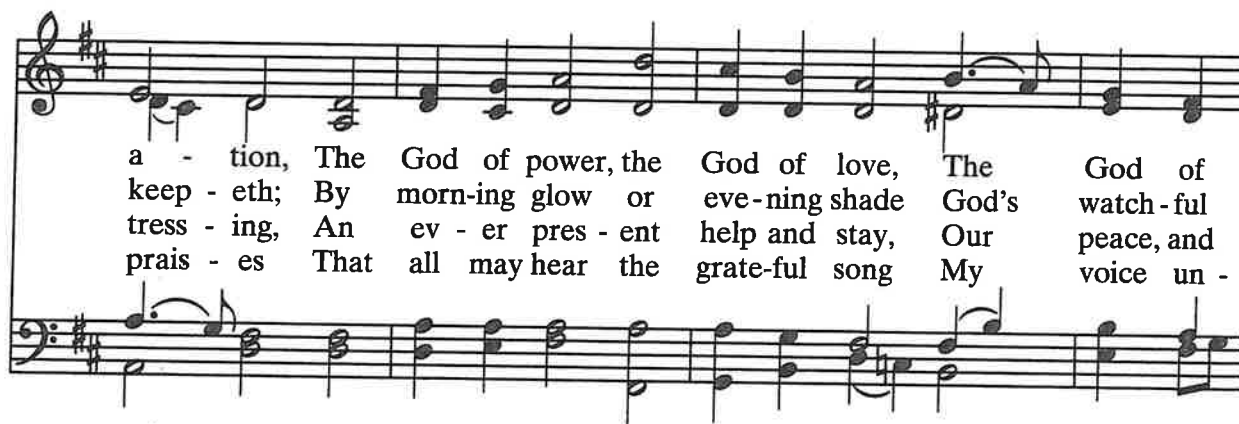
Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675

Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864; alt.

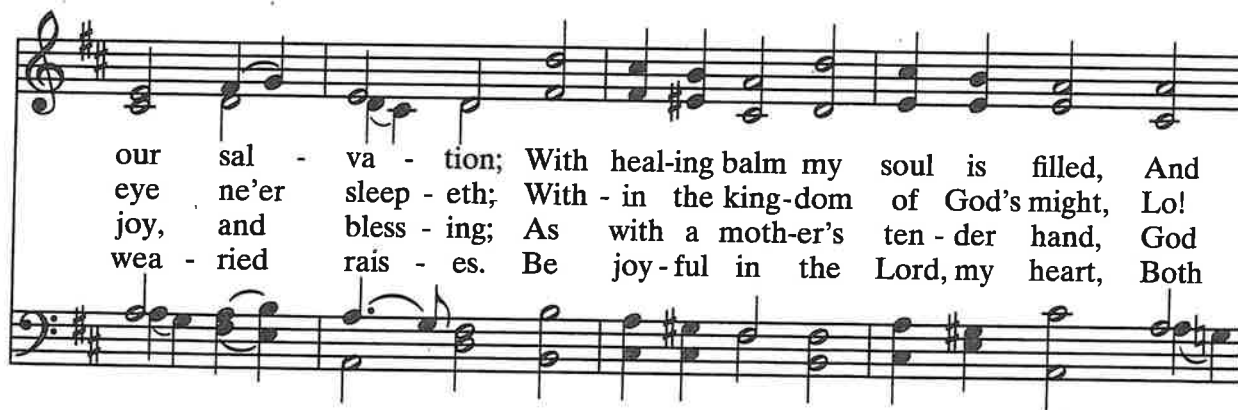
Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

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1. Sing praise to God, who reigns a - bove, The God of all cre -
 2. What God's al-might - y power hath made, God's gra - cious mer - cy
 3. The Lord is nev - er far a - way, But through all grief dis -
 4. Thus all my glad-some way a - long, I sing a - loud Thy



a - tion, The God of power, the God of love, The God of
 keep - eth; By morn-ing glow or eve-ning shade God's watch - ful
 tress - ing, An ev - er pres - ent help and stay, Our peace, and
 prais - es That all may hear the grate-ful song My voice un -



our sal - va - tion; With heal-ing balm my soul is filled, And
 eye ne'er sleep - eth; With - in the king-dom of God's might, Lo!
 joy, and bless - ing; As with a moth-er's ten - der hand, God
 wea - ried rais - es. Be joy - ful in the Lord, my heart, Both



ev - ery faith-less mur-mur stilled:
 all is just and all is right:
 gent-ly leads the cho - sen band: To God all praise and glo - ry!
 soul and bod - y take your part:

*May be sung in unison.

This tune in a lower key, 7

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Seek Ye First

LAFFERTY Irregular

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

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Descant Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His
 2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

le - lu - ia, Al - le -

righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be
 ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be

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

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!
 o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!



The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/2 time. It consists of three systems. Each system includes a guitar chord line at the top, a vocal line in the middle, and a piano accompaniment line at the bottom. The first system is a descant for 'Alleluia'. The second system contains the main verses and a bridge. The third system concludes with a final 'Alleluia' and two alternative endings for the final line.

281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA 8.7.8.7.8.7.7

William Williams, 1745

Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771

Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772

John Hughes, 1907

1. Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
 2. O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
 3. When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but Thou art might - y; Hold me
 stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar Lead me
 fears sub - side; Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, Land me

with Thy power - ful hand; Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through; Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side; Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my strength and shield, Be Thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee, I will ev - er give to Thee.



News & Opportunities

July 12 – 19, 2026

CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Jimmy Hoke: JimmyH@hohchurch.org

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

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTRY

Elsa Kendig: ElsaK@hohchurch.org

Caregiver Conversations - Today

Sunday, July 12 | 11:15 a.m. | Bridal Room

If you are a caregiver, meeting with others is a way of finding support and uplifting one another. It's good to know we are not alone. Facilitated by our pastoral staff and Catherine Guisan. For information, see Rev. Dix Brachlow, Care Pastor, dwbrachlow@gmail.com.

Great Decisions | Tuesday, July 14 | 3:30 p.m.

Kirk Parlour | Speaker: Alan Carlson

Ruptured Alliances & the Risk of Nuclear Proliferation

Following World War 2, two dynamics defined global power politics: alliances and nuclear weapons. Recently, the alliances have fractured - and the push for nuclear weapons has strengthened. We'll examine whether that is just coincidence. Carlson has a B.A. (History) and J.D. (law) from the U of MN, Diploma from the Command & Staff College (Quantico), and a Masters of Military Studies from the Marine Corps University. He lives in Stillwater with his wife Tessa.



National Night Out Volunteers

Needed. The 19th HOH National Night Out (NNO) is Tuesday, August 4. HOH provides this free event for the congregation and residents of the neighborhood. If you can help,

please stop by the table outside the Kirk Parlor before or after worship service on Sundays starting today, July 12. Questions? Mary Cardinal Peterson at: PeteCardFive@outlook.com or 651-341-7173.

Prior Crossing Welcome Baskets Drive

House of Hope is collecting items to provide to new residents when they move into Prior Crossing to help them get situated and set-up.

Items Needed:

1. Linens: Towels, wash cloths, full size sheets, bathmats (new is best, but gently used is OK)
2. Kitchen: plates, bowls, silverware
3. Cleaning: cleaning supplies like all-purpose cleaner, dish soap, toilet bowl cleaner, laundry detergent, brooms and dustpans
4. Bath: Shampoo, cream rinse, soap, feminine hygiene items and/or shaving supplies. (These can be regular size, but also the little shampoo's etc. offered at hotels are helpful too)

Please bring items to the bin in the Assembly Room by July 16. If you'd like to help financially so others can shop for these items, please write checks to House of Hope, Memo: 'Prior Crossing Baskets'; or <https://bit.ly/HOHMakeAGift> choose fund "Other Gift" and list 'Prior Crossing Baskets' in the memo.

The 2026 Carillon Recital Series

Now in its 32nd year, this series celebrates the historic 49-bell carillon housed in House of Hope's soaring tower. Admission and parking are free. Bring a lawn chair and a picnic to settle in and savor the music. Complimentary ice cream at each concert. Public restrooms are available on site. *All Recitals begin at 4 p.m.*

Sunday, July 12 — Amy Mead

Indiana University, Bloomington, IN

Sunday, July 19 — John Gowens

Culver Academies, Culver, IN

Sunday, July 26 — Margaret Pan, Boston, MA

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

Save the Dates: HOH Writing Group | Thursdays, August 6, 13, 20 | 10 - 11:30 a.m. in Room 1

Have you been meaning to take time to write down those wonderful and important life stories / memories? Join us in August as we sit together and form a writing community. We will take time to get to know each other, and then in a friendly and warm environment, we will write! Please know, everyone is invited to share what they write - or not!

Pride Enrichments in July and August. What is the queer perspective on the Bible and theology? This summer our Senior Pastor Rev. Dr. Scott Jones and Director of Children's Ministries Dr. Jimmy Hoke will present Enrichments exploring the queer perspective. Both dates at 11:15 a.m. in the Assembly Room.

- **On Sunday, July 26**, Jimmy, who is currently writing the first lectionary commentary from a queer perspective, will talk about queer Biblical interpretation.
- **On Sunday, August 30**, Scott and Jimmy will lead a panel conversation going more in-depth.

Week Beginning July 12, 2026

Sunday, July 12, 2026

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
10 a.m. Worship Service, Sanctuary
11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Kirk Parlour
11:15 a.m. Welcoming Class, Library
11:15 a.m. Caregiving Conversations, Bridal Room
11:15 a.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Room 1
4 p.m. Summer Carillon Recital, Church Grounds

Monday, July 13, 2026

8:30 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Faith Builders, Off Site
5 p.m. Faith and Fibers, Library
6 p.m. AA, Assembly Room
6 p.m. Al-Anon, Room 1

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
8:30 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Faith Builders, Off Site
9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer, Chapel/Zoom
1:30 p.m. Library Committee, Library
3:30 p.m. Great Decisions, Kirk Parlour
7 p.m. Summer in the Park, HOH Park

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

8:30 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Faith Builders, Off Site
12:15 p.m. Midweek Prayer Service, Elizabeth Chapel
1:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Supervision, Zoom

Thursday, July 16, 2026

7 a.m. Men's Breakfast, Day by Day Cafe/Zoom
8:30 a.m. Habitat for Humanity Faith Builders, Off Site
1 p.m. Drop-in Knitting and Crafting, Library
5:30 p.m. Capital City Grief Coalition, St John's Episcopal Church

Friday, July 17, 2026

8 a.m. Women's Book Group, Zoom
9:30 a.m. Centering Prayer, Zoom
11 a.m. Barb Sawicki Memorial Service, Sanctuary
12 p.m. Barb Sawicki Reception, Kirk Parlour
1:15 p.m. St. Paul Farmer's Market, Summit Lot

Sunday, July 19, 2026

8:45 a.m. Nursery, Room 8
10 a.m. Worship Service, Summit Lawn
11:15 a.m. Social Hour, Summit Lawn
2 p.m. Sunday Series, Sanctuary
4 p.m. Summer Carillon Recital, Church Grounds

Midweek Contemplative Prayer in Elizabeth Chapel | Wednesdays | 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 invites us to ground and center ourselves.

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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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Rev. Dr. E. Scott Jones, Senior Pastor and Head of Staff
Rev. Phillip J. Romine, Associate Pastor for Spiritual and Community Care
Rev. James D. Cochrane, Transitional Executive Associate Pastor

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 Stephen Ministry Church.

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